

Know your Fellow Member: Ken Goard



Sydney University was the starting point for my career graduating in Medicine following schooling at North Sydney Boys' High. Following residency at The Royal North Shore Hospital and marriage to fellow student Denise (1952) we ventured into the country to practice medicine in partnership in Molong, in the Central West of NSW for 7 years. Most satisfying as a medical and social experience..... Time for a change and with a growing family (two girls) we migrated to Melbourne where I specialized in Diagnostic Radiology at the Alfred Hospital. Then we saw the attractions of Canberra and joined the radiology group in 1964, an extensive practice from Bowral to Bombala, covering Canberra, Queanbeyan and Yass. To the Australian Membership and later Fellowship of the College of Radiology of Australasia was added that of the English College capped off with a Diploma in Ultrasound. The practice of radiology saw the introduction of a range of clever technology, an exciting time.In the five years prior to retirement in the 1990's as Chairman of the Medical Board of the A.C.T. and a member of the newly formed Australian Medical Council we saw change to the procedures of registration and assessment of medical and specialist qualifications impacted by the arrival of foreign-trained medicos.....Denise continued in general practice for many years and both retired over 15 years ago. Our elder daughter Jenny took up remedial teaching after gaining a science degree and later the teaching of bobbin lace in Canberra and interstate, The younger, Libby followed her parents and qualified in medicine which she continues to practice in Port Macquarie.Retirement has allowed the experiences of bushwalking (and there were high spots) and golf (a wayward time) to be given a go, but throughout much pleasure has come from reading, music, choir singing in association with the Uniting Church, model steam-engine construction and the design, manufacture of appliances for disabled people through membership of TADACT with the recent Award of Life Membership.Participation in Rotary, U3A lectures, and the retired men's group of Tiffins at Yarralumla Uniting Church has opened a wide spectrum of community interests. But there are many things which must be left out for want of time.

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Tonight:

Judith Orr

on

“Working with orphans and children with AIDS in Vietnam”

Judith is a trained nurse who has been a volunteer working in several Foundations providing hospital support and orphan care in Vietnam. She is currently back in Australia from a recent visit to Vietnam. She and John are hoping to set up a Foundation HOPE (Helping Other People's Efforts) .

Last Week:

The acting Sergeant Val Bland opened the meeting, and then introduced acting President Rex Hunt. Fifteen members of the club were present, plus the guest speaker, giving an attendance of only 46.67%.

During the earlier part of the meeting, between times of fellowship, the following items were reported.

1. Des Henderson-Kelly reported that Murray Crowe was a patient in hospital, and is requiring continuous oxygen. If a suitable portable supply can be arranged, it is to be hoped that Murray can return to his home.
2. Des Pain, the Raven editor, requested that members who had not already done so, supply him with biographies for inclusion in the weekly news letter. Maximum number of words to be 250.
3. Bruce Hall reported on the success of “driver reviver” at Bredbo. Fridays had usually been quiet, but in contrast Sundays were normally busy. The season finishes on the long weekend in October, when the club would be responsible

A Thought for the Week:

Everyone who has ever taken the shower has had an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off, and does something about it that makes a difference. *Nolan Bushnell*



SERVICE Above Self

	This week 21st Sept	Next Week 28th Sept
Chairman	Shukry Sahhar	John Widdup
Program	Judith Orr	Brydie Foran
	“Working with orphans in Vietnam”	“Reflections on RAIC”
Introduction	Robin Cromer	John Gray
Appreciation	Murray Crowe	David Fox
Sergeant	Val Bland	Val Bland
Fellowship	Tom Davies	Peter Evans
	Neale Emanuel	Keith Avent
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	Bruce Hall
Birthdays	Keith Avent 21st, Tom Davies 22nd, Ajit Banerjee 22nd, Neale Emanuel 23rd, Anna Banerjee 25 Sept.	Bob Harvie 2 Oct; Norma Sheldon 3 Oct; Nell Pain 4 Oct
Anniversaries	Ray and Carolyn Newcombe 23 Sep	
Trash &	26th Sept Des Pain-John Gray	09 Oct John Widdup-Peter Evans
Treasure	02 Oct Noel Hart-Ros Osbourne	16 Oct Neale Emanuel-Ajit Banerjee

for staffing the hall. On the Monday of the weekend, Bruce and Rex Hunt would take down the club's trailer in order to bring back to Canberra the equipment and surplus supplies.

4. Gary Scott, in the absence of Robin Cromer, encourages members to distribute the posters for the bike ride, asking shop owners to stick them up in their windows.

The guest speaker for the evening was Professor Warwick Blood from the Department of Communications at the University of Canberra. His topic was suicide, mental health and the media. He started by showing a short TV news clip, which demonstrated the insensitive and/or sensational way mental illness is often portrayed by the news media. He then reminded us that suicide was responsible for more deaths each year than road deaths, and needed to be taken seriously. Unfortunately this is not always the case with the media, who on occasions highlight the comic or bizarre features of the condition, instead of emphasizing the need for sympathy and the place of proper management of the condition.

Unfortunately the poor journalism that lacks objectivity has resulted in many unfortunate and alarmist misconceptions by the general public. These include a fear of violence, and bizarre activities being linked to mental illness. Another result of poor reporting has resulted in copy-cat suicide attempts. *With thanks to Recorder Piers Booth.*

Some Trivia from the meeting..... Acting President Rex wore his flamboyant St Kilda tie in his hopes for a semi-final victory over the Swans. Eric Taylor put his hand up too, but in the event, on Saturday, the Sydney Swans were too good, leaving the State of Birth of the game languishing on the sidelines!

The Editor reported that President John Widdup must be enjoying his bike ride so much that he has left his email postbox so full of overflowing that there was, sadly, no room for *The Raven!*

Extracts from Trevaskis Times.....

Role of Club Sergeants-at-Arms.

Four or five years ago the (then) Rotary International Director for our Zone circulated the results of a survey conducted on why Rotarians resign. One of the reasons, not the highest but certainly significant was "aggressive or abusive sergeants. It was about the time I was Governor-elect so the District Trainer and I decided to include a session for incoming club sergeants-at-arms at the forthcoming Assembly.

One of the reasons I did this was that contrary to popular belief amongst most Rotarians, sergeants fine sessions are a very small, near insignificant part of the role. If you have a look at the Manual of Procedure you'll see very little on this club officer's role. Basically it says. "...shall be such as are usually prescribed for such office and such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the Board" (Club Bylaws Article 3 Section 5). Not much at all and certainly nothing about fines sessions. Rotary International used to produce notes on the role of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Let me quote the opening paragraph from those notes. The function of the sergeant-at-arms is to help maintain an orderly, dignified, and effective Rotary club meeting, one that will make the right kind of impression on club visitors and guests. You should be constantly on the alert to prevent an occurrence that might detract from the dignity and prestige associated with Rotary clubs.

OK! It may seem a little over the top but irrespective of what you and I might think there is one part that, to me is really significant and important '...one that will make the right kind of impression on club visitors and guests.' As far as the fines session is concerned, later in the notes there is one reference, and it relates to late arrivals at meetings - "Some clubs impose fines tardiness ..." that's the only reference to fines.

Think, for a moment, what visitors and/or guests might think when the sergeant launches a personal and unpleasant attack on a member. Don't say this doesn't happen. It does and you, in fact; we all have experienced it. In recent times nearly every Governor in District 9710 has included, as part of his or her goals the words "enjoy Rotary", or '...having fun-" That doesn't mean at someone else's expense.

.....*Jan Sayers - District Trainer.*

BEYOND 2000.

The majority of Clubs are getting involved in BEYOND 2000 and finding new members which is great to see. Will we achieve our District goal of a net minimum gain of 15%? I believe we will and we can surpass that target if we all remain focused on what our objective is. This is the only way that Rotary can survive into the future, through gaining new members. It can be frustrating when we don't get the results that we would like from our mailings to potential new members, however we must keep to the task.

A member of one Club said to me a few weeks ago that when he joined Rotary over twenty years ago he was the youngest member in the Club. The sad thing is he is still the youngest member in the Club. A lot of members think that new members just happen, they don't realise that it takes work and commitment. It is also the responsibility of all members to find more members and to help keep them in our Clubs.

Our goal of 15% net gain can happen and our District goal of over 2000 members can happen if all members become involved in finding new members. Gerringong Sunrise at a recent community event were seen to be having such a great time that ten people from the community asked them about joining Rotary because it looked like they were having so much fun! Let's not keep our enjoyment of Rotary a secret but let's share it with others so that they to can share it with others.

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