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We have the following sister clubs:

- Rotary Club of Newcastle
- Enterprise District 9670
- Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge
- District 3011

### This Week's Program

## ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & DISTRICT 9685

**GUEST SPEAKER: Azita Abdollahian**

**District 9685 Membership Chair**

**CHAIRMAN: Jim Fraser**

**REPORTER: Phil Stanton**

### The President's Comment

Regretfully I have to advise that my co-president, Jason Terry has tendered his resignation due to his ongoing health problems. I have had a conversation with him to see whether a leave of absence might be an alternative, however Jason advised that his is an ongoing problem which he is struggling to deal with whilst also working each day. We wish him well and hope that he may be able to rejoin Rotary at some time in the future.



November is Rotary Foundation month, which we have an opportunity to recognise the Foundation through our celebration of Diwali and the generous hospitality of Anoop and Neeru Sud and their family. The dinner is on Sunday November 19th and the donation is \$30 each for what will be another memorable evening at their home.

This week we have Azita Abdollahian, the District Membership Chair speaking, which is an important follow on from our excellent Information Night 2 weeks ago run by Jim Fraser. Thanks to all who made this such an excellent night, particularly for our 4 invitees.

**David Firth**

## Report of our Information Night - 18th October

Jim Fraser, our chairman for the night, opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to everyone in attendance. He introduced President David who gave a brief introduction to Rotary and our club and its history.

Jim continued with a short talk about the scope of Rotary International and the role each club plays in this worldwide organisation. He detailed some of the projects our club is involved in on a regular basis.

He then introduced our first speaker, Ida Shi. Ida told her Rotary story - of being invited to come to our club and speak about how she had come to live in this country from China and how she had been welcomed but was wanting to become more involved in the local community. She went on with an emotional account of being invited to join the club that night. How that had had a profound effect on her life and she had acquired a number of friends and that now she was proud to say that she has another family - her Rotary family!

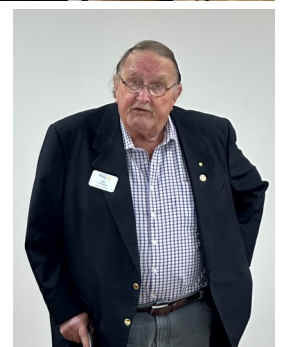
The next speaker was Daisy Huang who acknowledged that Ida was a tough act to follow. However she explained that again, Rotary had given her an opportunity to give back to the community. She explained that her vocation left little time for involvement in projects requiring 'hands on' work. (She is however our undisputed champion raffle ticket seller.) She also commented on the enjoyment she gets from the friendship with her fellow members.

Next Jim introduced Theo Glockemann to speak about his favourite Rotary project, Rotary Education & Training in Timor Leste. Speaking with passion, Theo gave a brief history of that country leading up to independence at the end of the 20th century and the major problems that the country faced. He told how the need for training of the burgeoning youth was identified and how, after a few early limited efforts, he had led the drive to take the very successful RYLA program from our district, and run it in Timor Leste. He spoke of the first couple of trial efforts and the realisation that a major sponsor was required. The Woodside Energy consortium came on board and have continued for the past 10+ years as major sponsor to the tune of \$US50,000 per year.

Theo told of the expansion of the project to include a version of RYPEN, another very successful local program that has been very successful in Timor Leste. Theo concluded with an assessment of the results of both programs in Timor and several of the spin offs which are important in the local communities there as well as being very important in improving the education and employment prospects of so many of their young men and women.

President David then gave a brief history and explanation of the Pride of Workmanship project which has been one of the key projects of our club for nearly 50 years. The display unit for it was displayed at the meeting.

Jim closed the formal part of the meeting by thanking our special guests for coming and a time of fellowship continued over a light supper.



## October Board Meeting Report

Apart from the usual reports, the following items were determined last Wednesday evening.

The resignation of Co-president Jason Terry was accepted with regret.

The Christmas Trailer Raffle is being planned and the generous donation of the trailer by Adrian & Wendy Bell was acknowledged. The selling roster is being finalized and the trailer contents are being assembled.

The Trees of Joy are booked and timed to start around mid November at Pennant Hills and Thornleigh. The recipients of the gifts received will be Stewart House, Parramatta Mission and Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.

The Regionalisation Project was discussed and the responses to 2 elements were decided. We will vote for an area/locality grouping for our club, and the president was advised to vote for the various positions on the Regional Board.

The club will be asked at the next meeting which of the 2 walks against Domestic Violence members prefer to take part in.

The kind offer of Anoop & Neeru to host a club Diwali Dinner at their home was accepted and it was decided that it should be on Sunday 19th November starting at 5pm. The president and Anoop to organize the invitations and receive the RSVPs.

It was decided that our Christmas Party will be at Lutanda Manor on Wednesday 20th December, with catering arrangements to be determined.

District 9685 RYLA nominations are now open. Our expected nominee is not able to attend, so we are looking for a potential nominee, male or female, aged 18 to 30 years old.

Please note that our AGM is coming up on December 6th and we need a nomination for president in 2024-25 - this position can be a shared one. Other positions are secretary, treasurer, and 6 directors. All members are asked to give serious consideration to volunteering for any of these positions.

# Happy Diwali

Rotary  
Pennant Hills



May the  
Divine Light of  
Diwali spread  
into your life  
Peace,  
Prosperity,  
Happiness and  
Good Health



*Sunday Nov. 19th at 5pm at  
128 Perfection Ave,  
Stanhope Gardens.*

*There is a charge of \$30 each  
which will go to the Rotary  
Foundation.*

*RSVP to David Firth by  
13th November*

## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
1st Nov	Membership	Azita Abdollahian District Membership Chair	Jim Fraser	Phil Stanton	
Sat 11th Nov	Christmas Trailer Raffle start	Pennant Hills Market Place	8.30 to 11am & 11am to 2.30pm	Check the roster	
15th Nov	District Governor's Official Visit	DG Christine Owen	David Firth	Theo Glockemann	
19th Nov	Diwali Dinner	At Anoop & Neeru's home	Anoop Sud	At 5pm & a cost of \$30 each to Rotary Foundation	RSVP to David Firth by 13th Nov
22nd Nov	Board Meeting via Zoom	commencing	7.30pm		

**Last Meeting - 18.10.2023**

**Attendance:** 83.3%

**Apologies:** A. Bell, J Terry

**Guests:**

David Brownlow,  
Stella Eun Seo,  
Sharon Ryan  
Adam Shanahan

**NOVEMBER**

**Birthdays:**

L Stanton - 4th November  
S Parker - 7th November  
C Rigney - 22nd November  
H Chan - 23rd November  
R Huh - 23rd November

**Anniversaries:**

Nil

**Club Induction Anniversary:**

J Ellis - 1st November



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The 2023 Zone 8 Conference (Institute) will be held on  
**Saturday October 28 and Sunday October 29 online.**

MOMENTS THAT  
Matter

**Saturday 28 October**  
1pm to 3pm AEDT,  
3pm to 5pm NZT  
Followed by Business Session  
starting at 3.30pm AEDT

**Sunday 29 October**  
1pm to 3.30pm AEDT,  
3pm to 5.30pm NZT

Register for  
**\$25 AUD per  
person via:**

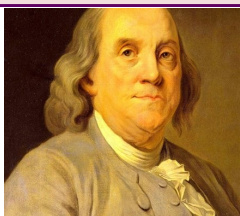
2023 Zone 8 Virtual Conference  
Zone 8 ([rotaryzone8.org](http://rotaryzone8.org))  
2023 Zone 8 Conference Institute  
Rotary Oceania

**Program**

Our global keynote speakers will share examples of how clubs and Districts can: Increase your Impact, Expand your Reach, Enhance Engagement and Increase our Ability to Adapt.

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Any fool can criticize,  
condemn and complain  
and most fools do.  
*Benjamin Franklin*