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Message from the President

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Hi All,

Our guest speaker last week Jack (Thuyen) Le gave a presentation on how he escaped from Vietnam was caught in a storm in a boat the size of a swimming pool with 200 people on board, rations of a handful of rice and a cup of water a day, then spending 13 months in a refugee camp before eventually settling in Australia.

Jack is now married with his own drafting business and has a young girl at school. Jack also said it was his first presentation to a group who were not Vietnamese.

We had a few regulars away last week doing Rotary and good time things. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night at our joint meeting. Hope all went well with the day procedure Andrew, see you Tuesday.

Last week I saw an article in **Time Magazine** about Shelter Box and Tom Henderson who started Shelter Box in UK in 1999. Some figures mentioned were staggering:-

- *750,000 people helped worldwide*
- *100 plus natural disasters attended*
- *10 people per tent*
- *150 volunteers around the world who deliver the boxes to stricken areas*
- *50kgs per box which has a stove, water containers and 12 crayons plus other items.*



By January 30th 5, 000 boxes went to Haiti and they are packing 5,000 more. The first tents sent were used as field hospitals. Tom said in the article the boxes don't just create tent cities but they build communities.

At the beginning of the year we had budgeted to support a program to help the Indigenous community. This unfortunately did not happen.

I received last week a flyer on Australian Rotary Health. In the flyer they have a program to jointly fund Indigenous Health Scholarships for 12 months. The scholarships assist students with their day to day expenses and help to ease some of that pressure. I will bring this up for discussion at our next meeting.

Don't forget the important dates coming up. Please see elsewhere in Bulletin.

See you all Tuesday at the joint meeting.

Graham O

Rotary News – At Home and Abroad

A Global Network of Volunteers Dedicated to Peace

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business, professional and community leaders. Clubs are non-political, non-religious, and open to all cultures, races and creeds. Richly rewarding, Rotary International gives you the opportunity to 'pay it forward' and to have a positive impact wherever you choose. While developing business networking opportunities and building lifelong friendships Rotarians experience personal growth in an organization that is respected worldwide for its high values and standards.

CAN YOU HELP?

We need a Deputy to help set-up House of Friendship on Friday of Conference. Please see John Cridland.



For more one than hundred years, ordinary people around the world have been giving to humanity through Rotary International.

The magic of Rotary is that it allows ordinary people to achieve the most extraordinary things. By using the powerful synergy of one, people unite to achieve exceptional global change. Many ordinary member of Rotary have developed projects that brought significant change to the world. Around the world there are 1,210,047 Rotarians in 32,774 clubs and 34,000 Rotarians in 1164 clubs in Australia.

Find out more at www.rotary.org

REMINDER

Pride of Workmanship Awards.

Ensure applications in by 05.03.10.

Winners will be announced on 30.03.10.

Refer Margie Gadd.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:-

- ✚ Peter Tomlin - 23/02
- ✚ Margaret Gadd - 23/02
- ✚ Sarah McCullough 03/03
- ✚ Stephen Stoneley - 27/02

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to :-

Upcoming Events

- ❖ 23.02.10-Joint Meeting-McLeod Golf Club
- ❖ 24.02.10 - No Wednesday morning meeting
- ❖ 30.03.10- Pride of Workmanship Awards - nominations close 5th March winners announced 30th March.
- ❖ 19/21.03.10 - D9630 Conference Chinchilla
- ❖ 23.05.10 - Fun Run

MEETINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

- 23/02 - Joint meeting with Jindalee Sumner Park Clubs. Hon Kay Patterson from Interplast will be the speaker.
- 03/-3 - Geoff Conwell - Optometry Giving Sight (OGS) is a global fundraising initiative that specifically targets the prevention of blindness and impaired vision due to uncorrected refractive error
- 10/-3 - Glen Kolpak - to provide an insight into the history; current operations and future plans of Careflight in Queensland

Something to ponder...

You may well have read or heard this before but it's good to bring its ageless message to mind every so often.....

Lessons from Geese

Fact: As each bird flaps its wings it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By fling in "V" formation the flock has 71% greater fling range than if each bird flew on its own.

Truth: People who share common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are travelling on the thrust of one another.

Fact: When a goose drifts from formation it feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and returns to formation to take advantage of the bird immediately in front.

Truth: There is strength, power and safety in numbers when travelling in the same direction.

Fact: When a lead goose tires, it rotates back on the wing and another goose flies point.

Truth: It pays to take turns on the hard jobs.

Fact: Geese honk from behind to encourage those up the front to keep up their speed.

Truth: We all need to be remembered with active support and praise.

Fact: When a sick or wounded goose falls out of formation, two geese follow him down to help and protect him ,stay until the crisis is resolved, the launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with the group.

Truth: We must stand by each other in times of need. We are fortunate there are more goose than turkeys. Remember to uphold each other in friendship and give each other a big "honk" often.



Rosters

No morning meeting

Duty	23.02.10	03.03.10
Chair	Neville Blomeley	
Duty Officer	John Cridland	
Fellowship Officer	Adele Stoneley/ Bev Jackson	
Rotary Talk	n/a	
International Toast	Nev Beckmann	

ROTARY GRACE

Lord, make us more thankful for what we have received;
Make us more content with what we have;
And make us more mindful of others who are in need.