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DISTRICT 9600 QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

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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?



JUN 28 1790 - Father of the Australian wool industry, John Macarthur, first arrives in Sydney... 1836 - Snow falls in Sydney in the only significant snowfall event to occur in that city to date...1880 - The first telephone exchange in Australia opens in Melbourne... 1914 - Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie are assassinated, sparking WWI. ..1919 - The Treaty of Versailles officially ends WWI.

RC KIPPA RING-NORTH LAKES CHANGEOVER CELEBRATION



Incoming President **Colleen Caruana**, Federal Member for Petrie **Luke Howarth** and Outgoing President **Bernard van den Bergen**.

THE Rotary Club of Kippa Ring-North Lakes staged its 40TH Presidential Change-over celebration last Sunday at the Fusion Restaurant & Bar in North Lakes, ideally located across the path from the Rotary District 9600 office.

Over 50 people attended the function with District 9600 Governor Allan Stephens performing the formal handover/induction. It was a fitting afternoon to celebrate President Bernard's reign in glorious weather with superb food in a great location.. What better way to spend a typical Brisbane winter afternoon??

Incoming President Colleen Caruana was formally inducted and introduced her new team for her forthcoming presidential year outlining her goals.

The Club is growing from strength to strength, having doubled its membership over the past two years.

Thanks to State Member for Redcliffe Yvette D'Ath, Rotarian Bron Crook and Fusion Restaurant and Bar for providing the Raffle prizes.



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

Date ▶ Duty ▼			28th June			5 th July		
Chair			Fran	Marita's		Ashley	Franzi's	
Duty			Colleen	Farewell		Debbie	Farewell	
Host			Garry	Presentation		Garry	Presentation	
Thanks			Ossama			Fran		



JUNE 2017

28th Marita Aaberg Risnes Farewell presentation

JULY 2017

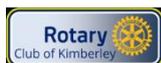
5th Franzi Rutenstock Farewell presentation

The Rotary Club of Laufen in Switzerland is part of Rotary District 1980. It was chartered in 1960 and currently has 56 members. They meet on Friday for lunch. This club is sponsoring one of our next Youth Exchange Inbound students: Pius Walser.

Ladies and Gentlemen.. a toast to the Rotary Club of Laufen!



Shifting Gears.. courtesy of



Our Causes





Dumbest driver ever?!

A Dumb Driver's-ed Answer

My sister didn't do as well on her driver's-ed test as she'd hoped. It might have had something to do with how she completed this sentence: "When the _____ is dead, the car won't start."

She wrote: "Driver."



Incumbent woes

Recently I heard the former mayor of Reading, Pennsylvania, recount some funny stories about his time in office. One happened while he was running for re-election; he was in a bar and paid for a woman's drink. She thanked him but wondered why a stranger had bought her a beer.

"I'm running for mayor," he told her, "and I want your vote."

"You got it," she said, grabbing her glass. "Anyone's gotta be better than the jerk who's in there now."



JUNE- Rotary Focus: FELLOWSHIPS

The final month of every Rotary year is **Fellowship Month**. For a comprehensive list of Rotary Fellowships.. refer to: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>



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Visitors:
Hit Counter

Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists

"...Just as the pieces of the quilt are sewn together with interlocking stitches, all people are linked together in the fabric of our world. In a way, the patchwork quilt represents all the different people of the world. We are individual in our attitudes, life-styles, and backgrounds, yet we share so much of what it means to be human."

Teresa Gustafson "Love is a Blanket"

The Global Networking Groups is a structured program of Rotary International that comprises more than 90 independent Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups. Rotary clubs foster a unique sense of fellowship among members. On the international level, the worldwide community of Rotarians includes many who share the same interests or vocations. Rotary Fellowships enable these members to communicate, exchange information and ideas, and to build relationships.

The purpose of this Rotary Fellowship is to promote the sharing of ideas and new techniques for members who enjoy the use of fabrics as an art form. It will also promote an appreciation of quilts and fiber arts in all cultures throughout our history.

OUR MISSION
 The Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists is a group dedicated to promoting quilting and fiber arts as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

This fellowship is an avenue of providing help to those in need, such as: tactile quilts for the blind, warm quilts for children who are in the care of social services because of neglect or abuse, and quilts or fabric toys to comfort children in countries that have experienced war, famine or other disasters.

The world fellowship of ROTARIAN GOURMETS

History
Getting Started
The Ladder

Wilbur Walrond & Otto Rieve
 founding members of Chapter One, Richmond

OBJECTIVES

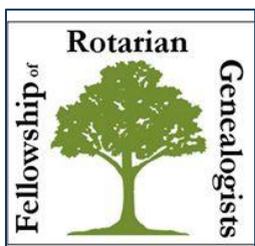
- To foster among Rotarians and their spouses mutual appreciation and awareness of cooking and enjoying the fine foods of all countries.
- To encourage and foster among Rotarians and their spouses a better understanding and appreciation of good wines of all countries as they apply to the enjoyment of fine foods.
- To assist in the relief of hunger in times of distress among all people of the world through the donation of food to such needy countries.
- To promote among Rotarians and their friends, through the exchange of recipes, the awareness of fine foods of different countries.
- To promote during international by our members, fellowship between Rotarians and their spouses when they avail themselves of the opportunity to meet each other over fine foods and wines.
- To enhance the enjoyment of dining through an awareness and knowledge of decoration and presentation of fine foods.

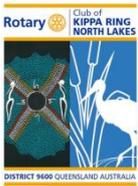


Explore the world

From the comfort of someone else's home

Welcome to the Rotarian Home Exchange Fellowship website...
 Rotarians love to learn about other countries and cultures. We believe in World Peace and Understanding. Home Exchange promotes these objectives and is fun and affordable. Let us help you discover the world.



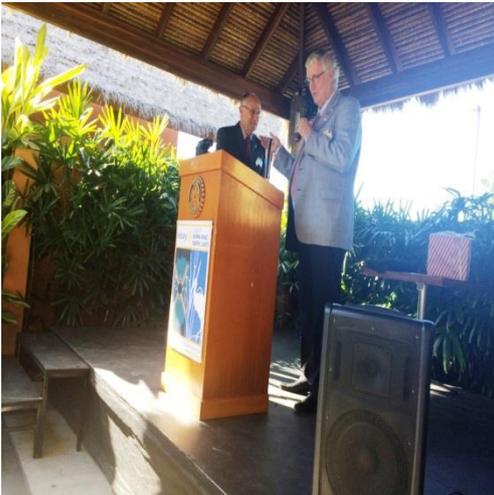


CHANGE-OVER CELEBRATION 2017

lunch at the Fusion Restaurant & Bar, North Lakes.. 25th June, 2017



MC Garry Gibson Incoming President Colleen Caruana, Luke Howarth MP, Outgoing President Bernard van den Bergen

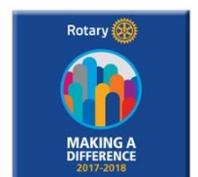


Rotary District 9600 Governor Allan Stephens formally inducts Colleen Caruana as RCKR-NL 40th Club President

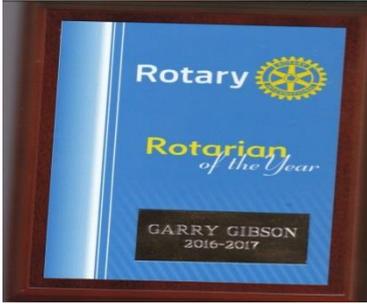


Bernard: I'm outta here! ☺

Rotarians Deb & Ossama El Saadi, Bron Crook, Andreas Kressibucher with Renaté Gibson



CHANGE-OVER CELEBRATION 2017

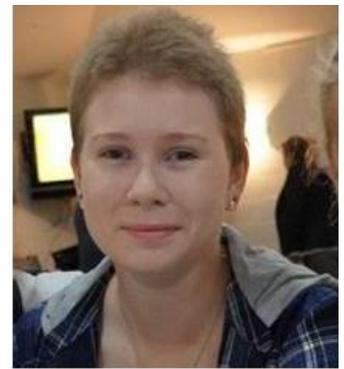


THIS Week's meeting is devoted as a Farewell for our 25th Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Program student (and our Club's first from Norway) **Miss Marita Aaberg Risnes**.

We will hear about Marita's Exchange year's expectations, her achievements and her aspirations; so come along and be entertained, enthused and enthralled by what will no doubt be an excellent presentation!

Marita leaves Australia on Thursday July 6th, 2017

Emirates Flight EK 435 departing at 9 pm.. AT THE INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL



My year in Australia



This last year has without doubt been the most special year in my life. It has been difficult, different and amazing, all at the same time. I have experienced so many things, met so many people, and learned so much. Every day is a new experience. Some days have been more challenging than others, but I believe the challenges have helped me grow into the person I am today. Since arriving in Australia I have changed a lot. Before leaving for my exchange I used to be insecure and shy. I never spoke out loud, and I second guessed every decision I made. The first weeks going to Rotary I barely spoke to anyone. I never started a conversation, and if spoken to I often answered in one syllable words. Looking back at it I have later realised that this was part of my culture. I

will forever be grateful towards my club for having patience with me.

During the last year I have also become more mature. I think a lot of my actions more through, and I have gotten a greater understanding for cultural differences. Even though the Australian and Norwegian culture is similar, there are a couple of differences that I have encountered. One of them is the small talk. Small talk is not a thing in Norway. Most people would not use a lot of time talking to shop assistants or people at the bus. This is different in Australia. Here it feels like everyone is talking to anyone. In the beginning, I really struggled with grasping the concept of small talking. It took me months to understand how it worked, and even longer to learn how to do it myself. Now, after a year, it is almost impossible to make me shut up.

To do an exchange is by far the toughest decision I have ever made. To leave everything familiar behind and to trust people you have never met, while at the same time struggling to adapt to a new way of living was a challenge beyond measure. Moving alone to a foreign country so far away from home, you never know what to expect before you are there. And by then it is too late to turn around. I am not a person to get homesick. Before I left Norway, I had never felt it. Part of me almost expected that Australia would be the same. And I consider myself lucky to have been almost right. I have found that there is a difference between being *homesick* and *missing home*. When people asked if I ever felt homesick I would answer no. Because it is true. I have never wished that I was home instead of in Australia. I never felt



like going back to Norway. Still don't feel like it. I never felt like I wanted to be back with my old friends, my school, my family, my habits, *my home*. But that does not mean that I didn't think of them. From the beginning, I felt like sharing my year with them. I didn't want to be there with them, I wanted them to be here, with me. I wanted them to experience what I experienced and learn what I learnt and grow like I have grown. But not at any time did I wish to be home.

Throughout the year I have done more and experienced more than most people my age. I've seen Australia, I've experienced the culture, gone to school, and gotten to know so many new people. I've had the chance to start fresh. And I believe that to be one of the greatest opportunities that doing an exchange, has to offer. No expectations, no past, no one telling you how to live, what to be and how to do things. Doing an exchange was getting an opportunity to be no one else than myself. It was freedom to find out who I would like to be. And I found myself. I've learnt who I am, what I want to do and what I stand for.

Through the opportunity I have been given, and the people I have gotten to know, I have learnt more about who I am. I've discovered sides of myself that I didn't even know I had. I've gained a confidence I didn't know I could ever possess. I've changed, grown, learnt, smiled, cried and loved. Through the good days and the not-so-good days. It is easy to say that this has been the best year of my life.

Marita Aaberg Risnes

WHO IS: RI PRESIDENT ELECT 2017-2018 : MR. IAN RISELY (Rotary Club of Sandringham)

Music: Just about everything. I am not a huge Rap fan, I should say, but I'd love to be able to sing; to carry a musical instrument with me at all times would be fabulous. I will not say I am tuneless. What I will say is that I can hear a tune really clearly, but it just doesn't manifest itself very well in what comes from me! (Juliet chuckles away). There is good music in every era of course, but I love the music I grew up with in the 1950s. In my early teens, I'd have a small transistor next to my bed and listen to that music and go to sleep listening to music. I simply love music.



Sports: I used to play cricket but obviously can't now. But I am a very keen golfer, and am blessed with a membership in Royal Melbourne, one of the world's greatest golf clubs and among the top ten. I love the place. It is a kind of escape from day-to-day, which is wonderful. These days I simply don't find the time to play golf, but will go back to it. Juliet doesn't play golf, though. (She: 'It spoils a good walk!')

Fitness: The one thing that is most difficult about being RI President Elect is finding the time to exercise, which I am missing. I feel sluggish and am putting on weight. My exercise of choice? Twice a week a group of us back in Melbourne get together and we walk 7 km and just talk about the world, and that is fun.

Food: I am a vegetarian, Juliet is not; when I was 27, I gave up eating non-vegetarian food.

Cooking: I am a master chef at eggs ("he can make a good omelette," Juliet says approvingly), I crack eggs very well and I can do soups which are so nutritious and full of wholesome ingredients.

Favourite cuisine: You can tell from my shape ... most of them!

Religious: Not very, but I am spiritual in the sense of being a vegetarian. I don't go to church but we follow the basic tenets of Christianity.

Family: A son, who is an outstanding lawyer and a daughter, who has expertise in corporate sustainability and good reputation and she runs her own company. She is extremely successful.

Reading: When I have time, which isn't often, I love to read, and Juliet will tell you there is a pile of books back in Australia waiting to be read. I get the Harvard Business Review every month and I enjoy it very much. A Rotarian in the US, knowing I am a fan of the Green Bay Packers, a professional American football team, gave me a book on a player called Bart Starr who was their quarterback in the '60s, and I am reading it now.

All-time favourite book: Because I enjoy being amused, my all-time favourite is Douglas Adams' The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, and the Trilogy books. I tend to read something that is light and enjoyable, rather than serious, in-depth reading.

Future of Rotary: Rotary has a massive future, and a future with great opportunities. We have a critical mass of 1.2 million Rotarians who are so focussed on doing humanitarian work. And now that women are taking an appropriate level of not just participation but also responsibility in our organisation which is bound to improve, and with that the public perception of Rotary will improve as well.

Rotary in Australia: Its membership is between stable and stagnant and in fact like in so many other countries, there is a big opportunity for Rotary in Australia and we need to grasp the nettle and encourage more people to take part... Rotarians are doing some great projects in Australia.

Juliet's role: She will be the first past governor to be the partner of the RI President. What she brings, apart from her very sharp mind on just about everything, is her varied experiences on Rotary issues. She has been a club president more recently than me, and a District Governor in 2011-12, as also a club secretary, which I have never been, and she is a very keen and astute observer of Rotary issues. I am unbelievably fortunate to have her as an advisor.



NEXT WEEK's meeting 5th July will be devoted to Farewell our 26th Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Program student (and our Club's first from Austria) **Miss Franzi Ruttenstock**.

Come find out what happened to that "shy girl from next door that would never speak up", you know.. the one who didn't know what a "sook" was until she hopped onto the plane to come here.. the one who didn't know there was another side to her personality just waiting to be explored.. All will be revealed.. next Wednesday 5th July!!

Franzi leaves Australia on **Friday July 7th, 2017**

Qantas Flight **QF 633** departing at 6.30 pm... **FROM THE DOMESTIC TERMINAL**



Wednesday 28th June, 2017 BUNNINGS BBQ – ROTHWELL- (Hercules Road SS fund raiser)



Wednesday 28th June, 2017 FINAL PRESENTATION AND FAREWELL – MARITA AABERG RISNES



Thursday 29th June, 2017 ROTARACT CLUB OF NORTH LAKES CHANGEOVER NIGHT- Petrie Hotel



SUNDAY 2nd July, 2017 CLUB BUNNINGS BBQ- ROTHWELL STORE

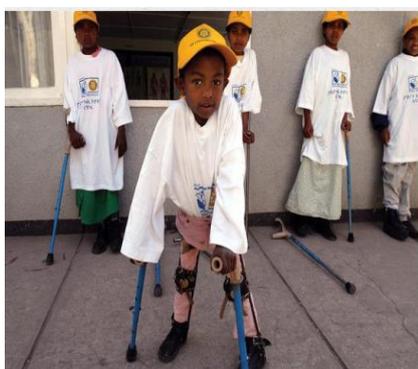


Wednesday 5th July, 2017 FINAL PRESENTATION AND FAREWELL – FRANZI RUTTENSTOCK



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Dear Rotarians,
Thanks to your support,
polio has nearly been wiped
off the map!
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Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 30 years, and our goal of ridding the earth of this disease is in sight. We started in 1979 with vaccinations for 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan are the only countries where polio remains endemic.

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