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## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

# OUR AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

Including the presentation of the

## AUSTRALIA DAY MERIT AWARD

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**JAN-MAREE BALL OAM**

**Chairman: Phil Stanton**

**Reporter: Kaye Carter**



**NOTE: THIS MEETING STARTS AT 6.30 FOR 7.00PM**

**NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 5th**

## TO BE ADVISED

**CHAIRMAN: PRESIDENT JIM FRASER**

**REPORTER: PAT PARKER**

## MEETING REPORT - 22nd JANUARY

*Last week, with just nine members in attendance, was a very relaxed affair dominated by a trivia competition run by the president. Although it was a quiet, uneventful evening according to my source, - I was not present - however we were graced with a visit from a distinguished past president of our club, namely Peter Waite OAM, who was also the recipient of our Australia Day Merit Award in 1994 for services to Scouting and to Local Government.*

*I am advised that the meeting went according to plan - not sure who's plan - and the stand in treasurer reported a profit from the trivia of \$24.65.*

**The editor**

## Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation extending fundraising partnership to eradicate polio

**EVANSTON, IL. (January 22, 2020)** – Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are renewing their longstanding partnership to end polio, announcing a joint commitment of up to \$450 million to support the global polio eradication effort.

“Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, almost 19 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed,” said John Germ, Past President of Rotary International who leads Rotary’s polio fundraising efforts. “By partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we’re ensuring that children in polio-affected countries get the lifesaving vaccines they need to be protected from polio for life. As the first organization to envision a polio-free world, Rotary is more committed than ever to delivering on our promise that one day, no child will ever again be paralyzed by polio.”

To an audience of Rotary volunteer leaders from around the world, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation delivered a video message announcing the extension of a funding partnership forged more than a decade ago. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will translate into up to \$450 million for polio eradication activities.

“The Gates Foundation’s longstanding partnership with Rotary has been vital to fighting polio,” said Mr. Gates in today’s message to Rotary volunteers. “That’s why we’re extending our funding match, so every dollar that Rotary raises is met with two more. I believe that together, we can make eradication a reality.”

In addition to the extended funding partnership with the Gates Foundation, Rotary is also announcing US\$45 million in funding for polio eradication efforts in countries throughout Africa (Angola, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan), and Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan and the Philippines). The funding will help support crucial polio eradication activities such as immunization and disease detection, research, and community mobilization.

Polio—a paralyzing and sometimes deadly disease—is on the verge of becoming the second human disease in history to be eradicated. This critical funding helps ensure that children in at-risk countries are protected from polio, and that the wild poliovirus is eliminated in the last two countries that continue to report cases.

While only Afghanistan and Pakistan continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, the remaining challenges to global eradication—like difficulty reaching children amid insecurity and conflict and weak health systems—have proven to be the most difficult. In order to meet these roadblocks head on and ensure the continuation of program efforts, funding and support from donors and world governments is imperative.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion to fight polio, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance later joined. When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year. Today the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.

## Incoming RI president announces 2020-21 presidential theme

Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack is encouraging Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, revealed the 2020-21 presidential theme, **Rotary Opens Opportunities**, to incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 20 January.

Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather "an invitation to endless opportunities," said Knaack, who becomes president on 1 July. He emphasized that Rotary creates pathways for members to improve their lives and the lives of those they help through service projects.

"We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help," Knaack said. He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. "Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere," said Knaack.

### Changing for the future

Knaack also urged members to embrace change so Rotary can expand and thrive. Rather than setting a specific target for increasing the number of members, Knaack said he's asking clubs and districts to think about how to grow in a sustainable and organic way. He wants clubs to focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for their club.

"We need to stop thinking of new members as people we can mark down as statistics and then forget about," Knaack said. "Every new member changes us a little bit. That person brings a new perspective, new experiences. We need to embrace this constant renewal. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members."

Knaack pointed to Rotary's Action Plan as a compass that can guide clubs as they evolve. He recommended that every club have a strategic plan meeting at least once a year. At that meeting, clubs should ask where they want to be in five years and how they can bring more value to their members.

Knaack also wants to see more women in leadership roles and see Rotaractors play an integral role in how new clubs are formed and run. He encouraged district leaders to create new club models and rethink what it means to be in Rotary, and allow young people to be the architects of these new clubs.

"We have to be open to new approaches, and creating unique clubs for younger people is just part of the solution," said Knaack. "Let Rotaractors decide what kind of Rotary experience works best for them. These young people are bright, energetic, and they get things done."

In stressing the need for Rotary members to embrace change, Knaack noted that time won't slow down for Rotary: "We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values."



## Rotary Opens Opportunities

### Toastmasters and Rotary partner to help members grow professionally and make a difference in their communities

Members of Toastmasters and Rotary will enhance their skills, broaden their networks and increase their positive impact in communities through a new collaboration.

The ongoing relationship between the two organizations will begin at the grassroots level with local club members learning and working together. Additionally, Toastmasters will create a set of eight structured communication and leadership development courses for Rotary with a phased rollout that will be available in English in 2020, and in more languages in 2021.

"The strategic alliance with Rotary is exciting and allows both organizations to leverage our unique and similar strengths," says Deepak Menon, Toastmasters' 2019-20 International President. "We look forward to providing our current and prospective members with ongoing additional offerings that meet their evolving needs."

## OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
JANUARY 29th	CLUB AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING with Partners	Jan-Maree Ball	Phil Stanton	Kaye Carter
FEBRUARY 5th	TBA	TBA	PRESIDENT JIM	PAT PARKER
20-22nd MARCH	'REASONS' COMBINED DISTRICT CONFERENCE	VARIOUS	AT WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE	PRESIDENT JIM

### ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Member Attendance :** 56.25%

**Apologies:** K Carter, J Ellis, D Firth,  
T Pankhurst, P Parker, C Rigney, D Walsh

**Guests:** P Waite OAM

**LOA:** nil

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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John Ellis - January 30

Jack Reid - January 30

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Graeme & Margaret Ashdown - January 4

Theo & Georgia Glockemann - January 4

George & Dorothy Green - January 17

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Pam Hudson - January 20

Ahmadul Ameen - January 22

**Don't worry about the world  
coming to an end today. It is  
already tomorrow in Australia.**

Charles M. Schulz

“But no matter how far  
or how wide I roam,  
I still call Australia home.”

- Peter Allen