

Know your Fellow Member: Frank Macklin



I was born in Chinchilla in Queensland in 1921 and as my father was a banker we were constantly on the move. In 1938 I commenced work in the Bank of NSW at Gunnedah. After several moves, I met and married Dorothy in Urana in 1951. We have two children, David is a Corporate Business Manager with Optus in Sydney. He has two children. Our daughter Julie lives in Narabundah and works for the John Curtin School of Medical Research as a photographer. After a few more moves I finished up at Jamieson Branch where I retired in 1982 after 44 years service. I enjoyed my banking career.

In 1941 I was called up into the Army and served my time in two Engineering Units. My overseas experience included Port Moresby, Morotai and Labuan.

I was invited to join Rotary in 1969 whilst in Dorrigo and have also been a member of Crookwell Club. I joined Canberra-Woden in 1977 but due to sickness I had to resign in 2004. However, the Club then made me an Honorary Member. Another honour the Club bestowed on me during my membership was the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow which I was proud to accept..

My sporting interests have included tennis, golf and bowls. My hobby is Amateur Radio with the call sign VK1ZL.

As can be seen I have been on the move all my life and Dorothy and I have enjoyed seeing new places and making new friends. Altogether I have lived or worked in at least 22 towns spread from Cobargo in the south to Brisbane in the north and from Urana to Collarenebri in the west.

Roster:

	This Week 19th Oct	Next Week 26th Oct
Program	DGE Bernie Rodgers and Cathy Bandle "Membership and Beyond"	Emma Barton
Introduction	Phil Ibbotson	Bruce Hall
Appreciation	Robin Cromer	Peter Evans
Sergeant	Shukry Sahhar	David Fox
Fellowship	Neale Emanuel	Bob Harvie
	Des Pain	Des Henderson-Kelly
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	Keith Avent
Birthdays	Robin Hart 22 Oct, David Fox 23 Oct	Shukry Sahhar 28 Oct
Anniversaries	Nil	Piers and Maureen Booth 26 Oct
Trash &	23 Oct Tom Davies-Bruce Hall	30 Oct Carlo Binutti-Pamela Best
Treasure	6 Nov David Fox-Eric Taylor	13 Nov Piers Booth-Peter Evans

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Tonight:

District Governor Elect Bernie Rodgers,
and Cathy Bandle

on

Membership and Beyond 2000

Last Week:

It was a great night of happiness and fellowship as our Club shared our Rotary meeting with 50+ Inner Wheelers and their partners from all over Australia. President John started the meeting with a warm greeting to our visitors and then asked them to introduce themselves. It was great to discover the location and past and present appointments of all our visitors. Inner Wheel Conference Coordinator, Maureen Booth thanked the Woden Rotary Club for hosting the evening and all the helpers from the Club that had provided support during the Conference.

A Thought for the Week:

In every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong; honour that; try to huge imitate it, and your faults will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes. John Ruskin (1819-1900) English Art Critic



SERVICE Above Self

After a very funny fine session by acting Sergeant Peter Evens the guest speaker David Taylor presented a most interesting talk on Fashion Retail. It was an excellent topic given the large number of women in the audience. David outlined the following key items as essential in running a successful retail business associated with the fashion industry:

- Good saleable items
- Good customer service
- Target the customer's needs
- Set a budget when buying stock
- Good stock variety
- Fair prices
- Good staff (set staff selling goals)
- Good customer network
- Contact customers direct when new items arrive in the store
- Follow the fashion trends carefully (as buying 6 months ahead)
- Photograph all stock ordered
- Keep full computer based customer records (eg styles they like, date & time of sale, method of payment, etc.)

David also noted that:

- Increasingly fashion items are being made overseas
- Skirts (in all styles) are IN and suits are OUT for next year
- Navy colour clothes are OUT (cannot even buy them)
- The fashion retail business is struggling due to OH&S, fees & taxes, rents, long hours, GST, staff, etc.
- Many businesses close down each year
- Variation in "sizes" is a major problem
- He sells off "old stock" by continuously reducing the price
- Fashions in Oz are set by the previous year's overseas successes

Piers Booth gave an excellent vote of thanks and it was obvious from the applause that everyone had enjoyed the talk and the evening, particularly the Inner Wheel visitors.

Rotary Club Of Dili, Timor Leste

The story of how the Rotary Club of Dili came into being, crosses the whole gamut of Human experiences: - Warfare, International Intrigue, Diplomacy, Human Suffering, but above all Rotary International's definition "of an organization of business and professional leaders united Worldwide who provide humanitarian service". All of the above played a significant part in welcoming Timor Leste (East Timor) into the Rotary Family.

My first endeavor to introduce Rotary into Timor Leste occurred at the International Assembly, Anaheim, California, February 2000. This was conveyed to the then President of RI Carlo Ravizza by our Zone Director. I was told in no uncertain terms not to "touch it with a 10 foot pole" as Rotary had plans for further introduction into Moslem Countries, and they didn't want a mere District Governor upsetting the applecart.

Further correspondence from the "South West Service Centre" gave further proof that the issue of Timor Leste, was of an extremely sensitive nature and, that seeing this Country was still within District 3400, Indonesia, it was inappropriate for Rotarians from another District, to be attempting to form a Club in another's Territory.

Being someone who believed in doing things rather than be told why they couldn't be done, numerous discussions with the Wibowa Kusamadi District Governor of 3400, Indonesia 2000-2001, resulted in a letter dated 10th July 2000, stating that he approved of my idea to establish a new Rotary Club in Dili, and such Club be assigned to District 9550, Australia.

After completion of visits to Rotary Clubs in the Darwin Area, I flew to East Timor accompanied by Three (3) Rotarians from Darwin. On the evening 30th July 2000, I addressed a Meeting of approximately 20 People, comprising Business, Medical, Aid Service Personnel and Interested Local leaders. After explaining the Goals and Ideals of Rotary International, I then proceeded to outline what Rotary could do to help alleviate the suffering that had occurred in Timor Leste and the benefits that would accrue from joining this International Family. The response was favourable and immediate. An interest Rotary Club would be formed with the goal of coordinating incoming aid, with the long-term goal being to provide a Service Club for Timorese run by Timorese.

Next followed the problem of how to bring this to fruition. The simplest solution would be to enact a change of boundaries, Re-districting being in vogue during this period, but not favoured by RI at the time. What followed was to some extent, a combination of both treating it as an extension into a non Rotary Country and at the same time gaining permission from D3400 to allow a new Club to be created within their District.

Over the next nine months there followed numerous discussions and reams of correspondence with my counterpart in Indonesia, Wibowa Kusamadi, RI Director Kenneth Collins, The Board of Rotary International, Secretary of RI Edwin H. Futa, The Rotary Club of Darwin, My Extension Representative, Ray Fauntleroy, The Honourable Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer and the Transitional Administrator of United Nations Transitional Authority East Timor.

by Past District Governor 9550 - Frank Darveniza 2000-2001 (to be continued)

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