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Organiser of the Rotary Scenic Cycle Tour of Canberra. Held annually in September.



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

ON MAKE UPS

Make ups are an important part of being a Rotarian. As the story below illustrates, be prepared for a few surprises as every club is not the same. The club is Veracruz, Mexico

The story is from Canadians Roger and Anne Wilson. Roger was a member of our club about 20 years ago, and was made a Paul Harris Fellow. He first put forward the idea of the *Rotary Adventure in Citizenship*, a now well established program of ours. We hasten to add that they did not attend the club in their life jackets.

“Anne and I had driven our truck to the gathering so that we could take off early to attend one of the Rotary meetings being held that night. We went to the 6:30 pm meeting and found that it was a women’s club, the first one we had ever been to. About 30 members recruit and select only ladies to join the club. They are most enthusiastic and work on many projects. Several of the ladies spoke English and we were made to feel welcome. We were asked to introduce

our selves and Anne talked about our club and what it does and one of the ladies translated for her. She gave the club one of our Arnprior club brochures and we received a copy of their bulletin and copies of their District and Mexican Rotary magazines.

I was asked to introduce myself, what my classification was and how long I had been in Rotary. I said that this was the only Women’s Rotary Club that we had ever been to and I said that I was beginning to realize what women felt as minorities in a men’s club. Their speaker was talking about women and drug treatments which doctors recommend and which may not always be the best thing for the patient. She herself had bad experiences in this regard.

The meeting was going to go on for at least an hour more so Anne and I excused our selves and drove back to the camp site about 15 kms south of the city.”



The back page

LINCOLN – KENNEDY COINCIDENCES – PART 11

- * Both Presidents were assassinated by Southerners.
- * Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.
- * Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.
- * Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.
- * Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.
- * Both Presidents were shot in the head
- * John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.
- * Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Attendance last week

Club Guest & Speaker: District Governor Phil Mewett
Other Guests: Helen Sahhar, Jill Cromer, Gerda Lambeck, Maureen Booth, Jonathon Benyei.
Members present: 27
Makeups: 6
Percentage: 100%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK - 18 March	NEXT WEEK – 25 March
Program	Alastair Hare	Professor Julian Cribb
Introduction	A Youth Exchange in Denmark	The Dwarf Lords
Appreciation	Ian Excell	Jeff Ibbotson
Fellowship	Des Henderson-Kelly	Bish Mukerjee
Raven Recorder	Eric Taylor	Lukas Strohmayer
Birthdays	Judy Skelton	Ajit Banerjee
Anniversaries	Jeff Ibbotson	Ken Goard
	Pixie Gray 19/3,	Des Henderson-Kelly 23/3, Annemarie Driver 24/3, Des Pain 25/3, Carlo Binutti 28/3
	Nil	Ajit and Anna Banerjee 23/3

Dates for your diary

- 28-29 March – District Assembly in Bowral
- Saturday 30 May – Our Club’s 40th Anniversary Event
- Sunday 14 June – District Changeover
- Sunday 27 September – Scenic Cycle Ride
- 23-25 October – District Conference in Cooma

TONIGHT

We welcome tonight
Exchangee Alastair Hare
after a year in Denmark.

March is Polio Eradication/Literacy Month

Last Week – District Governor Phil Mewett

The visit of the District Governor last week became a special partner's night and we were very pleased to welcome Helen Sahhar, Jill Cromer, Gerda Lambeck (partner of Jeff Ibbotson), Maureen Booth, and Jonathon Benyei (partner of Christine Bell).

DG Phil spoke with passion about several important themes he was pursuing during his year as outlined below:



(a) Rotary's international & national projects

Phil sadly noted that “over 30,000 children under 5 die each day from a preventable disease”. He noted that Rotary can and does reduce this tragic number via projects such as PolioPlus & other health projects, clean water, access to education, etc. He also spoke with passion about local projects such as funds for Victoria's bushfire victims, shelter boxes, & Kintore and the support that Rotary provided for these projects. He argued that, unlike in earlier years, Rotarians should actively publicise these projects.

(b) Membership

Phil argued that membership was critical if Rotary is to survive & grow and it was an activity we must all be involved in. Phil has as his target a 20% increase in new members during his year. He suggested activities such as a membership meeting titled “Women in Rotary” and ways to promote your Club in the local community.

(c) Youth

Another of his key aims, Phil stressed, was youth. He aimed to have 12 Interact Clubs set up and running during his year. He noted that it was an ambitious target. He gave several examples of what a successful Interact Club could achieve. He particularly stressed that Clubs should look to set up younger aged Interact Clubs (eg high school students) and University based Clubs such as exist at ANU.

(d) Rotary Foundation

Finally Phil encouraged members to financially support the Rotary Foundation as he does. Phil pointed out those donations over US\$1000 result in the member obtaining a Paul Harris pin (He noted that some Clubs in Australia disagree with this approach). He highlighted the introduction of a Paul Harris Society in our District to encourage donations of US\$1,000 (up to US\$10,000 for a “special pin”) to Rotary Foundation and a potential “Centurion” Society for US\$100 donations. Phil pointed out some of the more recent projects funded by the Foundation such as blood banks in Africa, financial & health support for orphans in Africa.

HIS CLOSING MESSAGE

Phil finished with a call for all Rotarians to reduce the “30,000 deaths of children under 5 per year” via our service activities.

Maureen Booth, one of the guests at our partners' night last week.



Club News

Income from Parking: Gary Scott informed members that the Club had reached its target of \$20,000 for the Kintore project from parking activities at Thoroughbred Park and related venues.

Rotary Western Desert Project, Kintore: President Shukry-marised the quotes he has received for windows (\$24,000), electrical (\$66,000) and Solar Hot Water installation (\$20,000) in the Blue house at Kintore. John Widdup noted that he had the outside shed, & fencing activities organized with the local people being trained to undertake this work. There is a working party planned for some part of the period 4 June to 28 June 2009. It is critical that interested members liaise with Shukry over the actual dates. It was noted that Tiger Air has cheap flights to Alice Springs.

Matching Grants: President Shukry noted that the Club's application for a matching grant with a Korean Club for the Kintore project had been rejected. The Club was encouraged to re-apply in 2010.

Expansion of membership: Members were encouraged to provide ASAP the names & addresses of potential new members to John Widdup for inclusion in a planned membership night at the end of May.

Bruce Drake Community Service Award: Bernadette Cappello called for nominations for this Award. Members were encouraged to identify people in Canberra who have been making a valuable contribution in the community. There are plenty out there – all you have to do is give their names to Bernadette and she will do the rest.

Police Checks: DG Phil Mewett drew attention to the increasing importance of all Rotary members getting police checks before the end of June. Rotary has a secure & confidential process in place.

Big Bike Ride: John Widdup thanked all those members who helped with the Big Bike Ride during the weekend of 7-8 March, 2009.

RAVEN REPORTER

Gary Scott

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Robin Cromer

Youth Exchangee Jessica McConnell

Our current exchangee reports from Switzerland:

Well I've been here a month and pretty much settled in. No homesickness yet luckily. My family are really great I have a younger sister and 2 cats.

We just finished the German Language course and I managed to get 80% correct. I start in the gymnasium in 2 weeks after the holidays. I'm in 2nd year and am doing German, English, Maths, Sports, History, Economics, Chemistry, Art, Physics, Biology and Choir.

I have made a couple of friends who go to my school but most of them are from Rotary. I can't wait for school as it gives us a chance to meet people and do something. We have been sledding a couple of times (it is awesome fun) and will be going skiing next weekend.

I'll try and find a photo for next time.

Thanks

Jess