

Know your Fellow Member: Rex Hunt



Rex is the Minister in Placement at The Uniting Church of St James, Curtin, and has been since April 2000 (when he joined Canberra-Woden), having served in parish settings in Victoria, Tasmania and NSW before coming to the ACT. In a previous life he was also the Director of Communications with the National Assembly of the Uniting Church (1986-95), and has done a short stint as Acting Director of the School of Continuing Education at the church's Centre for Ministry in North Parramatta, NSW. He has also served as editor of 'Ministry: A Journal of Continuing Education' (a Uniting Church professional development magazine) for 10 years. I was born in 1944 in Horsham (Vic) to an Irish father (with English and Italian parents) and an Australian mother. After attending Horsham High, I worked in the Bank of New South Wales (Horsham, Warracknabeal, Warrnambool) for four years before going to Melbourne University and then on the Theological College. In January 1968, Dylis and I were married and we have two adult children: Brendan (1971) and Rowena (1974). In February 1972, I was ordained in the then Presbyterian Church of Victoria, joining the Uniting Church in Australia at union in 1977. As part of post graduate studies I have gained a Graduate Diploma in Communication Management and Master of Science (Honours) in Social Ecology/Communication. In 1972, I joined the Rotary Club of Wendouree and then after moving house several times, Apex - (Creswick, Ballarat, Colac) from 1976-83. During my time in Apex, I was a member of the National Board, (Editor, 'The Apexian', 1977-82) and District Governor (Zone 1 District 3) 1978-79. During ministry in Hobart (Tas) between 1995-97, I was at Scots Church/Royal Hobart Hospital. As Senior Chaplain (Uniting Church) I was fully involved in the care of families and victims following the Port Arthur massacre in 1996. Following some specialist study in USA, I established The Network of Biblical Storytellers Australia (1990), and am Founding Director, and Chair of the Management Team, The Centre for Progressive Religious Thought, Canberra (2002). In 2004 I was made a Paul Harris Fellow by this club - The Rotary Club of Canberra-Woden. A progressive theologian, life has seldom been dull! And I live in hope that St Kilda will win another AFL Premiership before I die."

Roster:

| | This week 5th October | Next Week FRIDAY 14th October |
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| Program | Justin Liang Ambassadorial Scholar | David Taylor Retailing in the Rag Trade |
| Introduction | Keith Avent | Piers Booth |
| Appreciation | Bruce Wyatt | Robin Cromer |
| Sergeant | David Fox | David Fox |
| Fellowship | Pamela Best Carlo Binutti | Shukry Sahhar Ros Osbourne |
| Raven Recorder | John Gray | Neale Emanuel |
| Birthdays | Helen Henderson-Kelly 10th | John Joslin 18th Oct |
| Anniversaries | Ken and Denise Goard 11th | |
| Trash & Treasure | 09 Oct John Widdup-Peter Evans 16 Oct Neale Emanuel-Ajit Banerjee | 23 Oct Tom Davies-Bruce Hall 30 Oct Carlo Binutti-Pamela Best |

The Raven

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Tonight:

Justin Liang

on

"Experiences as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and some history and culture about my home state of Hawai'i"



Justin Liang has spent the past few years deeply engaged in issues of the Asia-Pacific region. Justin holds a Bachelors degree in East Asian Studies from Princeton University and a certificate in Asia-Pacific Studies from the East-West Center (University of Hawai'i-Manoa). He is a Rotary

Ambassadorial Scholar to District 9710 being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset (District 5000), being hosted by the Rotary Club of Canberra East, and reading for a Masters degree in International Affairs at the Australian National University.

Last Week:

President, John Widdup, opened the meeting with a short update on his recent bike trip to Uluru including the variable weather conditions encountered, the many flat tyres and the joys of camping.

- Club members Tom Davies and Peter Evans advised the Club of their reasons for recent absences from the club, with Tom advising his lecturing duties at the NSW University at ADFA on IT matters and attending to family matters after the recent death of his father and Peter and Shirley undertaking a 360 odd photo holiday to Canadian Rockies and Alaska noting the trials and tribulations of baggage requirements of the USA, along with some of the difficulties of travel with a incapacitated partner.

A Thought for the Week:

Any person capable of angering you becomes your master; he can anger you only when you permit yourself to be disturbed by him. *Epictetus (55-135AD) Roman Philosopher.*



SERVICE Above Self

- The President reminded all club members of the ongoing need to distribute leaflets for publicising the October Cycle Tour. The club was also advised that promotional material was now available to members to attract suitable new members into the club.
- The President thanked all involved club members for their efforts in this years RAIC program. They included: Bruce Wyatt, Bruce Hall, Gary Scott, Noel Hart, Pamela best, Neale Emanuel, Shukry Sahhar, John Gray, Piers Booth, Carlo Binutti, Val Bland, Joan Keith, Phil Ibbotson, and Ros Osbourne.
- There will be a combined meeting on the 14 October 2005 at the Embassy Motel for the club with the upcoming Inner Wheel Conference. All names to Ros Osbourne for the night, who is also finalising all details for the meeting.
- Bruce Hall reported the final commitment by the club for Driver Reviver was for the October long weekend. He also presented a certificate of appreciation from Marymead to the Club.
- Piers Booth reported on the progress for upcoming trip for the Children of the Golden Triangle, with all progressing well. He had received an additional six interested. He requested the donation of a portable electric keyboard for the Project.
- ***Bruce Wyatt also advised that the Embassy Motel will be taking a hard line as to the charging for meals below and above the number as advised to them by the attendance officer. Absentees not advising prior to the meeting in future may be up for the cost of a meal!***

Guest Speaker. Gary Scott formally introduced Brydie Foran, a year 11 student from Merici College who among other things is an outstanding student and up and coming female rower of note. She will speak on her reflections on attending this years RAIC and on her work experience trip to central Australia with local aborigines.

Brydie thanked the club for their sponsorship of her in attending RAIC, where she said that because of her being a local she became an ambassador to the out of town delegates. She particularly commented on the experiences of delegates who had attended from locations other than Canberra and their way of life. Brydie found the workings of Parliament, her involvement in debating the Bills and the other issues of Parliament, the most rewarding. She advised that many of the delegates since leaving Canberra have kept in touch through the various electronic mediums.

The second part of Brydie's talk was in relation to a recent work experience trip undertaken to central Australia for work in health programmes for local aborigines, in particular the dental health of aborigine children. She was able to undertake the trip with a family friend, a dentist, and a number of other health workers from both within Australia and from overseas.

While commenting on the lack of local facilities and opportunities within the

aborigine communities she found the aborigine children were the happiest and most carefree children she had experienced. An insight was given into many of the personal aspects of the trip along with local customs of the people, including the photographing of community elders. Brydie said the experience was an enriching one and that she would like to continue similar work in Australia and other nearby underdeveloped countries.

With thanks to recorder, Bruce Hall

As mentioned earlier, Piers is keen to get his team of willing workers in the air to help the Children of the Golden Triangle project. He pointed me in the direction of the web site which proudly announces the following....."HEY something exciting is happening, Akha children are building their own school. Is there any one willing to help them? Their little hearts will overflow with thanks and appreciation if any man or woman from any country will stand along side them with encouragement, help and/or donations." Have a look at the site www.childrengoldentriangle.org or email for more info <davidasa@mac.com>



Notes for the Diary: *Next Week's Meeting is
Friday 14th - NOT Wednesday 12th
District Conference- 21st to 23rd October
Canberra Cycle Tour- Sun 30th October*
ARHRF's Centennial Dinner -- Friday 18 November
2005, at the Hellenic Club, Woden*

Attendance Matters: 22 members - 70.0%. Club Guests Brydie Foran and Mun Ng (Shukry), Make ups: Jim Grainger-Palm Beach, Bob Harvie-Pt Augusta, Tom Davies-Canberra and Peter Evans-Diamond Princess, Alaska.

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