

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

CHAIRMAN: President Adrian Bell

REPORTER: President Elect Jim Fraser

The Origin of Rotary's Four Way Test

In the early 1930s **Herbert J. Taylor** set out to save the Club Aluminium Products distribution company from bankruptcy. He believed himself to be the only person in the company with 250 employees who had hope. His recovery plan started with changing the ethical climate of the company. He explained:

"The first job was to set policies for the company that would reflect the high ethics and morals God would want in any business. If the people who worked for Club Aluminium were to think right, I knew they would do right. What we needed was a simple, easily remembered guide to right conduct - a sort of ethical yardstick- which all of us in the company could memorize and apply to what we thought, said and did.

I searched through many books for the answer to our need, but the right phrases eluded me, so I did what I often do when I have a problem I can't answer myself: I turn to the One who has all the answers. I leaned over my desk, rested my head in my hands and prayed. After a few moments, I looked up and reached for a white paper card. Then I wrote down the twenty-four words that had come to me:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

I called it "The Four-Way Test" of the things we think, say or do."

In 1932, Taylor's company was on the edge of bankruptcy. 20 years later, by applying the Four-Way Test, the company repaid its debts, generously paid its shareholders, and had a healthy financial balance.

In the 1940s, when Taylor was an international director of Rotary, he offered the Four Way Test to the organization, and it was adopted by Rotary for its internal and promotional use. Never changed, the twenty four word test remains today a central part of the permanent Rotary structure throughout the world, and is held as the standard by which all behaviour should be measured. The test has been promoted around the world and is used in myriad forms to encourage personal and business ethical practices.

NEXT WEEK - JUNE 24th

TBA

Chairman: President Adrian Bell

Reporter: Phil Stanton



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MEETING REPORT - 3rd June, 2019

President Adrian opened the meeting at 7.05 and welcomed the tumultuous 12- made up of 9 members and 3 guests, led by Maree Cochrane (guest speaker) accompanied by her husband Andrew and Rachael Vincent.

The 'What Happened on This Day' questionnaire was very easy to pick as it related to "who died on this day" – it would have been easy for John Ellis (if he had been here), but Phil Stanton won by advising that more importantly, it was the birthday of one of his grandchildren.

A show of hands revealed that there would be 14 people going to Ronald McDonald house next Wednesday -12th June - to provide the barbecue for the children and their families. The Treasurer, Terry reported that there were 62 people at our recent Pride of Workmanship night, and due to an EFTPOS machine malfunction, some people had not been able to pay. It was left to Phil to contact the representative of St Lucy's to receive their fees.

Theo advised that things were working well for RYLA & RYPEN in East Timor in September and, with the support of Ku-ring-gai Rotary, he was confident of having 2 RYPEN programmes this year. He was also seeking our support in providing a Paul Harris Fellowship for Eddie Pinto. It will be presented to him at the 10th Anniversary Celebrations after the end of the RYLA programme in September.

Theo also reported on the Red Shield Appeal, which was held on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May. He had arranged for people to be on static displays at Thornleigh Shopping Centre, Bunnings, McDonalds, Pennant Hills Market Place and West Pennant Hills. He advised that Barker College had withdrawn their Students from being collectors and as a result the total collection was very disappointing and was expected to raise about \$7,500, well down on previous years when up to \$50,000 was collected. He was very disappointed with the lack of support of other Rotary Clubs and also from the organisers and advised that he would not be supporting the project next year.

Adrian then introduced our Guest Speaker, Maree Cochrane, who with her family had a holiday in Khao Lak, Thailand in 2012. She was pretty devastated with the way the place was presented and thought about ways to try to improve the lives of the people who lived there.

"Khao Lak is a series of villages, now tourist oriented, mainly in the Takau Pa District and partly in the Thai Mueang District of Phang Nga Province, Thailand. The name Khao Lak literally means Lak Mountain. Lak Mountain is one of the main peaks in the hilly small mountainous region, maximum height 1050 metres within Khao Lak- Lam Ru National Park. Khao Lak is located just an hours drive north of Phuket Island on the gorgeous Andaman seaboard, and is one of Thailand's most peaceful resort destinations".

Maree was determined to try to help the people of Khao Lak and set about raising \$10,000 in a program called "Hands Across The Water". Despite a severe set back to her bike ride fund-raiser, she managed to raise the funds and with the help of others started the project. One area of concern was the lack of a play area in the orphanage and arrangements were made to acquire bags of cement, sand, wood, trowels and a cement mixer and the project of building a basketball court was on the way.

Maree's short video presentation "Bogans for Babes" gave a stunning picture of the difficulties involved with the building of the court as the work was carried out in torrential rain. The next stage requires the installation of a roof, as the temperature gets up to 38 degrees, in addition to the heavy rains.

It was interesting that the Thai Government does not offer some sort of support for this type of project, but it was obvious to most members that there could be opportunities for Maree to be associated with Rotary through RAWCS and there was plenty of assistance offered by Theo and others.

Reporter: Pat Parker

'MEALS FROM THE HEART' WEDNESDAY JUNE 12th

This was our second visit this Rotary year to Ronald McDonald House Westmead to provide the evening meal to the residents of the house. The house has 60 family units and this time it was full, so we were catering for approx. 250 residents. The resident chef had decided that we would provide a burger main course followed by sweets.

Pleasingly, on this occasion, we had a total of 19 helpers made up of 9 members, 5 partners, Alan & Lee Lowe, Maree Cochrane (our previous Guest Speaker) and her friend Tammy Eades and her son Benjamin. We therefore had plenty of hands to prepare the various meal elements while some were able to commence washing up the utensils used in the preparation. Having started around 4.30pm, we were ready to start serving at 6.00 which was the appointed time. In fact there was quite a queue waiting to pick up their meal at the buffet at that time. When all had been served, our group served themselves and were able, as usual, to sit with some of the families and share their stories. This is always a highlight of the night and is a wonderful reminder of how lucky we are where our children/grandchildren are well and healthy. And to hear of the difficulties families endure where children have extended periods of treatment at Westmead when their home is out in country areas.

A surprise finish to the evening was the 'early mark' we were given while the wash up was in full swing. However, the chef advised that the evening volunteers would take over from us and finish the clean up. So we were on our way before 9.00pm. All in all, I thought it was a very good night of 'Service Above Self'.



Our group assembled prior to serving the main meal



Theo, Alan Lowe & Jack cooking burgers & onions



Tammy & Benjamin Eades cooking the chicken burgers

There is no truth in the rumour that Phil Stanton has qualified to cook fries at any McDonalds outlet he likes!



Terry giving cooking advice to Phil on the deep fryer

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

| DATE | PROGRAM | SPEAKER | CHAIRMAN | REPORTER |
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| June 24th | TBA | TBA | President Adrian | Phil Stanton |
| July 6th | District Changeover | DG Susan & DGE Kalma | At Hornsby RSL Club - \$55 each RSVP by 28th June | |
| July 8th | Club Changeover Partners Night | At Beecroft Bowling Club at 6.30 for 7.00pm | Terry Pankhurst | David Firth |

With the end of the Rotary Year approaching, all directors and executives are asked to provide an annual report for publication in the Club Annual Report.

All members are requested to check their entry in the current Club Directory and advise David Firth of any changes that are required.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Phil Stanton - June 14th (35 years)

DG Susan and DGE Kalma warmly invite you to

ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER

Saturday 6 July 2019
6.00pm for 6.30pm

**\$55 per person
incl. 2 course dinner**

Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby

Register at changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

RSVP Friday 28 June 2019
Enquiries: changeoverregistrations@rotarydistrict9685.org.au

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance : 56.25%

Apologies: Ahmadul Ameen, Kaye Carter, Ian Chappel, John Ellis, Ian Huckel, Pam Hudson, Claude Rigney

Guest Speaker: Maree Cochrane

Visitors: Stephen Cochrane, Rachael Rosewell



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
- Mahatma Gandhi