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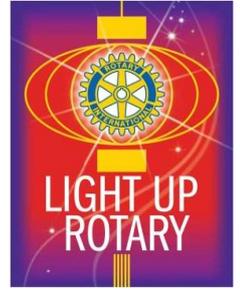
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**CLUB MEETS: Every Wednesday 6.15 pm for 6.45 pm start
Belvedere Hotel - Oxley Ave & Woodcliffe Cres, Woody Point**



This Day In History

MARCH 18

1910 - American escapologist, Harry Houdini, makes Australia's first officially recorded controlled, powered flight of an aircraft. .. 1922 - The first section of the Great Ocean Road in Victoria is officially opened... 1944 - Dick Smith, Australian businessman, entrepreneur and aviator, is born ... 1990 - The first and only free elections in the history of East Germany are held, signalling the end of the country's existence.

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The Four Way Test

of the things we think, 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?



PLANNING REVIEW NIGHT TONIGHT!!

Tonight, we engage in our annual Planning Review night to enable us to conduct successful and sustainable service projects in the local and international community. It also allows us to monitor our progress and allocate our hard-earned funds to the projects that we collectively nominate. We will also formulate strategies to enhance our public image and foster growth of Club membership to ensure our prosperity.

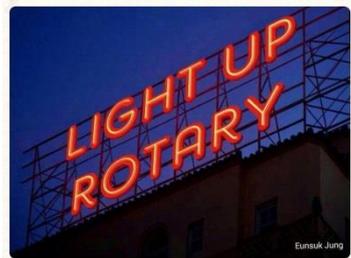
Thank you to Laura (and Lindy and Kres) for attending our meeting on the 11th and to the plucky members who gave us an insight as to their "elephant moments".. their courage was genuinely appreciated by all attendees. Many intimate stories were revealed which just enhanced why we are indeed proud Rotarians.. With the calibre of people we have in our ranks.. It truly comes down to quality rather than quantity, doesn't it?



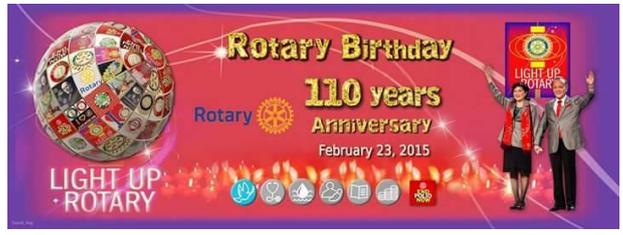
“...A life changing experience...”



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 ▼	25 March	1 April	8 April	15 April	22 April	29 April	6 May
Chair	Ashley	Informal	Garry	Vocational Visit	Garry	Garry	No Meeting
Duty	Garry	Meeting	Fran	Maritime	Fran	Fran	In Lieu of
Host	Colleen	No Duties	Sherin	MUSEUM	Sherin	Sherin	District
Thanks	Dale	required	Fred		Fred	Fred	Conference
NOTES	Carolyn Krueger	BOARD MEETING	Maureen Hall		TBC	Neil & Lois Kube -	XXXXXXXXXX



MARCH - 25th – Carolyn Krueger – Rotary Projects

APRIL - 1st – Informal Night ; 8th – Maureen Hall – Rotary Projects ; 15th – Confirmed visit to Maritime MUSEUM ; 22nd - Formal Night – guest TBA ; 29th – Neil & Lois Kube : Ride to Conquer Cancer in August two day bike ride .

MAY - 2nd – 3rd – District Conference Bribie Island ; 6th – No Meeting in Lieu of Conference ; 13th – Formal Meeting Guest; TBA - 20th – Club /Board Meeting ; 27th – First State of Origin – GO THE MAROONS

15TH APRIL - Queensland Maritime Museum and the dining/tour program.

- The Tours: The guided tours include the HMAS *Diamantina*, *Pink Lady*, current and other displays. The Museum building. Guides available to answer questions.
- The Costs: Meal with 1 drink [wine/beer/soft drink bottled water] @ \$25.00
- Parking: Due to limited parking the club may look at hiring a Grace Bus
- Numbers: Minimum numbers are twenty people so I am sure if we ask around we will have no problem in securing these numbers. **Final numbers will be required by 25 March.**



**Congratulations
FRED STOLZ
5 years of Rotary Service
March 2010 - 2015**





Santo Rotary



March 2010=

Rotary Club of Espiritu Santo - Vanuatu

The Rotary Club of Santo is a small, informal club of modest means but big ambitions. They are a diverse group with an even mix of local "Ni-Vanuatu" citizens and expatriate business people. Their diversity gives them high credibility in the community and allows them to both tap the resources of the community and direct their use most effectively. Vanuatu is a UN defined "Least Developed Nation" so they also receive considerable help from outside Rotary clubs and Rotary International and they help ensure that this input is well utilized.

Vanuatu is a nation that can use a lot of help. Because it is a place friendly to the west it doesn't receive as much attention as other world hot spots but help here is really appreciated. Meetings are held weekly at 7:30 PM for dinner at the Deco Stop Lodge. Their meeting usually lasts 1 1/2 hours.

The Santo Rotary Club would like to work together with Rotary clubs from around the world to help improve the lives of the people of Vanuatu.

Fellows and guests please be upstanding, and raise your glasses to toast the Rotary Club of Espiritu Santo -



KIPPA'S RIB-TICKLERS OF THE WEEK!

Q: What is Fast Food?

A: A chicken running down the road.

Q: How many women does it take to open a bottle of wine?

A: None. It should be opened when he brings it.

Q: What would you have if you crossed a pig with a karate expert?

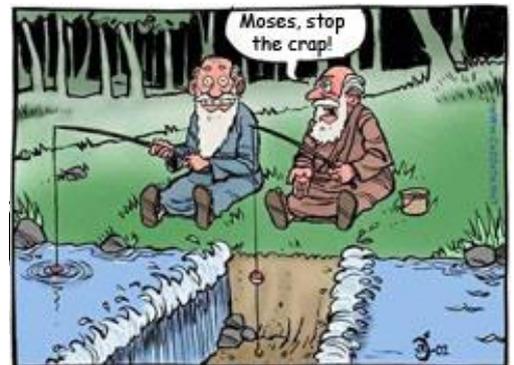
A: Pork chops

Q: Why does a divorce cost so much?

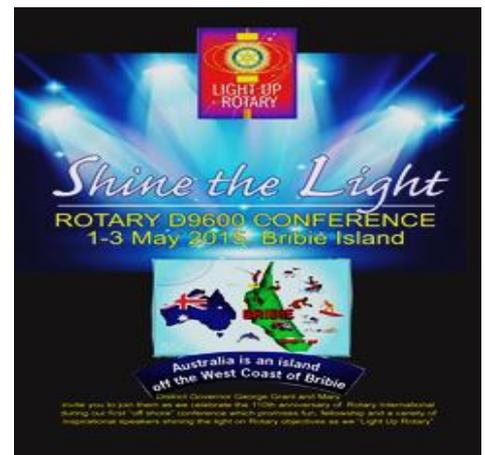
A: Because it is worth it.

Q: If a cat has nine lives, what has more?

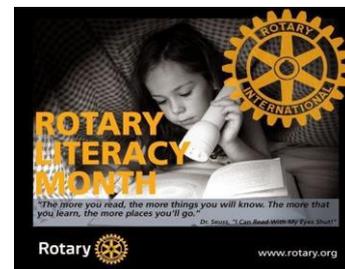
A: A frog – it croaks every day.



BA DUM TSS



March is the month that we showcase literacy . Our efforts are two fold. All across the world Rotarians note the importance of reading and we publicize the needs in the form of poor literacy rates and lack of resources. Around the world we support numerous programs that help children and adults to gain the ability to read.



In Praise of Libraries

A salute to society's most successful civic institution.

The public library is the only civic institution in my community that is uncompromisingly successful. Not everyone in my small town is crazy about the police force, and not everyone is all that pleased with the public schools. No one ever seems terribly happy with the planning board, the architectural review board, the board of trustees. Some people think the volunteer firemen get too much money for new equipment, though no one ever dares say it out loud.

The public library is different. The public library is the community's kindly grandmother: helpful, patient, understanding. Nobody in my town ever stands up and says he dislikes the public library. Nobody in your town does, either. Grumpy old librarians who keep shushing you, sure. But not the library itself.

The public library is an indispensable institution that somehow manages to get taken completely for granted. Like the clouds above us, like the birds that fill those skies, it is a glorious creation that is hiding in plain sight. Society pays little attention to it, even though society cannot survive without it. Not any real society. Small towns can do without movie houses and fancy restaurants and stores that sell 50 kinds of balsamic vinegar. They can even do without bookstores. But small towns cannot do without a public library. Cannot, cannot, cannot. You can look it up.

The public library serves many functions in a community. It is an adjunct to the public schools, a place where kids can do their homework. It is a day care centre of sorts, where small children gather for story hour. It is a safe haven where senior citizens can pass the time in the company of others, where the unemployed can look for work. It is a place where the lonely can be less lonely, the bored less bored, the dejected less dejected, and the ignorant more enlightened. It is the one place in a small town where teenagers cannot possibly get into serious trouble. Well, not without really setting their minds to it.

The public library has features that make it different from any other institution. It is public, in the true democratic sense of the word, and it is free. The value of being free cannot be overestimated. You cannot hang out in the local coffee shop for free. You cannot hang out in the diner for free. You cannot hang out at the senior citizens center for free if you are not a senior. Yes, you can pass the time in the park or along the banks of the river, but not in December, especially not in Chicago. But you can hang out in a library no matter who you are, no matter what your income, no matter how you are dressed, no matter what your interest. The library's philosophy is simple: Come one, come all.

The wide array of things that libraries offer means that they reach all levels of society. They make society better than it would be if left to its own devices. Libraries are a subtle, almost cunning, bulwark against the racial and socioeconomic segregation that society naturally gravitates toward, even when it does not do so out of malice. People congregate in libraries in a way that they do not congregate elsewhere. Because they are not bound by narrow class or economic or cultural strictures, libraries can cater to everyone. Poor people do not shop at the local gourmet store. Teenagers do not frequent stores that sell expensive perfumes or whimsical gifts or Inuit pottery or Veuve Clicquot. The library is the only place where people of all colors, creeds, ages, and political beliefs freely, easily, and inadvertently intermingle. The public library is the only fully democratic institution I know of.

Libraries are both aspirational and inspirational. It is just great to go into a library and watching little kids do their homework or watch retirees devouring newspapers and magazines, refusing to recede from life just because they are no longer working. Anyone can read in the privacy of their own homes, but there is something joyous about watching people reading or studying or researching or exploring in public. Time spent in a library is time not spent in front of a television. That in itself makes the public library the most valuable institution a society could possibly imagine. You just never know what might happen in the public library. Public libraries are not judgmental in the way that other institutions are. They offer good books, but they also offer bad books. When I go into the supermarket, I already know what I am bringing home. When I wander into the library, I might bring home anything!!!

Cyclone Pam ...

Rotary Members would be aware by now that there has been wide spread devastation and loss of life at Vanuatu caused by Cyclone Pam. Our Rotarian friends in New Zealand are seeking assistance from Australian Rotarians via a direct appeal to members which is a breach of protocol. However our DG's support the need for assistance and ask that any donations may be made to Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) A National Project is being registered which will enable co-ordination with New Zealand Rotary and Vanuatu authorities via established channels and will draw upon the most highly skilled in their fields from across Australia. The project is expected to be able to accept tax deductible donations via the RAWCS website's page by 18th March.

Congratulations to past president Doug Gomersall of the Rotary Club of Redcliffe City who celebrates 50 years of Rotary membership this week. Doug has been a very active Rotarian and was Interact Co-ordinator for Southern Cross Catholic College for many years. Well done Doug.

Congratulations are also in order for Joanne Brooks and her team for organizing a very successful Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) camp. The accolades from the participants are well covered on the RYPEN website. Joanne is unable to continue chairing this event next year and we are looking for volunteers interested in youth camps.

The Rotary club of Albany Creek sent me a report on their very successful book sale last weekend: my apologies for not having room for photos but congratulations.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is running its next round of training on 29th March, 17th May and 14th June. At present there are 3 from Pine Rivers, 2 from Ashgrove/The Gap and 1 from Mooloolaba. It is a great program which I was not too proud to complete when a DGE last year. Please register your interest with Co-ordinator Tony Holmes or Alan Stephens. It will cost nothing and you will also get fed.

Finally don't forget to support the conference 1-3 May. Our RI President's personal representative is Hugo "Jun" Perez from the Phillipines who will be accompanied by his wife Vivianne. He was a DG class mate of PDG John Lawrence who will be responsible for looking after the couple during their visit.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9600conference2015.info/>

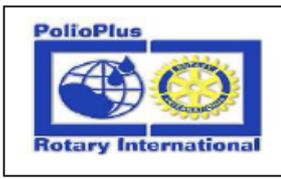
Visit to NAURU

We had planned to visit Nauru last November but our schedule of club visits was too tight with the Leadership Institute in Wellington following closely afterwards we wisely rescheduled our Nauru visit till February. The club has only eight members with two relocating shortly which will impact upon membership. They are a vibrant, active group and it seems from discussions with people we met during our visit that they will be inducting some new members very shortly. We found the visit very worthwhile from a Rotary perspective and met community and business leaders who confirmed their support of Rotary.

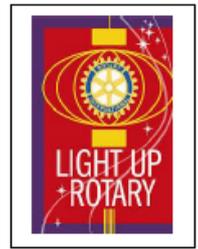
The asylum seekers are now living in the community and we sensed a level of undercurrent of resentment among locals who enjoy less privileges such as housing and affluence but the money is flowing and the community realises it is beneficial to their economy. The phosphate mine is the most significant employer. The cemetery is closed and the people bury their dead near their homes which may contaminate the water. Roofing is largely asbestos and not suitable for drainage to water tanks.

At the time of our visit, a cargo vessel had been in port for six weeks unloading with only one barge. Three others were out of action. Because of shipping schedules and port charges, the vessel had to leave with some cargo still on board including all of the rice which is a precious commodity until next ship arrival. Because of the tight shipping schedule, it is time uneconomic to return empty freight containers and these are piled everywhere. As motor vehicle reach their use by date, they are also dumped and we wonder where it will all end up in the future as the island is very tiny. You can drive around the perimeter in 20-30 minutes While we were there, I was interviewed on TV presenting a gift to Timaro, a six year old boy who ROMAC had treated for cancer in Brisbane last year and this was radio broadcast as well.

George



Interim Report



The Movie night was a great success the movie was shown at five cinemas, a large number of Rotary Clubs combined to make the evening a success. The Movie Night raising at least \$12,500 for Polio Plus (this \$12,500 will attract a subsidy of \$25,000 from the Gates Foundation) making at total of \$37,500 for Polio Plus. The movie The Second Best Marigold Hotel was a hit. The short shown before updating the Polio Story in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan was informative but there was a difficulty with the sound. You may like to down load this two minute video for your Club <http://vimeo.com/108912427>

It is less than twelve months since the World Health Organisation has declared the international spread of wild polio virus an **international public health emergency and issued recommendations** to reduce the international spread of wild polio virus. This reflected a dramatic increase in the number of cases of polio in the first quarter of 2014. In 2013 Syria (which had been polio free for 14 years) reported 37 cases of paralytic polio . The wild polio virus had been imported from Pakistan and the displacement of some 6 million people meant that virus could potentially spread to surrounding countries **Rotary provided \$43.6 million to fund a program to vaccination of 22 million children in Syria and surrounding countries and halt the spread of polio in this region** . Following this mass vaccination program despite widespread fighting , **Syria has been free of new cases of paralytic polio for over twelve months**. The last reported case of paralytic polio in Syria was on 24th January 2014. In 2012 Nigeria recorded 122 cases of paralytic polio. Following mass vaccination programs, this reduced to 53 cases in 2013 and 6 cases in 2014. **It is now over 9 months since the last recorded case of paralytic polio in Nigeria (24 June 2014)**.

The bans on vaccination in parts of Pakistan and the targeting of vaccination workers by Islamic militants (Some 71 people including health workers and police have been killed in attacks since December 2012) has resulted in a spike in cases of polio from 93 cases in 2013 to 305 cases in 2014 (85 % of all new Wild Polio 1 cases reported in 2014). Despite the risks health workers and the Government have stepped the polio vaccination program in Pakistan As Past Rotary International Director Anne Matthews reminded us at the Million Dollar Dinner the End Polio Now remains R I number one project and with the support of our World Partner it should be possible to eliminate polio. If Rotarian International contributes US \$ 35 million per year (\$ 35 per Rotarian) it will be matched two for one by the Gates Foundation providing US \$ 105 million per year for the fight to eliminate polio. This money is being spent on massive vaccination programs (at 60 cents per child –it is great value) The outbreak of polio in Syria has been halted. **Nigeria has been free of new cases of paralytic polio for over nine months**. Afghanistan continues the fight against polio most of the cases of polio in 2014 were linked to cross border transmission from Pakistan where vaccinators are literally risking their lives to vaccinate the children.

Gary Lillicrap District 9600 Chair Polio Plus



Rotary Voices
Stories of service from around the world

Rotary torch keeps the flame burning for polio eradication in Afghanistan

Posted on March 11, 2015

Members of the Rotary Club of Kabul hold the Rotary torch during its stop at their club. Mohammed Ishak, Rotary Club of Jalalabad, holds the torch during a joint event with the Rotary Club of Kabul City.



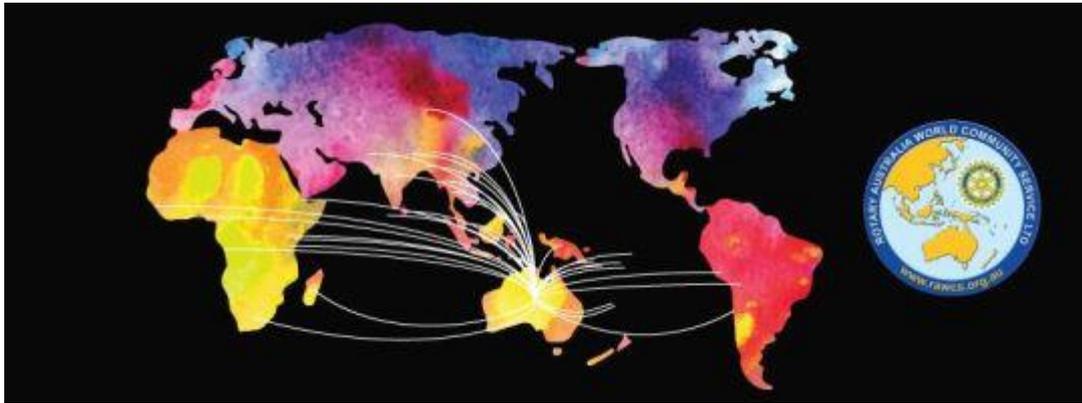
Mohammed Ishak, Rotary Club of Jalalabad, holds the torch during a joint event with the Rotary Club of Kabul City. Luke Beer, author of this post, is second from right in back.

By Luke Beer, president of the Rotary Club of Kabul City, Afghanistan

As some of you know, a Rotary “flame” was launched in December in Chennai, India, to commemorate India becoming polio-free and to promote the need to go the last mile in the battle to eradicate this horrible crippling disease. The torch has made its way through several countries already, and will pass through all three polio endemic countries – Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria – before arriving at the 2015 Rotary Convention in São Paulo 6-9 June.

I want to share with you just how inspiring it was to be part of the flame’s journey. As an Afghan club, we are so grateful for the energy it has given us as a club to refocus our efforts on polio awareness, working alongside the Rotary Club of Jalalabad.

We are not ignorant of the fact that Afghan organizations, clubs, and society have done a limited amount to raise funds for and truly engage the polio eradication effort. At first, we were confused by the utility of the torch. But I must say, it certainly has had a unifying effect. We’ve had two private organizations come forward with considerable donations as a result of the torch’s visit. It has also helped us as a young club explain to our members about Rotary’s international reach and fellowship.



Vanuatu Cyclone Pam Disaster

RAWCS will setup a disaster fund in the next few days to allow individuals and Rotary Clubs to make tax deductible donations to support this area.

Quarter of a million could be homeless across Vanuatu after 'monster' Cyclone

'ShelterBox mobilising 1,000 kits to help rebuild' - Disaster relief agency ShelterBox is mobilising aid and a response team as the Pacific paradise of Vanuatu counts the awful cost of Cyclone Pam

As news emerges of the scale of devastation caused by one of the worst Pacific storms ever recorded, with many of Vanuatu's 260,000 population now said to be homeless, Disaster Relief emergency shelter experts ShelterBox have this morning agreed plans for aid distribution with colleague charity CARE International.

The United Nations Humanitarian Office says that on the main island of Efate an estimated 90 per cent of structures are either damaged or destroyed, and thousands of people are sheltering in over 25 evacuation centres across the provinces of Efate, Torba and Penama.

1,000 ShelterBox shelter kits, which will help with repair and waterproofing of damaged buildings, are to be dispatched from storage at Subang Airport near Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. The kits, now a standard element of ShelterBox's range of aid, are designed to Red Cross specifications.

Vanuatu's key air hub, Bauerfield International Airport near the capital Port Vila, has had its runway cleared of floodwater only a few hours ago. Aid flights from Australia and New Zealand air forces are now able to land, although commercial flights remain suspended. ShelterBox response team members Ross Mackenzie from New Zealand and Peter Pearce from Australia are expected to be able to fly to Vanuatu within days to make preparations for ShelterBox aid distribution.

6000 Rotary Emergency Response Kits are on stand by for immediate dispatch to affected areas.

Rotary will be collaborating with the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs Emergency Task Force and the Vanuatu Disaster Management Office to ensure that the Emergency Response Kits are directed for best possible advantage to those affected.