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**Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra.
 Held annually in September.**



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. It is one of the biggest foundations in the world.

For every US\$1,000 contributed by a Rotarian, Rotary club or individual to the Foundation a person may be recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow. With a further contribution of US \$1,000 donors may also recognise a person already named as a Paul Harris

Fellow with a Sapphire upgrade.

The mission of the Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.



This year our club announced at its 40th anniversary dinner that three existing Paul Harris Fellows, Keith Avent, David Fox and Noel Hart would be recognised

in this manner.

Every amount contributed to The Rotary Foundation is spent in support of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs and their operations.

Congratulations to all three for your outstanding commitment to Rotary "Service above Self"!

40th Anniversary Dinner – attendance & apologies

Apologies: Margaret Atkin, Jonathan Benyei, Jacki Cauchi, Shirley Cleverly, Ian and Gay Cowen, Joan Crook, Edna Crowe, Nola Daley, Shirley Granger-Evans, Bruce Hall, Barry Howe, Colin and Carol Hughes, PDG John and Janet Lawrence, Frank Long, PDG Anne Louttit, Jim McCauley, Bruce McKinnon, Frank Macklin, Roy Miller, PDG Mick Newling, Faye Nicholas, Dell Paulus, Ron Russell, PDG Ian Sayers, John & Marcia Stiebel, Pete Tedder, and PDG Noel & Sue Trevaskis.

Other Guests: Helen Sahhar, Val Excell, Carolyn Newcombe, Jenny Fox, Rex & Dylis Hunt, Maureen Booth, Shirley Wright, Robin Hart, Nell Pain, Joan Keith, John Joslin, Bev Thomson, Olga Bennett, Kate Agyemang, Helen Henderson-Kelly, Joanne Binutti, Louise Ibbotson, Alan & Marj Ashley, Bert and Irene Thompson, Helen Harvie, Jon & Pat Cassell, Moira Clune, Pam Etheridge, Pixie Gray, Jill Cromer, Les & Liz Powell, Anna Banerjee, Noel & Pat Cleland, Don Whitbread and Katy Lees.

Visiting Rotarians: DG Phil Mewett & Denise, PDG Bob Greeney & Tory, PDG Len Goodman & Joyce, Mike Rodd (Nowra) & Helen, DGE Mike Pedler & Julia, Jim Grainger, and Tony Trumble.

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK - 3 June	NEXT WEEK – 10 June
Program	Mark Blume Charter of Bill of Rights	Alan Hall Another view on a Bill of Rights
Introduction	Peter Evans	Ian Excell
Appreciation	Ian Excell	Christine Bell
Fellowship	Gary Scott Jeff Ibbotson	Piers Booth Bish Mukerjee
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	Piers Booth
Birthdays	Nil	Phil Ibbotson 9 June, Jenny Fox 12 June
Anniversaries	Nil	John & Pixie Gray 13 June (Golden)

Dates for your diary

1 to 14 June – Club fund-raising at Libraries
 (see inside for details)

Sunday 14 June – District Changeover
 (see Club News for details)

5-12 September – Adventure in Citizenship

Saturday 19 September – Greenhills W. Bee

Sunday 27 Sept. – Rotary Spring Cycle Ride

23-25 October – District Conference in Cooma

Saturday 21 November – Greenhills W. Bee

26-28 February – Royal Canberra Show

TONIGHT

We welcome Mark Blume
 who will speak on a
"Charter of Bill of Rights"

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

40th Anniversary Dinner - Saturday 30 May 2009

The anniversary dinner was a grand affair at the Federal Golf Club. The tables had been beautifully decorated by, Jonathan Benyei, Pam Etheridge, Ros Osbourne and Judy Skelton. It was good to see Pam Etheridge, partner of 1973/74 Past President Brian Etheridge.



The attendance was 70 persons including many guests and visiting Rotarians. A number of our club's supporters paid us the courtesy of an apology. All attendances and apologies are listed on page 4 of this Raven. Amongst the guests were Bev Thomson and Olga Bennett both of whom had attended the club's Charter Meeting on 14 June 1969 – we thank them for the honour they paid us by their attendance.

Master of Ceremonies Ian Excell managed the dinner well and treated us to a continuing power point presentation of photos of club members held in the Club's photo

albums. President Shukry Sahhar was introduced and immediately off-loaded the first President's collar to Past President Jon Cassell on the grounds that it was too heavy for him.

President-elect Ros Osbourne proposed the toast to Rotary International which was responded to by DG Phil Mewett. Phil, who has been a Rotarian for 10 years drew particular attention to the power of The Rotary Foundation and the \$350 million contribution of Bill Gates to Rotary's polio program.

Four Past Presidents spoke on the club and its service over the past 40 years. The first, Jon Cassell, spoke of how he and partner Pat still enjoy the social interaction with the club even though Jon is not now a member. He congratulated the club for the increasing involvement of women in our club, and for the work it has been doing in the indigenous community both in Canberra and the Western Desert. He was particularly pleased to see that Irene Thompson has been recognised as an Honorary member.

Jim Grainger reflected on the achievements of the club from the early days of development of Woden. Using examples of the work of the club in its second decade, he emphasised the importance of encouraging others in the club to expand their horizons in club service and be enriched. "Let's continue to encourage" he said.

Ian Excell remembered particularly the support of the club's older members when he became President in 1998. He was also grateful for the support club members had given him during his recent long period in hospital. He was obviously relieved that his long standing term as keeper of the Trash and Treasure Roster had at last come to an end, mentioning that he had a success rate of about 5%! We salute you Ian for your forbearance.

David Fox spoke of the importance of change if our club is to survive – a not surprising theme given the changes that he had instituted during his recent second term of office.

The traditional cake-cutting followed after which David Fox, as Sergeant, extracted mon-



ey from those attending. He had some very good stories, the best of which centred on a husband's sale of his Encyclopaedia Britannica as "his wife knows everything".

President Shukry presented three Paul Harris Fellows with Sapphire upgrades as will be seen in this week's cover story. The meeting closed with the hope that the club will continue to "Make Dreams Real".

RAVEN REPORTER

John Gray

PHOTOGRAPHER

Robin Cromer

Club News

Sick Bay: We understand Eric Taylor commences chemotherapy this week for a six-month period – we wish him well and look forward to seeing him at meetings when he feels well enough. Judy Skelton is slowly recovering and Christine Bell missed the anniversary dinner through ill-health. We look forward to their return.

District Changeover: Go to the District Changeover this year to say thank you to our present District Governor, Phil Mewett for all his support to our club and to the district during the year. Welcome incoming District Governor, Mike Pedler and his team.

The Changeover will be held at a lunch on Sunday 14 June at 11.30am at Vikings, Erindale which is in Wanniasa. Cost is \$40pp and you can register on the District Website.

Fund-raising from parking: Last Friday Neale Emanuel, Piers Booth, John Gray, Des Henderson-Kelly and Noel Hart attended Thoroughbred Park and earned a further \$650 for the club. Congratulations fellows!

Group Study Exchange

Details of the GSE program for 2009/2010 have arrived. During this Rotary year the district will be hosting two GSE teams, one from Arizona arriving on 20 September and one from District 0052 in China arriving on 12 October. Clubs interested in hosting teams are asked to submit a proposal by 25 June which must include an outline of hosting arrangements and itineraries for the members of the team. The team from Arizona will have the vocation focus of tourism and the team from China is multi-vocational. Please consider this unique opportunity which we will discuss further tonight.

Nominations are also being accepted for Rotarians to lead the outgoing teams and these close on 10 July. Nominations for team members close on 31 July.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONSULT THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE OR CONTACT ROS OSBOURNE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Raising Club funds at libraries – can you volunteer?

Thank you to the eleven club members and partners who have volunteered to work on the Library Tagging Project in the next fortnight. A particular thanks to Alec Philip, Ros Osbourne, and John and Pixie Gray who are doing multiple shifts. If you can help in the week beginning 8 June please contact Ros Osbourne. Weekend shifts are available. There will be one more opportunity to assist later in the month at Tuggeranong.

The activity is simple and easy to pick up. All the work is conducted inside in a warm environment.

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE ADVISE ROS OSBOURNE ASAP