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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Meeting on 16 October had a good attendance.

Following Rotary Grace, President Nev toasted The Rotary Club of Tallasshee Sunrise, Florida, USA, due to Lionel Messi announcing his personal Sponsorship of an international under 16 years male & female football (soccer) competition. This competition is to commence in 2026 & run for 3 years. Eight teams from clubs such as Inter Milan, Inter Miami, Barcelona, Manchester United & Chelsea will be taking part so that exceptional talent can be identified & developed over the term of the competition. All games will be played in Miami. Messi has agreed to fund the total cost of the competition, including travel, accommodation & all promotional & coaching costs. The estimated total expenses are expected to run into tens of millions of dollars over the 3 year period. No matter if you think that sports people are paid way too much, what a distinct joy it is to see someone who has received a great deal from their chosen profession, pouring funding & time back into the sport that they love! Well done Lionel Messi!

### FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by David Nichols.

The Card Draw was won by Don Wiseman, who drew the two of spades.

Don then proceeded to tell a story which caused great belly laughter from the Members.

### SERGEANTS SESSION

Jack Hayhurst provided an interesting Sergeants Session, which covered a myriad of subjects & challenged all to the limit. However, some Members did provide several correct answers to the well thought out questions. Thank you Jack. Please keep challenging us as we need to keep our minds active!

### CLUB ASSEMBLY

Given that this meeting was a Club Assembly, President Nev threw the floor open for Members to raise matters that are of concern to them. There existed many differing opinions on Club direction & how we should grow Club Membership both now & into the future.


The need to identify an incoming President for next year was also raised as one of the most pressing matters as all Members thought that it would be totally unfair to ask President Nev to "double up", as he has done previously, during the COVID years.

There was also discussion regarding PP PHF David Boardman & the fact that he'd now completed 16 straight years as Treasurer. Also that PHF Peter Moore had stood for 7 years as

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## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS CELEBRATED in OCTOBER 2025

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7 October</b> Don Wiseman <b>17 October</b> Brett Torey <b>21 October</b> Chris Foster</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>26 October</b> Lena Vincent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10 October</b> David Nichols <b>12 October</b> Dennis Allen <b>16 October</b> Sean Devlin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>ROTARY INDUCTIONS</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 October</b> Brett Torey 9 years <b>15 October</b> Bob Thomas 10 years <b>27 October</b> Geoff Vincent 8 years</p>

Secretary. PP PHF Barry Henwood has been running the Website for as long as anyone can remember, among many other "hats" that Barry wears from time to time! All of these things are causing Members to become weary from the long stints of "office bearer" type roles within the Club framework!

One point of relief came as Geoff Vincent stated that he would be happy to nominate for the Presidency next year.

There followed much discussion on other matters, which temporarily seem to have been given a reprieve & will be reviewed over the coming weeks &, be raised again at the next Club Assembly or indeed at the AGM on 4 December, 2025.

### CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

The Club Christmas Party will be held on 18 December. This will be a really good evening & a Two Course meal will be served at the cost of \$69 per person. There will also be entertainment on the night as Megan Hansard, the young lady that the Club sponsored through YIPA, will be along to get us in the Christmas mood with some songs that will have the feet tapping! The official Menu will be available by next week's Bulletin, so keep your eye out for that!

### LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDECINE



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday 23rd October**

**Julie Harris Wesley Mission**

**Thursday 30th October**

**Bianca Conroy & Alyssa Tracey Challenge**

**Community Foster Care**

**Thursday 6th November**

**Club Assembly**

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1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
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#### ROTARY GRACE

Oh, Lord and Giver of all good,  
 We thank thee for our daily food.  
 May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,  
 Help us to serve thee all our days.