



MAY: International Convention Month

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**CLUB MEETINGS:** Every Wednesday 6.15 pm for 6.45 pm start.  
Belvedere Hotel - Oxley Ave & Woodcliffe Cres, Woody Point, Qld 4019

**ON THIS DAY...**

## MAY 21

■ 1840 - Governor William Hobson declares British Sovereignty over the islands of New Zealand. 1848 – Explorer Edmund Kennedy lands at Rockingham Bay, north of Townsville to commence his fateful journey to explore overland to Cape York. He was speared by Aborigines. 1932 – Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. 2008 - Tasmanian Government declares the Tasmanian Devil an endangered species.

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### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we say and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## Vocational visit to International House

Jaime Lee Walker - Communications & Events Officer of International House Foundation Ltd, together with Director -Dr. Carla Tromans and Rotary D9600/IH Liaison Officer John Boyd were our hosts last week at International House (I H) which is a residential college within the University of Queensland. International House provides for both Australian & International students.

I H provides fully catered accommodation for 200 undergraduate students, and self- catered accommodation for 38 post graduate and mature aged undergraduate students. Their residents comprise students from approximately 37 different countries. I H provide a supportive and safe environment while offering opportunities that allow a broad and rich educational, social and cross cultural experiences.

Our Club Members were hosted to a sumptuous dinner provided by the I H Chef and were addressed by three simply charming current students who gave us a wonderful insight to how their lives had changed and how they had developed personally as a result of their presence in this fantastic environment.. It was simply amazing the synergies between I H and Rotary..

We would like to sincerely thank the I H Team for their generous hospitality and look forward to our revisit. RC Kippa Ring has a room named after us as a result of our generous support of I H.



John Boyd

*Carla Tromans*

Dr. Carla Tromans  
Director  
International House



Dr. Carla Tromans - Director

Director of IH Brisbane for the past 8 years.

"I enjoy the passion, diversity and intellect of our residents."



**CLUB ROSTER** IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CARRY OUT YOUR REQUIRED DUTIES, PLEASE ASK ANOTHER MEMBER TO FILL IN FOR YOU ON THE NIGHT.

Date ► Duty ▼					21 May	28 May	4 June
Chair					Matt	Matt	Ashley
Duty					Fred	Fred	Fran
Host					Garry	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Thanks						XXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
NOTES					Planning review night	Club Meeting & Board Meeting	Club Meeting Int. Conference
Date ► Duty ▼	11 June	18 June	25 June	2 July	9 July	16 July	23 July
Chair	Ashley	No	Sue	Bernard	Bernard	Bernard	Bernard
Duty	Fran	Meeting	Fran	Lorraine	Lorraine	Lorraine	Lorraine
Host	Colleen	Changeover	Colleen	Sue	Sue	Sue	XXXXXXX
Thanks	Sherin	XXXXXXXXXX	Sherin	Matt	Matt	Matt	XXXXXXX
NOTES	TBA	XXXXXXXXXX	TBA		TBA	TBA	Club Meeting & Board Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 21st – Guest Speaker : Anna Drews- Australian Hearing
- 28th – Combined Board Meeting

JUNE

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Social evening Redcliffe Harness Racing Club
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Mallory’s final presentation to the Club
- 18<sup>th</sup> – No meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Club Changeover
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Visit to Parliament House

**WEDNESDAY 21 MAY**

Tonight we induct another new Member – **Daisy Bolton** into our Club which gives us four new members during the current Rotary Year.



In addition we have a guest speaker **Anna Drews** from **Australian Hearing** who will be talking to us about the importance of having hear checks done if we believe there is a problem. Anna will have booking sheets available for members to book in an appointment.

Australian Hearing is a Federal Government Statutory Authority established immediately after WW11 to address the needs of returning servicemen. The service was later extended to include children following the rubella epidemics of the late 1940’s and early 1950’s. We also have the latest information on many of the assistive listening devices now available including those for the television and the telephone. Many people who have never had a hearing test before find the screenings and information sessions most helpful.

### **WEDNESDAY 28 MAY**

Combined Board Meeting for the current board and incoming board members. It is also the **FIRST STATE OF ORIGIN GAME**. We will make sure everyone is home in time for **KICK OFF**.

### **WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE**

For those not going to the International Conference we will be having a social night for partners and families at the Redcliffe Harness Racing Club. Parking and entry is free. Suggest meeting there at 6pm, dinner is available in the restaurant with nothing over \$20.00, there is a bar, TAB and poker machines.

Parking is available via entry from Gomersall Street. So that a booking can be made for a table near the window, please advise Fran if you are interested in attending.

### **WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE**

Malloray's final presentation to the Club prior to returning home to Moscow Idaho USA. All members and partners are invited.

### **WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE**

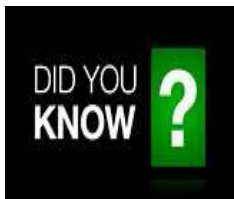
No Meeting due to Club Changeover Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 12.30pm at the Belvedere Hotel, Woody Point. More details to follow

### **WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE**

A vocational visit to Parliament House – which includes a tour and dinner. More details to follow including transport.

**Frances Hollywood - 25th May and Eric - 20th May**

**Many happy returns to you both !!**



#### **WAL-MART founder SAM M WALTON**

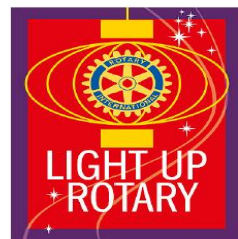
**Sam Walton was born on March 29, 1918, in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Walton opened the first Wal-Mart in 1962, after years in the retail management business. The**

**discount chain expanded internationally over the next 30 years, growing into the world's largest company by 2010. Walton stepped down as CEO in 1988, at the age of 70, but remained active in the company until his death in 1992.**

**Sam M Walton 1953-54 President, RC of Bentonville, Arkansas, USA.**







DG Trevor Taylor & Robyn

&

DGE George Grant and Mary

Invite you to the

## **'Light Up Rotary'**

### **District 9600 Changeover**

on

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

6:00pm for 7:00pm

at

### **The Bribie Island Hotel**

Sylvan Beach Esplanade Bribie Island

\$45.00 per person

3 Course meal, Entertainment,

Lucky door prize and Raffle

Cash Bar

Dress: Lounge and your Rotary Dinner Badge

**RSVP BY 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014(see attached registration form)**

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bribie Island Inc.

Big vote of thanks to the following RC Kippa-Ring crew who again helped out at the Sandgate Masonic Home to prepare for the loading of a couple more containers for the D.I.K. shipments bound for the Solomons... President Doug Morris and Sue & Ashley Broad, Sue Ryan and Garry Gibson; along with a most welcome contingent from *Redcliffe City Rotary Club* for which we are most grateful!!

Great job, guys and gals!!! Check out Doug's comments: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDwcuv1tpsU>

THANK  
YOU!







# Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd Northern Region Donations in Kind Report

May 2014

## CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS OF RAWCS AND 750 CONTAINERS FROM DONATIONS IN KIND NORTHERN REGION

Great night enjoyed by all



Great Venue



Tremendous Catering



Outstanding Entertainment

Special thanks to PDG Terry Daley for his assistance and control of the evening as MC, to PDG Debbie James for her assistance and for providing the birthday cake, to the Rotary Club of South Brisbane for their assistance and in particular to Sandra and my family for their support and assistance with the planning of the event.

### CONSIGNMENTS:

So far this Rotary year, the equivalent of 35 twenty foot containers has been sent through Northern Region Donations in Kind. The conservative value of the donations to date is \$1.575 million with a total cost for freight, etc being \$117,000.

A summary of the consignments is as follows:

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 4 | Rotary Club of Port Moresby         |
| 9 | Rotary Club of Honiara              |
| 3 | Suva, Fiji                          |
| 1 | Noro, Solomon Islands               |
| 5 | Rotary Club of Boroko               |
| 4 | Rotary Club of Madang               |
| 1 | Rotary Club of Kokopo               |
| 1 | Sri Lanka                           |
| 1 | Noro, Western Prov, Solomon Islands |
| 6 | Prime Minister's Office PNG         |

Containers of special note since the last report/newsletter are as follows:

### MASONIC AGED CARE FACILITY, SANDGATE:

The Masonic Aged Care Facility at Sandgate is stripping the furnishings out of one of the buildings. DIK has packed two containers of beds, bedside cabinets and other furniture, one at the DIK store and the other on site at Sandgate. The beds are wooden and with wheels and would be suitable almost anywhere, including health facilities.

The two containers were sent to Honiara, the last one being sent after the floods. The containers were packed by the Rotary Club of Kippa Ring.



### EVENTIDE NURSING HOME, BRIGHTON:

Eventide Nursing Home at Brighton is presently demolishing a couple of buildings. The furniture remaining in the buildings was offered to Rotary. Lead by the Rotary Club of Sandgate, representatives from the Rotary Clubs in the Brisbane East Group of District 9600 packed a container of hospital beds, mattresses and other equipment to be sent to Honiara for the local hospital which was damaged in the recent floods.



### FLOOD RELIEF FOR THE SOLOMON ISLANDS:

Prior to crossing the Queensland coast, the depression that formed into Cyclone Ita did serious damage to the Solomon Islands and the Milne Bay area of PNG through floods.

# PEACE CORPS AND ROTARY KICKOFF HISTORIC COLLABORATION



John Osterlund (far left) and Ron Burton watch as Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko sign a letter of collaboration on a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo.  
Photo Credit: Rotary International/Alyce Henson

In an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, Rotary and Peace Corps have agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo.

Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects in these three countries.

Opportunities for collaboration include supporting community projects, training, networking, and community education. Through the Peace Corps Partnership Program, Rotary clubs can continue to provide small grants to support volunteers and their communities.

Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko signed the letter of collaboration on Monday, 5 May, at Rotary's headquarters during a ceremony that was attended by RI President Ron Burton and RPCV Rotary staff. In his remarks to the audience, Burton applauded the collaboration and both organizations' commitments to service.

"Today's announcement is particularly meaningful for me because I come from a family of Rotarians," said Hessler-Radelet, referring to her father, grandfather, and aunt. "We are eager to join together in common efforts to inspire volunteerism across the country and around the world."

Hewko noted how both organizations are committed to improving lives and building stronger communities by addressing the root causes of violence and conflict, such as poverty, illiteracy, disease, and lack of access to clean water and sanitation.

The two organizations also agreed to explore expanding the collaboration to more countries based on the results of the pilot. Rotary will enlist the support of its members in recruiting Peace Corps volunteers and involving returned Peace Corps volunteers in service projects at home.





### Climb for polio eradication

Led by RI President Ron Burton, Rotarians will climb the bridge on Friday May 30 and line up along the top of the arch, holding flags from each country where Rotary is active. Participants will then attempt to set two new world records: one for the highest number of flags from different nations flying on a bridge at one time (the current record is 143), and the other for the most number of people on the arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge at one time. The current record of 316 was set by a group led by US talk-show host Oprah Winfrey in 2010.

Spots are limited. Book one of the 320 available places at [www.bridgeclimb.com/rotary](http://www.bridgeclimb.com/rotary). The event will last up to four hours and all registrations must be made in advance. Convention partner BridgeClimb will donate 50 per cent of each ticket (\$248 for adults, \$168 for children ages 10 to 15) purchased by Rotarians participating in the world record attempt toward polio eradication. It will also make an additional donation to the End Polio Now! campaign for every Rotarian who climbs the bridge between May 26 and June 8. Please ensure you show your convention pass or membership confirmation when you pick up your tickets.

*Register for the 2014 RI Convention in Sydney at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org).*



March, 1992

## People

# Rotary honors duo

DECEPTION Bay teacher Ralph Pirozzo is one of the few non-Rotarians to be awarded the organisation's highest award.

Mr Pirozzo and Clontarf businessman Nev Berry were both awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship by the Kipparing Rotary Club last week.

Mr Pirozzo was nominated for his services to the community working with disadvantaged children, be they slow learners or bright children.

Mr Pirozzo said he was completely surprised by the award considering he was not a Rotarian.

"It was a major, major surprise," he said.

• Nev Berry

"It was in regard to my long-standing work in the area of special education."

Mr Pirozzo, who is the curriculum subject master at Deception Bay High School, said the club had to get special

• Ralph Pirozzo... Paul Harris Fellowship.

permission to give a non-Rotarian the award.

In 1979 he started the Peninsula Enrichment Program which takes in most of the north side.

Mr Berry was "totally surprised" by the award. He has been involved in many different proj-

ects in the community over the years.

He started the Master Plumbers Association in Redcliffe and helped to form the RPIA of which he was the first president.

"It is great to get awarded," he said.

# In search of the Rotary Woman

After more than 20 years since women were first admitted into Rotary, the perception that women are not allowed or welcome in Rotary continues in all regions. Perhaps this explains the alarming statistic that just 18 per cent of Rotarians worldwide are women.

Why does this matter? The low number of women in Rotary matters for two main reasons. First, women represent a large, untapped pool of potential volunteers.



At the heart of each Rotary club are its volunteer members. However, over the past decade there has been no growth in the total number of Rotarians worldwide, with many clubs struggling to maintain members. In fact, were it not for the increased number of women Rotarians during this period, Rotary would have over 115,000 fewer members than a decade ago!

Gender diversity is thus vital for maintaining and expanding Rotary's membership base. This is particularly so given that in some places the rate of volunteerism among women is higher, and growing faster, than that of men.

Currently, we have about 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. If we had a 50/50 gender split, we could arrest the decline in the number of Rotarians and build up a volunteer base of more than two million Rotarians. Imagine what a difference that would make!

Second, more women in Rotary is likely to help us better deliver our services. It is not that women make "better" Rotarians. Rather, increased diversity yields better outcomes, and clubs that reflect the communities they serve may be able to better engage those communities and meet their needs.

In the corporate world, research has repeatedly linked greater gender diversity on companies' boards with better financial returns: of Fortune 500 companies, for example, those with more women board members outperform those with the least by 53 per cent in return on equity! One of the key reasons for this, it is thought, is that women offer a differing and complementing perspective to that of men. Put simply by the former Chairman of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, William Donaldson, "monolithic backgrounds are destined to foster monolithic thinking".

What next?

Increasing the number of women in Rotary is not about fairness or equality. It simply makes sense if we want to continue doing what we have been doing for more than 100 years.

There is a large and growing number of women in senior business and community roles with a great deal to contribute through Rotary. Why are they not gravitating towards us? This is our loss.

The questions remain: How do we change the perception of potential women volunteers? How do we attract them to Rotary? What strategies do the District Governors and Presidents of today have planned, and what are their ideas for tomorrow?

We need to work hard to encourage more women to join Rotary and dispel the myth that they are not welcome. The future of Rotary depends on enthusiastic membership.

In Melbourne, for example, over the past two years we have celebrated International Women's Day with a large breakfast, which we hope sent a strong message that women are very much a part of Rotary, while also raising funds for local causes. After just two years of running the event, we had nearly 1000 men and women attend in 2013, with other successful events in the UK and Canada.

As a fellow female Rotarian I throw this challenge to both men and women: How do we increase female membership and spread the word that women are welcome in Rotary?

*All ideas are welcome. Contact Kerry Kornhauser at [kerry@travelinn.net.au](mailto:kerry@travelinn.net.au) or visit [www.rotarywomen.org.au](http://www.rotarywomen.org.au).*