

Self Above Self Award: John Lawrence

Congratulations are extended to PDG (and Past President of Canberra-Woden Club) John Lawrence on receiving Rotary Internationals highest award for an individual Rotarian, the Service Above Self Award.



The Award was presented by District Governor Charles Guesdon on behalf of District 9710 Governor Noel Trevaskis at Charles Conference in Brisbane on Saturday, April 1.

The Award was presented to John in recognition mainly for his work with the children of the local Akha tribe of Thailand and his community work. This award is a fitting tribute to John for his personal commitment to the Akha children and giving them hope and a future to look forward to.

Kind regards,
Noel Trevaskis,
District Governor 9710

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Roster:

	This week	Next Week
Program	Ken Goard Clean Water - Boil or Strain?	Bernadette Capello Surviving Medication
Introduction	Carlo Binutti	Peter Evans
Appreciation	Piers Booth	Ian Excell
Sergeant	Val Bland	Val Bland
Fellowship	Robin Cromer Tom Davies	David Fox John Gray
Raven Recorder	Neale Emanuel	Ken Goard
Birthdays	nil	nil
Anniversaries	Ros Osbourne and John Joslin 16th Apr Bish and Janet MMukerjee 17th Apr	nil
Trash & Treasure	16th Apr Neale Emanuel- ?? 30th Apr Carlo Binutti-Pamela Best	23rd Apr David Fox-Ken Goard 1st May Piers Booth-Ajit Banerjee

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This Week:

Ken Goard

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Clean Water - Boil or Strain?

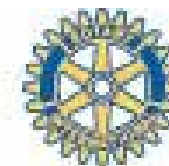
Ken graduated in Medicine, then practiced in Molong, migrated to Melbourne and specialized in Diagnostic Radiology. Joined the radiology group covering Canberra, Queanbeyan and Yass. Retirement allowed bushwalking and golf, but much pleasure has come from reading, music, choir singing, model steam-engine construction and the design, manufacture of appliances for disabled people, Rotary, U3A lectures, and the retired men's group of Tiffins at Yarralumla Uniting Church.

Last Week:

Guests: The guest speaker Dr Peter Veenker, Chief Executive and Director of CIT; Director of CIT Solutions, Leanne Cover; Senior Adviser, External Relations and Marketing Jason Lancsar. Rotary Guests: Carol and Colin Hughes, Pat Smith, Sandra Henderson-Kelly, Nel Pain, John Jocelyn, Helen Harvie, Jill Cromer, Jenny Fox, Helen Sahhar, Maureen Booth and Joanne Binutti.

Reports:

- John Widdup, President, reported that John Lawrence, Past President of our Club, and now in Brisbane, has been awarded the Service Above Self Award. The Club will send its congratulations to him for the honour John has received.
- Parking for Crusty Demons at Exhibition Park. There are sufficient people to attend to the parking on Saturday 22 April will be between 2pm and 5pm. If raining on the Saturday, it will be held on the Sunday 23 April instead. This will be a fund



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One of four happy tables of members and guests at the CIT School of Hospitality

Clubs this year will be \$875, a small increase from last year. The next meeting will be 8 May.

Guest Speaker: Dr Peter Veenker.

Gary Scott introduced the guest speaker, Dr Peter Veenker, who is currently Chief Executive and Director of Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) and Director of CIT Solutions, and has been 15 years with tertiary institutions. The CIT has over 20,000 students including 600 international students, 6 campuses, and over 300 courses across many different disciplines. Peter was awarded a fellowship for his contribution to professional societies and was recognized for his contribution to international education.

Peter informed us that CIT has a special place in the community by 'Serving You'. It reminds him of the Rotary motto: 'Service above Self'. The CIT offers educational opportunities to young men and women, as well as mature people to meet industry needs. 75 years of technical education was celebrated recently and 4,000 students graduated in 2005. CIT graduates are very special and very proud.

The link between CIT and industry is very important. Employers will be involved in the assessment, and there is a need to continually update skills and knowledge. Australian standards have to meet international standards as dreams and aspirations are often international. The room we are dining in tonight is a 'classroom' for apprentice chefs and the public can come to the hairdressing 'classroom' for hairdressing appointments. Once there was a bomb scare and the police took ages to come. Their clients had rollers and chemicals in their hair. What a dilemma! However, the CIT called taxis to take their clients to the CIT's industry partnership hairdressers to save the day!

There are also many hobby and recreational courses. Partnerships are for transferring of knowledge in disciplines such as childcare, nursing, languages, design, computer games, fashion designs and many more. There is a challenge to diversify income sources. 'CIT Solutions' is a private company which is not subsidised like the CIT. The CIT is a statutory authority with an Advisory Council, and has a budget of \$85 million a year. They also work with the Chamber of Commerce, business and union groups.

raiser for our Club.

- Bruce Wyatt gave an RAIC report after the first meeting of the RAIC committee with our Club, the Canberra Rotary Club, the NCA and the PEO. RAIC week will be the 12 to 19 August. There will be more emphasis on being Australian and Australia Day, and the Governor-General will be hosting a reception for the delegates. The cost to Rotary

There are study exchange programs with many of our students studying abroad in Europe, USA and China, and other Asian countries. e.g. Traditional Chinese medicine. Students will study an advanced diploma here, and do the clinical work with instructors in China who will provide accreditation. There are currently 100 Chinese students studying here.

The lines are blurring between universities and CIT and some of the colleges and parents encourage children to go to university instead of CIT. It is so important to lift the status of vocational education as skill shortages appear. There are great pathways at CIT to lead on to university and study overseas. Many programs will soon be offered on-line.

There are also special programs. For example, the CIT offers a 'Second Chance' program where young men charged with car theft are referred to this program, and learn to strip down a motor vehicle and restore it. The car is then registered and the student hands it back to a victim of violence of crime.

The CIT has adopted the Dili Institute of Technology in East Timor and have donated equipment and expertise. The CIT has also helped with hospitality training in Indonesia, and students have helped in Timor and with major disasters. Students are usually signed up with an employer. Peter is finishing at the CIT in May and will move on to something else in education.

Shukry Sahhar gave the appreciation and thanked Peter for his informative talk outlining the changes that have occurred in the community and there is sometimes a lag between the knowledge base and accreditation as some degrees are being offered without accreditation to professional bodies. Shukry acknowledged that Phil Ibbotson was a former head of CIT.

President John Widdup presented Peter with the Club's George Paulus Vocational Service Award 2006 for service to the CIT Restaurant and Hospitality Industry.



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