

Rotary International Convention 2014

Sydney Australia



This was how we got to Australia



From the airport to the Rotary International Convention Marlene and I tried to save the club some travel expenses by taking the most efficient mode of transportation.



Registration was a breeze!! We had to show our passports. No problem getting voting credentials.

Sydney Olympic Park Was Where The RI Convention Was Held





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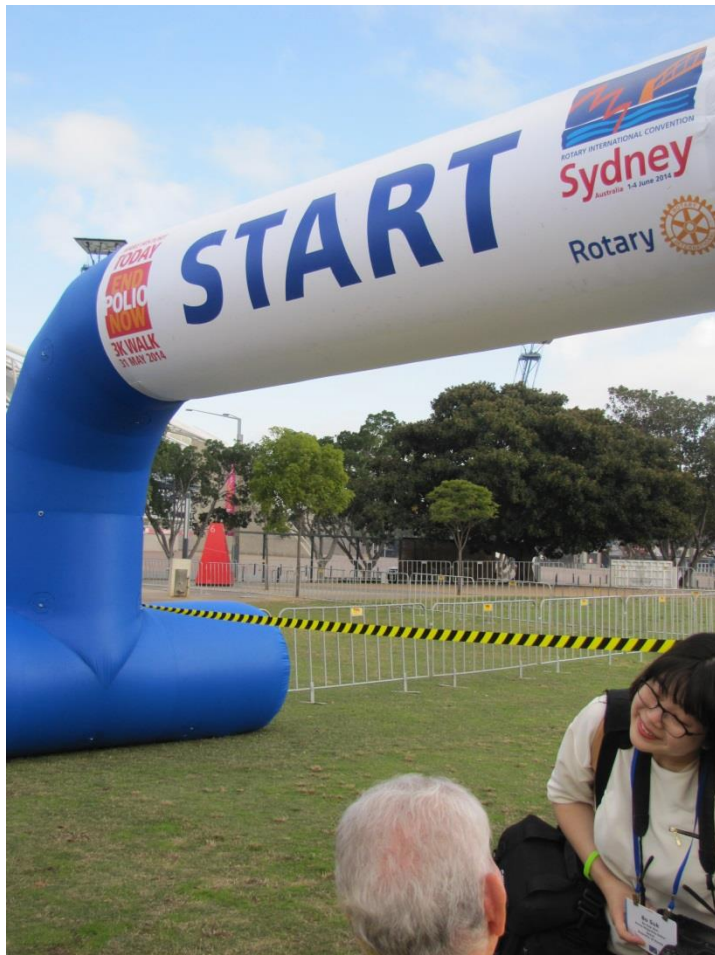
Next: I had to get
ready for the 3K
walk for Polio Plus



What a great experience the 3k walk was!!



I met people from all over the world
on the 3k walk



And I have a certificate to prove I
finished the 3 K walk for ending polio
now!!



Next the house of friendship



The House of Friendship is a meeting place...everything you would want to know about Rotary.



Above, left, Interactors

At the House of Friendship you meet people from around the world!!



Rotarians of Distinction

Outgoing RI President Ron Burton

Incoming RI President Gary Huang



Presentation of the Flags

Here comes Canada

**The Young man who carried
Canada's Flag**



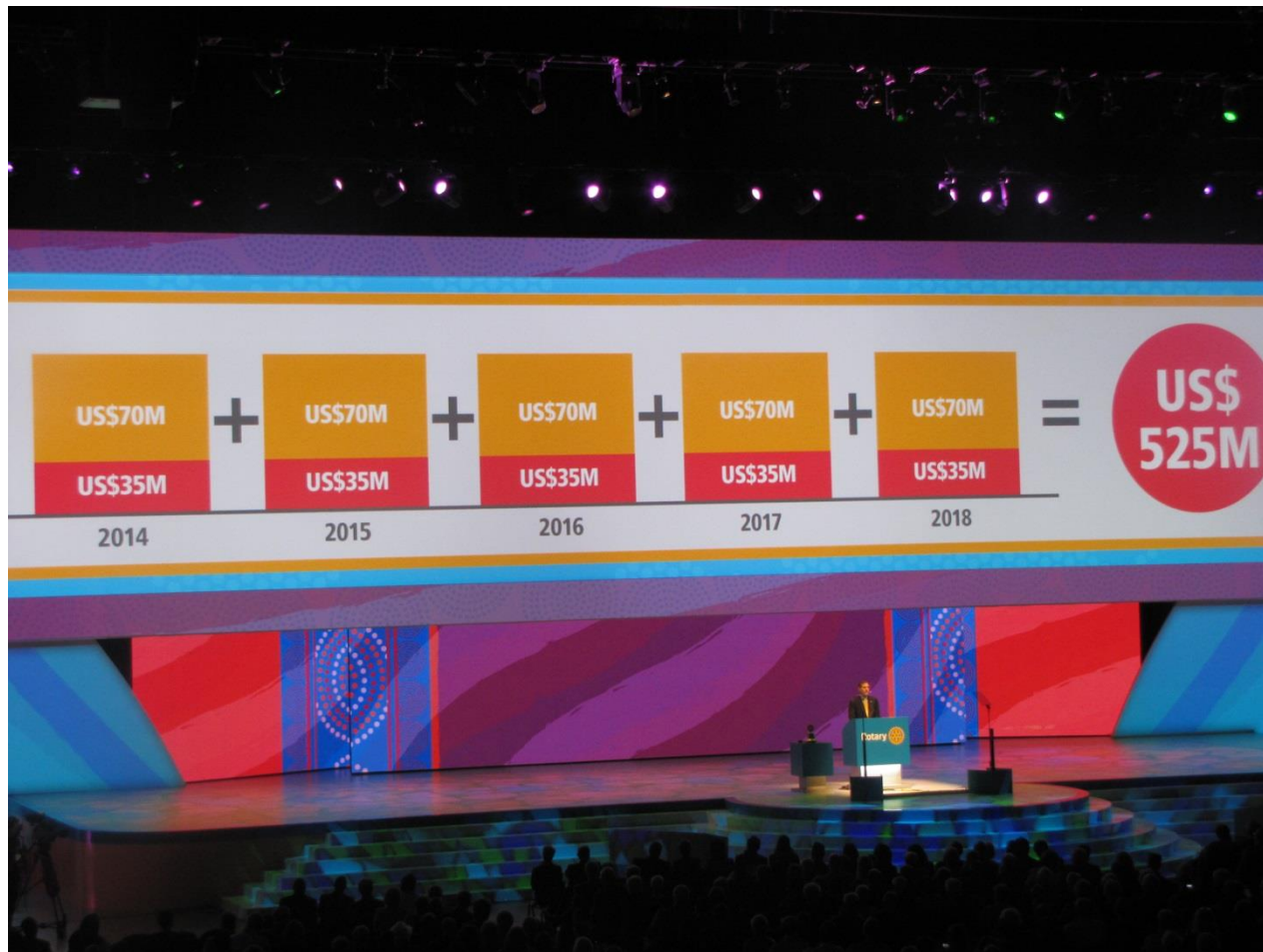
What Did I Get Out of The RI 2014 Convention

1. Insight into what makes Rotary so unique – Rotary is changing lives!!
2. Resources to help make 2014-15 a successful Rotary year; KSA – Knowledge, Skills and an open minded attitude by attending all plenary and break open sessions including the incoming presidents' workshop.
3. A network of Rotarian contacts to fall back on.
4. Ideas for meaningful luncheon programs.
5. An impression that if Rotary is to grow at the international, district and local levels **we must think outside the box**. The world has continued to change from year to year and unless we adapt, our club will stagnate.
6. Membership: RI is taking Rotary into the 21st century that comes with the advent of e-clubs, satellite clubs, associate and corporate membership.
7. There was a lot of focus on youth. The growth of Interacts and Rotaracts that will feed Rotary.
8. Administrative changes such as a one page simplified billing invoice from RI.
9. Fellowship and fun ... Marlene and I had a lot of fun at the RI convention.
10. 2018 RI convention is in Toronto.
11. Marlene commits to joining Rotary.

Rotary Faces Two Major Challenges

Moving Forward

Eradicating Polio by 2018



Membership

From 1.2 million to 1.3 million

