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# **50 Years of Service 1974—2024**

**This booklet reflects the period of service, 2014—2024**







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## Welcome



50 years is an amazing achievement for any service club, and it is certainly an honour to be President in this milestone year. With this year's theme "Create hope in the world" I believe our club is striving to make a difference in our community, working to raise funds for homelessness and mental health. Our continued work with overseas water projects delivers hope in a tangible way as does our cluster project with Interplast. A new Interact club at Balcombe Grammar will certainly provide hope for a new generation of community service.

We have been building relationships in many areas, but the Container Deposit Scheme must be one of the great highlights of the year, launched in November 2023, engaging with other organisations and businesses to deliver great outcomes for the environment and raising funds for our many local projects.

I wish to thank every member over the past fifty years for their contribution and their partners and families for their support and understanding of those who believe in Service Above self. There are many champions who go above and beyond, who make a difference, who lead by example. We all have a role in making the world a better place, I am so grateful to be part of such an amazing team. The Rotary Club of Mount Martha is alive and well, with goals and vision and we look forward to a bright future.

President Anne Shaw

## Foreword

### **Celebrating Fifty Years of Service 1974 – 2024**

The following pages reflect on the history of our Club for the period of service 2014 – 2024, details our beginnings, summarises our achievements and looks back on what we have contributed to our society and see how we have enjoyed ourselves as we now look forward to the next journey.

We cannot, however, forget the beginnings of Rotary with Paul Harris in 1905 and the spread of goodwill and service that Rotary International has delivered across the world since then. With 37,123 Clubs in 221 Countries and 1,186,961 Rotarians across the world all dedicated to a cause of Service Above Self. The vision of The Rotary Club of Mornington to expand Rotary guided by the DG's Special Rep. PP Bill McKenzie saw on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 1974 the first meeting of the Interim Rotary Club of Mornington South – Mt Martha with the official Charter granted on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1974.

The Rotary Club of Mt Martha today gives thanks those twenty-six Charter Members led by President Barry Taylor for our club which now celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. From those first days our Club has strongly supported its community of Mt Martha and its surrounds, fiscally, physically, or morally. Many organisations from day one still receive our support. We thank them for their continued support.

Through their various vocations our members have endeavoured to set examples of behaviour that uphold the Rotary Ideals and support our local business houses. Internationally we have keenly supported the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International on many projects. This year the club was recognised as a Major Donor to the Foundation in achieving US\$160,000 in donations. Now a focus on environmental awareness is a new aspect to our Rotary service.

Past President Roger Annear

## Presentation of Charter

### The Rotary Club of Mornington South – Mount Martha – July 1974

Report on our Club Charter Night, 12th July, at Whelan's Dava Hotel

It was our most auspicious night! About 220 were in attendance, with the top brass in local Rotary International officers present: District Governor Don Pittard & Shirley, PDG Lin Patison & Meg, PDG George Allsop & Val, PDG Keith Norman & Gwen, DG Nominee Arthur Pullen & Phyl, PDG Royce Abbey & Jean of District 280; and Club guests Cr. Graeme Otte & Mrs. Otte (who deputised for the Shire President & Mrs. Gibson), and the Rev. Dr. A. Watson. Among the apologies were those of PDG John Emerton and PP Arthur Care, our single club absentee detained in N.Z.

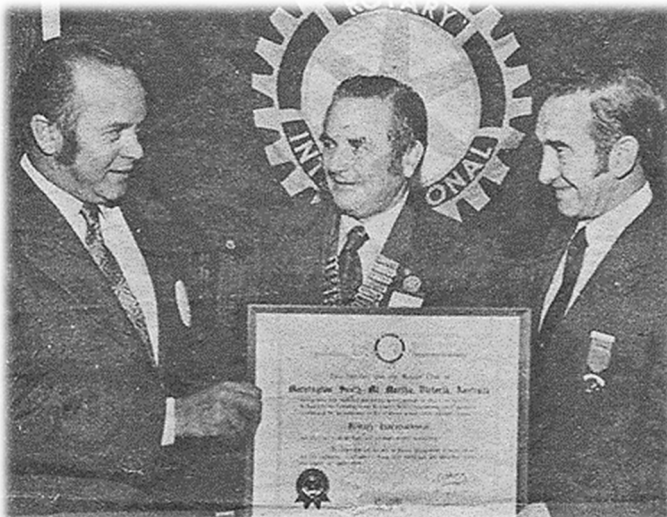
Chairman for the evening was P.P. Bob Smith of our Sponsor Club, the Rotary Club of Mornington, who, after the invocation by Rev. Lewis Firman and the Loyal Toast, welcomed all present and introduced visiting Rotarians. Dr. Watson responded, saying that the new Rotary Club of Mornington South-Mt. Martha would reinforce Rotary relationships in this area and he welcomed the club and its charter members into the worldwide body of Rotary International.

Sergeants-at-Arms Charles Arter and John Grant combined most successfully in extracting fines with excellent humour. P.P. Bill Mackenzie, as D.G.'s Special Representative in negotiations to get the club going, reported on the progress of events and thanked all those senior R.I. officers who had given him outstanding help in his task. With Barry Taylor as the Charter President, the new Club, said Bill, must reach out into the community to serve.

D.G. Don Pittard then inducted all 25 members present and handed to each the Rotary lapel badge known all over the world. Don addressed the gathering, presenting many thoughtful and challenging sentiments, urging the new members to aim at dedication, commitment and personal involvement in Rotary. He said Rotary's first job was to build men, and both old and new Rotarians need to persevere in the principles of Rotary.

The honor of presenting the Club Charter went to P.D.G. Lin Patison who was D.G. at the time of our club formation. Lin presented to President Barry Taylor his chain of office and the Club Charter. Barry, in reply, accepted the office and Charter with an expression of special thanks to the Sponsor Club, the Rotary Club of Mornington, with P.P. Bob Smith as leader and P.P. Bill Mackenzie as D.G.'s Special Representative. Many banners from the 25 Rotary Clubs represented on the night were handed over to President Barry; Jack Saxton (Frankston) told us of the fines box he gave, PDG Keith Norman donated our new lectern, the Rotary Club of Dromana a R.F. Box, District 282 Rotarians a gavel and bell, and a framed photograph of the Queen came from PDG Lin. Secretary Jack Grigg in acknowledging these inspiring gifts, thanked the donors for their tangible assistance to a young club such as ours.

Extract from Club Bulletin July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1974



Club's charter night presentation – President Barry Taylor (left), Immediate Past District Governor Lindsay Patison (right) with District Governor Don Pittard



## 2013 — 2014 President Bill Cummins

### Rotary Theme "Engage Rotary Change Lives"

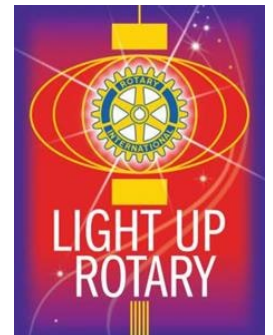
- The Rotary Club of Mt Martha celebrates its fortieth year of service.
- Past President Elizabeth welcomed the President Bill Cummins via Skype calling in from Washington DC. That couldn't happen in 1974.
- We learn about the workings of The School of St Judes in Tanzania.
- Complete more protective fencing at the Briars Wildlife Sanctuary
- Club celebrates 40th Anniversary with function at Mornington Golf Club
- Club conducts International Dinner and raises \$1500 for Polio Plus
- Club members & partners Chinese dress-up theme at Bendigo Conference



## 2014 – 2015 President Tom Barrett

### Rotary Theme "Light Up Rotary"

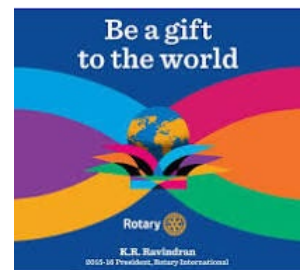
- RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) & MUNA (Model United Nationals Assembly) – school representatives from Padua College & Balcombe Grammar.
- Conducted successful Primary School Art Show at Bentons Square
- Successful community golf day raised \$9000.
- International projects Water Safety Vietnam, Tibetan Village, Cambodian Toothbrush Project.
- International dinner with Turkish Consul General



## 2015 – 2016 Peter Warren

### Rotary Theme "Be a gift to the world"

- Home Club of District Governor Merv Williams
- Conducted successful District Conference at Wangaratta – "Get into Rotary"
- Induction 5 new members – Kel Hobby, Esther Murray, Joy Salmon, Steve Daly, John Waterhouse
- Four wall panels erected at Balcombe Estuary rotunda depicting bush or seaside scenes (John Routledge)
- Vocational visits to Old Aeroplane Company, Tyabb, Mount Martha Fire Brigade



## 2016 - 2017 President Doug Rhodes

### Rotary Theme "Rotary Serving Humanity"

- Landscaping & renovation work at Mornington Park Primary School
- Support ABCD/Ampara Mango Tree project in Sri Lanka
- \$3,500 donated towards the \$5,000 cost of a Skyhydrant (water purification unit) for village in Komea, Southern Highlands PNG
- School Enviro Week held at the Briars
- Membership during 2016/2017 has increased from 44 to 49 members
- Primary Schools Art Show at Bentons Square Shopping Centre involving Benton's Junior College, Mt Martha Primary School, Osborne Primary School and Moorooduc Primary School
- Mock Job Interview program at Balcombe Grammar School
- Hosted 2016/17 Rotary International Multi District Shine On Event



## 2017 – 2018 President Tom Goulding

### Rotary Theme "Rotary Making A Difference"

- Rotary Friendship Exchange visit from District 2981 in India
- Agreed to be the sponsor club of the first Satellite Club for our district. This is a new option for creating new Rotary Clubs
- Komea, PNG Southern Highlands, Earthquake Relief. (Roger Skipsey). Club agreed to fund \$2000 toward the \$10,000 cost of a container of Donations In Kind goods. Funds assisted through a matching District Grant
- Membership has increased from 49 members to 52 members
- PDG Rob Marks celebrating an outstanding 50 years of Rotary Service



## 2018 – 2019 President Christine Williams

### Rotary Theme "Be the Inspiration"

- Significant work done with our Club Plan, Community Supporter and Project Driven Club initiatives
- Rotary on Toast – breakfast meetings at Degani Café, Bentons Square
- St Judes School, Tanzania. (Carol Allen). Speaker founder Gemma Sisia. This school continues to change children's lives in Africa.
- Rotary Against Malaria (Lara Barrett) support and donated \$1000.
- ABCD/Langa (Cape Town) Early Childhood Development Centres (Carol Allen)
- Fusion- Sleep in your Car (Pat Morton) - highlights the growing problem of homelessness in the community and raises money for Fusion to continue their work with homeless youth.
- Set up of Rotary Overseas Relocated Playgrounds (RORP) (Wayne Jenkins) - new project for Rotary. Instead of going into landfill, playground equipment is dismantled, labelled and shipped to overseas communities - first playgrounds to Sri Lanka.



## 2019 – 2020 President Peter Rawlings

### Rotary Theme "Rotary Connects The World"

- Club meetings – last 4 months of Rotary year on zoom – meeting fortnightly due to the COVID19 restrictions
- Project driven club concept has developed further
- Warm clothing collection and distribution to victims of the East Gippsland fires (Mary McIntyre)
- Recycled playgrounds – RORP (Wayne Jenkins) rescued six playgrounds
- Construction of the Mornington Park Primary School bike shed – funding through a District Grant and Bendigo Bank Community Grant – project led by Greg Buchanan @ Buchanan Cranes
- Established Komea PNG Clean Water Project (Roger Skipsey & Moses Pulop) – under RAWCS – although delays due to COVID this project was completed.
- Early Childhood Development project in Langa - Cape Town South Africa (Carol Allen)
- Club contributions to the The Rotary Foundation Centurion program tops \$60,000



## 2020 – 2021 President Roger Skipsey

### Rotary Theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities"

- *"This Rotary year has been like no other in living memory however I am proud to say all members still found time for their community and lived up to our Service beyond self motto. Even in these tough time "Rotary has opened opportunities"* – President Roger
- First half of the year lost due to COVID. All meetings on Zoom.
- Successful grants – Federal Govt Building Stronger Communities Grant for Bay Trail, National Australia Day Council for Australia Day event. Australia Post – People of Post Grants (Roger Annear, Roger Skipsey) for Mornington Support Centre Homeless project and Mount Martha House Community Garden
- Club funds manufacturing of 100 COVID19 face masks by Boomerang Bags for the Mornington Community Support Centre
- Community BBQs begin in January at Bunnings, Mount Martha shops and Bentons Square



## 2021 – 2022 President Carol Allen

### Rotary Theme "Serve to Change Lives"

- Celebrates 100 years of Rotary in Australia
- Club follows lead of Rotary International 7<sup>th</sup> area of focus – Environment & Sustainability. Rob Davies provided preliminary discussions on container deposit scheme in 2023.
- Peninsula Trail – first stage of trail project completed – installation of picnic table and bench seats
- Successful golf day (leader Tom Goulding) – raises \$10,000
- Fusion – completion of refurbished bedroom – painting and window repairs (Pat Morton)
- Sleep in your car – Fusion Homeless program - combined initiative with the community
- Mornington Park Primary School – school camp program – supporting disadvantaged children to attend years 5/6 camps (Phyllis Scales)



## 2022 – 2023 President Bill Branthwaite

### Rotary Theme "Imagine Rotary"

- Australia Day - Club takes on role of co-ordinating the community flag raising ceremony at Mount Martha (Peter Rawlings)
- Mount Martha Life Saving Club – MMAD Swim event – club BBQ assists with breakfasts
- Completed water capture and storage project (Jonathan Mayne) - supplied roofing and tanks to village in Sigri (PNG).
- Birthing Kits program for villages in PNG, (Jonathan Mayne)
- 24 years of The Rotary Foundation Centurion contributions total \$72,000
- Youth program Quinns Place (Pat Morton) support program for teenagers 13 – 17 years.
- Rotary Overseas Relocated Playgrounds (RORP) – 13 playgrounds harvested and transported to Cape Town (South Africa) and Bouganville (PNG)
- Reduce waste initiatives implemented at our community BBQ's
- Tree planting at the Briars



## 2023 – 2024 President Anne Shaw

Rotary Theme “Create Hope in the World”

- “*This year with our 50th anniversary it is important to engage with our community. There is a story to be told about what we have done and new chapters to write*” – President Anne
- Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) – starts in November 2023 (Rob Davies & Peter Rawlings). The Club in association with Mornington Community Support Centre will conduct a registered collection “Over The Counter” site. Funds raised will go back to community initiatives
- \$15,000 grant from Mount Martha Community Bank to support the setting up of the CDS
- Rotary Interact Club at Balcombe Grammar (Peter Wiltshire) – preliminary discussions and interest
- Continued fund-raising BBQ’s at Bunnings, Lets Go Cruising & Bentons Square Shopping Centre
- Club recognised as Major donor to The Rotary Foundation contributions US \$160,000.



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

### Service to District 9820 & other Rotary Programs

In 2015, Merv Williams was the fourth District Governor of District 9820 from our club. Along with the responsibility of being DG’s home club many of the district administrative roles such as secretary, treasurer and other positions of support are performed by host club members. Not to mention the running of the District Conference at Wangaratta.

During the past ten years, club members have supported in roles in the running and administration of our Rotary District and other Rotary Programs.



Peter Rawlings (Assistant Governor Peninsula Cluster & Conference Chair); Rob Davies (District Conference Stage Management); Tom Barrett (Conference Stage Management); Gordon Morriss (District Treasurer); Roger Annear (District & Conference Treasurer); Byron Groves (District Conference Secretary); Steve Daly (Assistant Governor Peninsula Cluster, National Youth Science Forum NYSF, Rotary youth Leadership Awards RYLA); Martin Lowe (National Youth Science Forum); Janet Pugh (District Social Media Newsletter); Christine Williams (Regional Chair Rotarians Against Malaria RAM); Lara Barrett (Shine On program); Merv Williams (District Leadership Team, Rotary Australia World Community Service Board of Directors).



District Conference  
Theme Banner 2016











# Rotary on Toast

Rotary On Toast offers a unique business networking opportunity where you can meet other business owners and individuals. Short presentations from a feature guest speaker will educate and inform leaving time for networking in a relaxed atmosphere over a light breakfast and coffee. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Mt. Martha.

April Guest Speaker







### Club Leadership 2013 - 2024

Year	Club President	Secretary	Treasurer
2013/14	Bill Cummins	Merv Williams	Byron Groves
2014/15	Tom Barrett	Bernard Butler	Byron Groves
2015/16	Peter Warren	Barrie Sweeney	David Piper/Stephen Daly
2016/17	Doug Rhodes	Peter Rawlings	Stephen Daly/Wayne Norris
2017/18	Tom Goulding	Peter Rawlings	Wayne Norris
2018/19	Christine Williams	Peter Rawlings	Wayne Norris
2019/20	Peter Rawlings	Wayne Norris	Gordon Morriss
2020/21	Roger Skipsey	Wayne Norris	Gordon Morriss
2021/22	Carol Allen	Lara Barrett	Byron Groves
2022/23	Bill Branthwaite	Janet Pugh	Byron Groves
2023/24	Anne Shaw	Janet Pugh/Peter Rawlings	Byron Groves

### Club Directors 2013 - 2024

Year	Vice President	International - Foundation	Youth	Membership	Community - Vocational
2013/14	Martin Lowe	Doug Rhodes	Jonathan Mayne	Dee Tozer	Greg Buchanan
2014/15	Tom Goulding	Doug Rhodes	Jonathan Mayne	Dee Tozer	Neil Armstrong
2015/16	David Wheeler	Adrian Davis	Jonathan Mayne	Freda Bowie Horoway	Bill Cummins
2016/17	Esther Murray	Adrian Davis	Phyllis Scales	John Routledge	Bill Cummins
2017/18	John Marshall	Roger Skipsey	Phyllis Scales	John Routledge	Colin Stokes
2018/19	Roger Annear	Roger Skipsey	Paul Clark	Rob Davies	Colin Stokes
2019/20	Byron Groves	Carol Allen	Bill Branthwaite	Rob Davies	Colin Stokes
2020/21	Roger Annear	Valerie Lyons	Bill Branthwaite	Rob Davies	Peter Warren
2021/22	Christine Williams	Valerie Lyons	Pat Morton	Peter Rawlings/Janet Pugh	Anne Shaw
2022/23	Merv Williams	Ray Martin	Pat Morton	Valerie Lyons/Rob Marks	Anne Shaw
				<b>Environment</b> Rob Davies	
2023/24	Roger Annear	Ray Martin	Peter Wiltshire	Gordon Morriss	Colin Stokes
				<b>Environment</b> Rob Davies	



Rotary Club of Mount Martha — Years of Service  
Current Membership 2023 – 2024

Years of Service	Date Inducted	Active Members		Partner	Rotary Honors	Membership of other Rotary Clubs
49	1/03/1975	Roberts	Nicholas	Sandra	PP, PHF	
44	1/07/1980	Davies	Robert	Christine	PP, PHF	
40	1/11/1984	Williams	Mervyn	Christine	PP, PHF, PDG	
39	1/07/1985	Buchanan	Greg	Melanie	PP, PHF	
33	29/06/1991	Annear	Roger	Lynette	PP, PHF	
32	30/03/1992	Marks	Robert	Yvonne	PDG, PHF,	Bayswater 1967, Chelsea, Charter member Carrum, Burnside SA.
31	1/07/1993	Wheeler	David	Jennie	PP, PHF	
25	9/03/1999	Sweeney	Barrie	Lorraine	PHF	Keysborough 1979.
23	12/01/2001	Crane	David	Margaret	PDG, PHF	Morwell 1974, Charter member Hazelwood
24	26/06/2000	Warren	Peter	Beth	PP, PHF	
22	8/05/2002	Barrett	Tom	Lara	PP, PHF	Knox 1980, Palm Beach Qld.
18	20/03/2006	Rawlings	Peter	Lynette	PP, PHF	
17	2/04/2007	Groves	Byron	Glenys	PHF	
15	10/08/2009	Cummins	William	Jill	PP, PHF	
14	26/06/2010	Stokes	Colin	Kaye	PHF	
14	11/10/2010	Norris	Wayne	Cheryl	PHF	
13	26/06/2011	Mayne	Jonathan	Jenny	PHF	Mornington
9	27/10/2014	Scales	Phyllis	John	PHF	
9	25/11/2014	Jolly	Tim			
8	11/11/2015	Waterhouse	John	Lynda		
7	08/08/2016	Barrett	Lara	Tom	PHF	Mount Eliza
6	10/04/2017	Jenkins	Wayne	Jenny	PHF	
5	2/07/2017	Morriss	Gordon	Heather	PHF	
5	26/03/2018	McIntyre	Mary			
5	13/08/2018	Morton	Pat	Petra		
3	29/06/2020	Martin	Ray	Judy	PDG, PHF	Berwick 1992, Sorrento
2	29/06/2021	Shaw	Anne	Chris	Pres, PHF	
1	21/11/2023	Coyle	Susan			
1	7/03/2023	Wiltshire	Peter	Julie		
1	27/03/2023	Najim	Ron	Diane		
1	7/11/2023	Dobson	Mark	Fiona		

Community Paul Harris Fellows  
Present by The Rotary Club of Mount Martha

1998	Shane Roberts	Community Service - Retail
2002	Russell Ardley	Mornington Peninsula Youth Enterprises
2007	Elizabeth Barraclough	Balcombe Estuary Rehabilitation Group
2008	Graeme Pollerd	Community Service Signwriting
2009	Bernie Taylor	Community Service - Hospitality
2011	Dawn Conboy	Scouting and Mount Martha Fire Brigade
2012	David Price	Community Service - Healthcare
2012	Anne Shaw	Community Service - Local Government
2013	Rod Allen	Community Service - Retail
2013	Bruce Conboy	Mount Martha Fire Brigade
2013	Tim Warner	Volunteer Marine Rescue
2014	Fergus Nutt	Community Service - Real Estate
2015	Sarah Burns	Secondary Education
2017	Ian McCann	Community Service - Entertainment
2018	Brian Smith	Mount Martha Fire Brigade
2019	Nancy Price	Community Service - Social Work
2020	Moses Pulop	International Service – Papua New Guinea
2022	Gillian Gordon	Community Service - Mt Martha House
2023	Ellie-May Maguire	Community Service - Healthcare





## Rotary Club of Mount Martha - Past Members 2013-2024

Carol Allen	48 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	
Elena Allen		Geoff
Neil Armstrong		Helen
Gemma Bell	Honorary	
Freda Bowie Horoway		
Bill Branthwaite	49 <sup>th</sup> President	Gwendoline
Andrew Broom		
Bernard Butler	34 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	Lucia
Bev Dadds	Honorary	
Elizabeth Celi	39 <sup>th</sup> President	
Paul Clark	PHF	Diane
Stephen Daly	33 <sup>rd</sup> President, PHF	Gwen
Adrian Davis	27 <sup>th</sup> President	Elizabeth
Debra Douglas		
Bill Ewing		Hazel
Tom Goulding	32 <sup>nd</sup> & 44 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	Gayle
Reginald J (John) Grant	Charter Member, 4 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	Pam
Peter Hancock		Ann
Sam Hearn	Honorary	
Kelvin Hobby	PDG, PHF	Jill
James Ivanovski		Linda
Kim Johnson		
Geoffery Kaye	12 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	Judy
Robert Loutit	13 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	Lyn
Martin Lowe	37 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	Sue
Valerie Lyons		Gary
Bill MacKenzie	Charter Member, PHF	
John Marshall	24 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	Maureen
Charles Minster		Jenny
Esther Murray		
Justin Orr		Sandra
Peter Perry		
David Piper	PDG, 35 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	Aileen
Janet Pugh		
Stephen Pugh		
Bruce Ranken		Belinda
Martin Read		
Pat Read		
John Reeve		
Linda Reeve (Ferrari)		
Doug Rhodes	43 <sup>rd</sup> President, PHF	
Barry Rogers		
John Routledge	PHF	Anne
Joy Salmon		
Roger Skipsey	47 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	Sue
Brooke Tahir		
Dierdre Tozer		
John Trevillian	PHF	
Ken Wall		Angela
Walter Wedgwood	23 <sup>rd</sup> President, PHF	Sue
Christine Williams	45 <sup>th</sup> President, PHF	
Craig Young		



As Rotarians we thank all who have supported us on this Rotary journey.  
Our wives, husbands, partners, and families who without we would not have had the  
success we have achieved.  
All information gleaned from our club records and memories as well as they are kept.  
With apologies for any omissions or errors.  
Copies of the fortieth anniversary publication can be ordered from the club.

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