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**OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - February 27th**

## Club Planning Night

**Chairman: PRESIDENT PAM**

**Reporter: Theo Glockemann**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY!

For 112 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world.

Grassroots at the core, Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

*"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."*



**Paul Harris - Rotary founder**

**NEXT WEEK - March 6th**

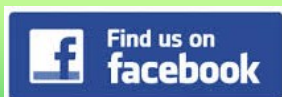
**NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM 2017**

**Guest Speakers: Luke Harris & Aryan Panchasara**

**Chairman: John Ellis**

**Reporter: Alex Thomas**

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## Meeting Report - 20th February

This meeting provided an opportunity for members and their partners to learn about the work of the organisation “Fitted for Work” which the Rotaryannes had supported with the proceeds of their high tea late last year. President Pam opened the meeting by welcoming our guest speaker, Elizabeth Trewhella, our partners, and a special welcome to Graeme Ashdown and Margaret. She also noted a couple of notable absences including our International/Rotary Foundation Director, Theo, who, to avoid his reporter role, had accepted some other dubious invitation involving the ambassador for Timor Leste.

There were a number of announcements -

Parramatta Mission have issued an invitation to a Volunteers & Supporters Morning Tea at the Mission Fellowship Hall Coffee Shop, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta on Wednesday March 1st at 10am;

Adrian Bell reported further on the social outing to Ebenezer. Due to various clashes of dates, a new date was agreed upon - Sunday June 4th - for everyone to put in their diaries now;

David Firth read an email received from PP George Green in which he advised that he and Dorothy have sold their home at Glenhaven and are moving to ‘Oak Tree Dural Retirement Resort’. They won’t be able to move in until May or June, so will be visiting friends in Queensland and house sitting down the South Coast in the meantime. They send their best wishes to all at the club;

President Pam confirmed that we are booked to run the BBQ at Bunnings Thornleigh on Saturday, March 18th. Details and rosters to be sorted next week;

Following a short break, and in the absence of a sergeant’s session, President Pam invited David Firth to make a presentation. He related a conversation he had had with Graeme Ashdown recently in which Graeme advised that, as he was no longer able to attend meetings on any regular basis, that he intended resigning. David had spoken to President Pam who had agreed that we should offer Graeme Honorary membership. David went on to detail Graeme’s Rotary membership starting in 1986 in the Leichhardt Club and then joining us in April 2005. David then presented Graeme with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 10 years of service to the Pride of Workmanship project and welcomed him as an Honorary Member of the club.



President Pam then invited Elizabeth Trewhella, Sydney Programs Manager for “Fitted for Work”. This is a ‘not-for-profit’ organisation which aims at helping disadvantaged women get into the workforce. It started in 2005, and in that time it has helped over 24,000 women. Elizabeth said that 64% of women they help get a job within 4 months. She emphasised that “Fitted for Work” is not an employment agency. Their ‘clients’ are referred to them from Jobactive Employment agencies. The referred women are interviewed to assess what help they need. They can be outfitted with suitable clothes for job interviews. Similarly, they can be offered assistance in styling - hair and make-up - and coached in interview skills including resume preparation. All of this is provided free of charge to the women.



They are involved in a Multicultural Women’s Hub in Parramatta particularly aimed at women just starting to look for work, particularly those who have limited community experience and poor English. Another program which they run is called ‘She Works’ and is specifically aimed at preparing women for particular large corporations/organisations.

The organisation nationally has a budget of around \$1.4 million which they raise through corporate sponsors and donations (Elizabeth thanked the Rotaryannes for their \$1800 donation). In addition, much of the clothing given to clients is donated both by corporations and the general public. Then there are about 250 volunteers who do most of the mentoring, outfitting, styling, etc.

Following question time, Elizabeth was thanked for her talk by President Pam and the meeting closed in the usual manner.

**Reporter: The editor**

*Fellows, I came across this item on Facebook the other day and thought it was well worth sharing as it highlights what is so important in preparing the coming generations. Maybe I just wish I had received this sort of advice when I was in school!*

**A message from Paul Teys – Principal,  
Hunter Valley Grammar School, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

### **Good Manners ... Yes Please!**

Young people are often criticized for having poor manners; not having the same manners as *the builders* (1925-1945) or *the boomers* (1946-1964). It is a criticism levelled particularly at generations after *Gen Y* – born after 1980. I have always believed that it is parents and grandparents responsibility to teach children manners, insisting on good manners, and modelling good manners. It is the school's responsibility to support and reinforce the teaching of manners through appropriate school values and standards. Whoever accepts responsibility for instilling good manners in children and young people; it has to be taught and modelled.

The blame for the demise of good manners is often (conveniently) placed firmly and squarely, front and centre on electronic devices. Because of students' constant heads-down focus on their electronic devices, it's often hard for them to learn to interact appropriately with other people. They are more comfortable texting or sending an e-mail to communicate than offering a firm handshake or a warm smile. To prepare students for interviews and the modern workplace, not to mention their personal relationships, they need to be taught the skills of interacting with others. We all play a vital role.



**An acronym for this is S.P.E.C.I.A.L. (Adam Dovico in *Phi Delta Kappan*, November 2016)**

Shake hands – a firm, appropriate grip

Posture – standing up straight, shoulders back, conveying confidence and awareness;

Eye contact – looking the other person in the eye during the entire interaction;

Charm – a smile, head nod, laugh;

Introduce yourself – saying, “Hi, I’m ----” gets the ball rolling;

Ask a question – “What brings you here?” or “Don’t you hate this weather?” begins a conversation and shows interest in the other person;

Lean in and listen – without invading the person’s space, getting a little closer signals engagement and helps you listen and respond appropriately.

These elements make a young person/adult come across as confident and professional. They need practice, so they become natural. It’s good to start at an early age teaching children to introduce themselves, start a conversation, look people in the eye and answer politely. By senior school, students should be able to start a good conversation with a stranger and mingle in a crowd.

How can adults help parents, and teachers? These strategies can be applied at home and other social situations outside of the home.

Greet children every morning by name and expect them to do the same to you.

Shake their hands, so they learn how to do it naturally.

Expect your children to stand up and greet visitors and look after their comfort by offering a seat or refreshments.

Insist on polite interactions at the meal table and in family groups.

Use literature, current events, and TV programmes to encourage children to develop genuine curiosity about other people and what makes them tick.



# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

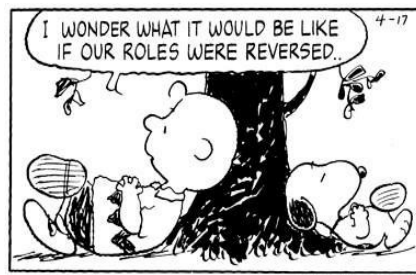
DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
March 6	National Youth Science Forum 2017	Luke Harris Aryan Panchasara	John Ellis	Alex Thomas
Saturday March 11	<b>DISTRICT 9685 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - at PENRITH PANTHERS CONVENTION CENTRE</b> Register now at <a href="http://www.conference2017.rotarydistrict9685.org.au">www.conference2017.rotarydistrict9685.org.au</a>			
March 13	Presentation of Christmas Trailer Raffle proceeds	TBA	Pat Parker	Phil Stanton
March 18	BARBECUE AT BUNNINGS, THORNLEIGH		From 9am to 4pm	President Pam organising
March 20	'Cops Are Tops' (rescheduled)	Shane Carne	Phillip Stanton	Michael Bradley

## A REQUEST FROM INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, THEO GLOCKEMANN.

### Govt's Foreign Aid Plan, easy survey, including Timor-Leste

Hello Everyone,  
 This has just come to our attention.....Right now our Government is writing a long term plan for Australia's foreign policy & you have a chance to contribute. Make your voice heard on Timor-Leste & other global issues by completing a 60 second multiple choice survey. The **Timor-Leste maritime border issue** is specifically mentioned as well as climate change, discrimination, women's rights etc. Here's the link: <http://uptous.org.au/?org=micah> Please take the survey before 28 February so that your voice counts. It's up to us to make sure Australia plays its part as a responsible global citizen.

NSW Timor Sea Justice Forum <http://www.timfo.org>



## ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member attendance 66.7%

**Apologies:** David Walsh, Theo Glockemann, Ian Chappel, Pat Parker, Terry Pankhurst, Phil Stanton

**Guest Speaker:** Elizabeth Trehwella

**Guests:** Julia Bradley, Heather Firth, Ruth Reid, Susan Wilson, Georgia Glockemann, Wendy Bell, Margaret Ashdown

**Leave of Absence:** nil

## MEMBER NEWS

### BIRTHDAYS

Graeme Ashdown - February 28th

Ian Chappel - March 3rd

Georgia Glockemann - March 4th

### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

## Thought for the Week

*For time and the world do not stand still. Change is the law of life.  
 And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.*

- John F Kennedy