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The back page

GARY SCOTT'S LAWS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

Physical surfaces: The chances of an open-faced Vegemite sandwich landing face down on a floor covering directly correlates to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

The Doctor: If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you will feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

Bath: When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Close encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Theatre: At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

Last week's attendance

Guest Speaker: Bob Buckley
Other guests: Lynette McNeill, Lukas Strohmayer, Helen Harvie, Maureen Booth, Jenny Fox, Helen Sahhar, Jillian Greig,, and Ross, Steph & Lyndell McConnell
Makeups: 2
Members present: 25
Percentage: 75.71

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

Program	THIS WEEK - 13 August	NEXT WEEK - Wed 20 August
Introduction	John Welsh	TBA
Appreciation	Solving crime through forensics	TBA
Fellowship	Carlo Binutti	Jeff Ibbotson
	Des Henderson-Kelly	Bish Mukerjee
	Eric Taylor	Lucas Strohmayer
	Juliet Badu-Tiwaa	Ajit Bannerjee
Raven Recorder	John Gray	Ken Goard
Birthdays	Julia Widdup 13 August	Piers Booth 19 August
Anniversaries	Peter & Shirley Evans 14 August	Phil & Louise Ibbotson 20 August

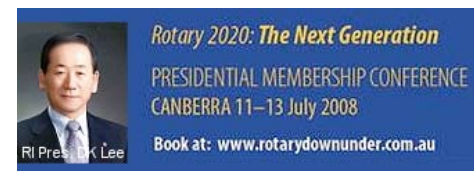


MEMBERSHIP ON THE MOVE

The latest issue of the *Membership on the Move* newsletter provides up to date information on the recent Presidential Membership Conference held in Canberra, attended by 500 Rotarians. Members will recall that PP Piers Booth presented to our club a report on his attendance at the conference.

be made to Districts in the very near future. They are also working on suggestions which may require submissions to the Council on Legislation 2010. They will liaise and cooperate with District delegates to the Council to ensure that these submissions are given the best possible chance of achieving a positive result.

All Australian Districts were represented, plus international visitors from U.S.A., Philippines, New Zealand, and the Solomon Islands.



On the final morning the three Regional Coordinators presented a summary of the ideas and recommendations from the discussion groups. Following this, a resolution was passed unanimously, for the suggestions to be formed into a plan for action.

The new Australian Rotary Membership web site has been launched. This will carry most of the Conference presentations and lots of other membership resources. The address is: <http://www.membership.rotary.org.au>. You can access the zone newsletters *Membership on the Move* at this site.

The Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinators (RRIMC) have started work on this, and hope a report will

Members are encouraged to keep in touch with this significant issue and to give further thought to proposing new members. Talk with John Widdup for further advice.

Dates for your diary

- Tonight** – Board meeting
- Tuesday 19 August** – Joint meeting with Canberra City Rotary Club. Details later.
- 12 September** – Autism fund-raising dinner
- 21 September** – Rotary Canberra Scenic Cycle Tour
- 31 August to 6 September** – Rotary Adventure in Citizenship.
- 17 to 19 October** – Parking at Oktoberfest

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

We extend a warm welcome to **Mr John Welsh of Forensics Australia Pty Ltd, who will speak on "Solving crime through forensics"**.

Last week's speaker

The guest speaker, Mr. Bob Buckley, who was introduced by Des Henderson-Kelly, is a long time member and Convenor of Autism Aspergers Australia, the subject of his talk.

The Association is seeking to build a Centre of Excellence consisting of long term accommodation for sufferers of Autism and associated conditions where they can access a range of appropriated support staff and facilities. Bob is heavily involved in preparing submissions for funding from the Federal and ACT Governments. At present the Association receives nothing from the ACT Government.

Bob stated that it is estimated that up to 1% of students leaving school have Au-



tism. He further noted that few of these students go on to full time employment as while many have high IQs they have few of the work related skills.

Many Autism sufferers have high anxiety, challenging behavior and have difficulty fitting into a school environment. As a result many parents need to fund a range of teaching & support staff to work with their child.

To help raise much needed funds the Autism Association is running a fund raising dinner on 12 September, 2008. Rotarians who would like to attend this function should contact Phil and Louise Ibbotson for further details.

Club News

Ian Excell: Ian reports that he is on the improve and he may be back at Rotary next week. We look forward to welcoming you back – take care on the steps at the Embassy.

Phil Ibbotson: Phil has been making good progress in John James and was scheduled to come home on Monday 11 August. When John Gray saw him last Friday he was chatting up a group of admiring female patients.

Rotary Model United Nations Association (MUNA): Gary Scott reported that our club has sponsored a team from Marist College, Canberra, to present the Papua New Guinea (PNG) case at MUNA. The team consists of Edward McGinnes, Michael Tolhurst and Alex Madeira with the College support person being Ms Liz McGinnes. MUNA runs from 24 to 26 August and it aims to build bridges of goodwill for world peace and understanding in the minds of your youth.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF): Gary also reported on this program which is designed for students who are about to enter Year 12 and who wish to follow careers in Science. The students attend for two weeks in January 2009 during which they are introduced to research & researchers at the Australian National University. Of our two nominees Zaiga Thomann was successful but regrettably Kate Mitchell was unsuccessful.

Battle of Britain: Peter Evans reported that Air Vice Marshall Desmond Hall was seeking funds to reactivate a commemoration of the Battle of Britain in recognition of airman who lost their lives. The Club members agreed to a donation of \$100 - \$200.

Group Study Exchange (GSE): District 9710 is seeking expressions of interest for "Leader" for the 2009 Group Study Exchange to France/Greece, 25 – 23 May, as well as Team Members. The latter must be in their 20s and have a professional interest in the theme & countries involved in the GSE program during 2009.

Kirsty Sword Gusmao

The Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise has issued an invitation to attend their Club's breakfast meeting on Wednesday 10 September, when Kirsty Sword Gusmao (East Timor) will be their Guest Speaker. At the High Court Cafe, 7.15am for 7.30am @ \$18 for hot brekkie (includes raffle). Contact the Club via your district directory if you plan on attending.

RAVEN REPORTER

Gary Scott

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Robin Cromer

Training for leadership in Rotary

President Shukry has been advised that a new program is planned where current and future Rotary leaders in District 9710 can learn to become more effective in their leadership roles. He has been asked for nominations.

This program has been specifically developed to train individuals whose goals include a future leadership position in their Club or District. They will learn skills that will make them more effective in that role.

The instruction has been carefully designed to improve individual leadership

skills that are broad based and not just Rotary - specific. Participants have found substantial value in the many practical applications of information presented throughout the curriculum. The program's blend of curricular theory and practical application skills helps prepare students for success in any leadership role.

The PRLS flyer illustrated describes the course. Despite the fact that it describes the US course the content will be the same.

Arrangements have been made to conduct this first session of PRLS on the 27 and 28 September.

A venue is yet to be arranged and will depend on numbers, but it will be in Canberra. The cost will be around \$20 per head.

Please speak to President Shukry if you wish to be nominated.

PRLS
Ensuring EFFECTIVE leadership
for the Rotary Clubs in District
5240.

Background
In 1993, successive District Governors noted an increasing unwillingness among Rotarians in District 5240 to seek Club and District leadership positions. An informal survey revealed that there had been a large decrease in those Rotarians who had received basic leadership instruction and were therefore reluctant to take on these roles. It was also determined that training in basic leadership skills was not available in most of the communities in the District. These PRLS sessions were designed and evolved from that time to specifically address this need.

The Instructors
Most of the instructors are former teachers or trainers in the areas they present. Their outstanding professional and Rotary leadership backgrounds as well as subject matter expertise has uniquely qualified them for the challenge of motivating participants to pursue and excel in any leadership position. Please check the Website for their biographies.

The Sessions
All PRLS classes are presented three times in each Rotary year, in widely separated locations within the District. The schedule is published in the District Calendar and along with the registration form is available as a download on the PRLS Website:
<http://www.PRLS.org>

CURRICULUM
Basic PRLS
The Basic PRLS program consists of six hours of classroom lectures in one day split among five modules:

Basic Leadership Principles
Leading a Meeting
Rotary, Your Club and You!
Communications
Basic Public Speaking

These lectures broadly cover the desired skills our leaders should have to effectively plan, organize, manage, promote, present orally, and lead in a Rotary Club or Committee setting.



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THE OBJECT OF PRLS

To provide an environment for current and potential Rotary leaders to learn how to be more effective as individuals on a daily basis.

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