



## Message from the President

Newsletter  
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Hi All,

Great to see Amanda Wood, the President of The Rotaract Club of SW Brisbane at our meeting last Wednesday and we will look forward to Amanda & Sharyn Schooth (Vice President) coming along on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Our guest speaker Ross Howat from Customs gave us some insights into recognizing would be law breakers and explained that it is not always on the spot apprehending but background information such as passport movements and general body language which can give them away.

John & Robyn Woodward will represent our club at the Foundation dinner on the 27th October. Karen Hardcastle our GSE member will also attend.

The Rotary Club Of Woolloongabba's Casino Royal fund raising event on the 14<sup>th</sup> November is to raise money for Beefbank so let's all support the event. It runs from 3.00 pm to 12.00 midnight.

Bruce Wilson will be attending the District Leadership training on 1<sup>st</sup> November at Rotary house.

Thanks to John Cridland for his Beefbank presentation last week at The Kiwanis Club of Brisbane Inc.

Wine orders by 30<sup>th</sup> October to Graeme & cakes by mid November to Kev.

## News & Rotary News – At Home and Abroad

My fellow Rotarians:

The playwright George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire; you will what you imagine; and at last you create what you will."

There is no shortage in this world of people able to imagine a better future. But in Rotary, we do not just imagine that future -- we will it, and we work to create it. This we do through our two great strengths: our Rotary clubs and our Rotary Foundation.

Over the years, I have been privileged to witness firsthand the fruits of the outstanding work carried out by Rotarians all over the world, supported by the programs of our Foundation. One thing that impresses me is how these programs focus not on short-term satisfaction or reward for the giver. The best Rotary programs and projects focus on building for the future — and making lives better for generations.

Two decades ago, we Rotarians made a promise: to make life better for the entire world, forever, by eliminating polio. It has always been an ambitious goal, but it has always been a realistic one. And now, thanks to our Rotary Foundation, we are closer than ever to reaching it.

It is my hope that with the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, there will soon come a time when we will be able to say that we have made polio a thing of the past. For if we fail now, we will fail all those who have gone before us, and every child to whom we made a promise. If we fail, we risk our own good name, and the good name of all the Rotarians who came before us.

We will not fail. We can and we must succeed.

I know that each one of you recognizes that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands* — and that the future of our Foundation is as well.

John Kenny

President, Rotary International



RI President John Kenny and June Kenny

## Historic Moments: Women in Rotary

By Susan Hanf and Donna Polydoros Rotary International News -- 1 October 2009

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

"My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes, at previous Council meetings.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: By 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000.

Twenty years after the Council on Legislation's vote, Rotary has nearly 188,000 female Rotarians. Women have served in leadership positions as high as the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

## Upcoming Events

30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	RC Jindalee 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Evening)	
14th Nov	Casino Royale Charity Event - 755 Stanley St, Woolloongabba. Contact - <a href="mailto:Woolloongabba@rotary963.org">Woolloongabba@rotary963.org</a> or 0430755045 (Minh)	

## Rosters

Duty	21st October
Chair	John Cridland
Duty Officer	Nev Beckmann
Fellowship Officer	Bruce Wilson
Vocational or Rotary Talk	Peter Tomlin
International Toast	Danny Strong
Guest Speaker	

### 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.