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CLUB CHANGEOVER



PRESIDENT
PAM HUDSON
2016-2017

PRESIDENT
ALEX THOMAS
2017-2018



Changeovers are not just about the year coming to an end, although we will certainly celebrate with President Pam a very successful 2016-2017! Changeovers are also about the year ahead. I am reminded of a quotation from John F Kennedy which goes like this: "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." The new year will see us with a very experienced president in Alex and an equally experienced board. With the theme for the year 'Rotary: Making a Difference', I am sure we are set up for a very successful year too. At the risk of stealing Alex's thunder, perhaps our greatest effort needs to be in attracting new members to the club, and that's a task we all need to engage in. And always remembering to have fun.

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REPORT FROM LAST MEETING ON JUNE 5th

President Pam opened the meeting and outlined the arrangements for the Changeover on Monday 19th June, and confirmed the allocation of duties on the night. It was requested that all attending advise their numbers to David Firth by the 10th June.

The President also advised of a meeting with parents from the Central Coast who had children at St Lucy's School and were concerned at the new increased costs involved in getting their children to the school as a result of the incoming changes to the new NDIS rules.

The Project Director advised that as a result of an approach by Nicole Bondoc of Banna Property Group (a recent POW awardee), and our contact a Pennant Hills Market Place, she has been able to arrange for 8 kilos of steak and 8 kilos of thin sausages to be donated free of charge by IGA at Pennant Hills to the Ronald McDonald House "Meals From The Heart" night on Wednesday 28th June.

The Project Director also advised that he had been contacted by Jennifer Smith of RYDA, advising that Mount St Benedicts Girls School would be attending the RYDA Program at Sydney Olympic Park on Friday 15th September. It was noted that we did not have much involvement with the school, but John Ellis advised that they did participate in the National Youth Science School. It was decided to try and have a team of 6 members to assist the school on their day at RYDA.

President Pam read a letter, which had been prepared by PP Theo, addressed to the Principal of Pennant Hills High School, outlining our extreme disappointment at the lack of collectors from the school (none) at the recent Red Shield Door Knock Appeal on Sunday 28th May. It was agreed that the school response to this project had been very disappointing over the last few years and it was decided to forward the letter.

PP Adrian Bell gave a full report on the "Big Day Out", held on Sunday 4th June. Seventeen people joined the road trip which included a ferry trip at Sackville, a wine tasting at Tizzana Winery and a visit to the Ebenezer Church, the oldest surviving church in Australia, followed by an inspection of gravesites there, a Devonshire Tea and an interesting talk (in the church) on the early settlers in the area. Well done Adrian.

Sergeant Terry was then let loose on the unsuspecting members, including those celebrating their anniversaries - Peter Wilson 32 years & Phil Stanton 33 years - and those members who had not yet supplied their annual reports to David Firth.

Following the tea/coffee break, PP Theo played a video which had been produced by Eddie Pinto during the 2016 RYLA in Timor Leste. The video featured interviews with the students highlighting their aims and ambitions as a result of their participation in the RYLA program. It is difficult for many of us to understand what an achievement it is to be selected for the program. There were 650 applicants for the 85 positions, plus 15 facilitators.



The RYLA program enables the cream of the young people of Timor Leste to meet and discuss a wide range of issues confronting their country and gives them the opportunity to address issues of training, leadership, finance, health, farming, agriculture and spiritual issues. The course is conducted over 1 week and greatly assists the young people to train themselves and to do it for their country. The project supported by our club, also includes a RYPEN component over a weekend for the younger boys and girls of school leaving age. This program also assists in preparing the younger generation to help their country develop.

Well done Theo! I am sure that most of the people in Timor Leste appreciate your commitment and enthusiasm.

Reporter: PP Pat Parker

Report from the Rotary International Annual Conference just completed in Atlanta, Georgia, USA

With polio on the brink of eradication, nations from around the world and key donors pledged more than \$1 billion on Monday to energize the global fight to end the paralyzing disease. Bill Gates, co-chair of The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and RI President John Germ share the recent news about their partnership in the fight to eradicate polio.

The historic pledges of new funds at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, will go toward drastically shrinking the **\$1.5 billion** gap in the funding that the partners of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** say is needed to reduce polio cases to zero worldwide. Just five cases have been reported this year, the lowest number in history.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said ending polio would be one of the world's greatest achievements.

"Polio is the thing I spend the most time on. Everyday I look at my email to see if we have a new case," Gates said. "I'm very inspired to be part of this. I'm also very humbled."

Rotary International President John F. Germ announced that Rotary would increase its commitment and raise \$50 million per year over the next three years. Rotary has raised more than \$1.7 billion to fight the disease since 1985.

"Right now, every time a new case is identified, it really could be the last one the world ever sees," Germ said.

Gates told the crowd of nearly 24,000 that, starting 1 July, his **foundation** will extend its 2-to-1 match to cover up to \$50 million in donations to Rotary for each of the next three years. The match and donations to Rotary would add up to \$150 million per year over the next three years, which will add up to \$450 million to the fight.

The new funding will go toward polio eradication efforts such as disease surveillance, responses to any outbreaks, and the vaccination of more than 400 million children annually.



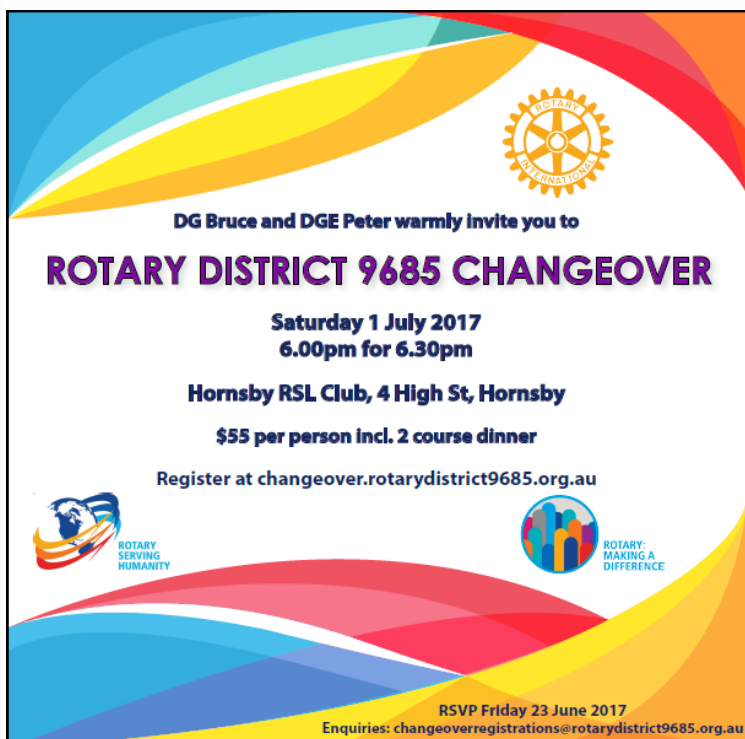
The following is a list of Pledges totaling over \$1 billion




- \$450 million Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- \$154.7 million Pakistan
- \$150 million Rotary International
- \$134.6 million Nigeria
- \$75 million Canada
- \$61.4 million European Commission
- \$55 million Japan
- \$30 million United Arab Emirates
- \$30 million Dalio Foundation
- \$25 million Bloomberg Philanthropies
- \$15 million Anonymous donor
- \$11.2 million Germany
- \$5 million easyJet
- \$5 million Italy
- \$4 million Korea
- \$2 million Korea Foundation for International Healthcare/Community Chest of Korea
- \$1.7 million United Nations Foundation/Shot@Life
- \$1.03 million Switzerland
- \$500,000 Luxembourg
- \$514,000 UNICEF USA
- \$330,000 Monaco
- \$130,000 New Era Educational and Charitable Foundation
- \$60,000 Turkey
- \$30,000 Malta
- \$20,000 Spain
- \$20,000 Accenture Interactive, USA

The above list makes for very interesting reading with some very surprising major pledges. What a pity we can't see our country's name at least somewhere in the list! Editor

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
June 26th	Plans for the New Rotary Year	President Alex & the directors	President Alex	David Firth
Wed. June 28th	RONALD McDONALD HOUSE	"Meals From The Heart"	at Westmead	5.30pm
Saturday July 1st	DISTRICT CHANGEVER	DG Bruce Lakin & DGE Peter Ward	at Hornsby RSL Club	6.00 for 6.30pm




DG Bruce and DGE Peter warmly invite you to
ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEVER
Saturday 1 July 2017
6.00pm for 6.30pm
Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby
\$55 per person incl. 2 course dinner
 Register at changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au


 RSVP Friday 23 June 2017
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Fellows, as we come to the end of the Rotary year, I'd like to thank all those who have made contributions to 'Spokes' this year. I know at times our reporters have had to work hard to provide those reports. However I hope they appreciate what a great help it is for the editor not to provide all the weekly content. I trust you have all enjoyed the weekly offerings. DLF

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member attendance 76.5%

Apologies: Michael Bradley, Ian Chappel, Jim Fraser, David Walsh

Speaker: Theo Glockemann

Guests: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil

MEMBER NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

Thought for the Week

***"Vision without action is merely a dream.
 Action without vision just passes the time.
 Vision with action can change the world."***

- Joel A. Barker