

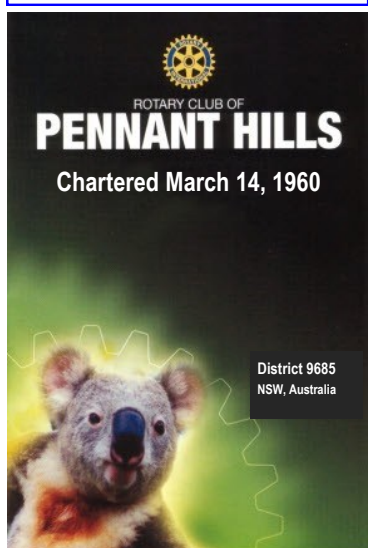


# SPOKES

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## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Social Night with partners  
to recognise  
*Peter Wilson & Susan*

CHAIRMAN: PRESIDENT ALEX THOMAS

REPORTER: IAN CHAPPEL

Following Peter Wilson's resignation announced last week, we will have an opportunity to recognise Peter's great contribution as a Rotarian with our club. So come along for what promises to be a great evening of celebration and fellowship.

LOOK WHO IS OUR SERGEANT THIS YEAR! CHECK HIS STANDOVER TACTICS!



## NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

**PLANNING OUR CHARITY GOLF DAY**

Chairman: Phil Stanton    Reporter: Pat Parker

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before Noon on

Saturday



## **REPORT FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

President Alex opened the meeting, welcoming members and noting the apologies - Immediate Past President Pam, Pat Parker, Michael Bradley, Phil Stanton and Ian Huckel. As we waited for the meal to arrive, Alex invited announcements.

In the absence of Pat, David Firth outlined the arrangements for our annual visit to Ronald McDonald House for 'Meals From The Heart' which was to take place on Wednesday evening. All the catering was in hand with particular mention made of the generous donation of all the meat by IGA Supermart at Pennant Hills Market Place.

Ian Chappel reminded members of his entry in this year's City2Surf raising money for Australian Rotary Health. He aims to raise \$800 and so far has pledged of about a quarter of that, so he is looking for more sponsorship.

Following dinner, our erstwhile Sergeant at arms took centre stage so to speak. He adopted a very aggressive approach and ensured that no one escaped his clutches. It almost seemed as though he had been practicing! O well, we only have 51 more weeks to go - less those when he goes to East Timor.

Unfortunately, President Alex then had the task of announcing the resignation of long time member and retiring treasurer, PP Peter Wilson. His letter was read to the meeting and a decision was made to have a special meeting next Monday night with our partners included so that we can celebrate the contribution Peter, and indeed Susan and the family, have made to our club and the various projects,

President Alex then lead us into the Plan for the new Rotary Year. He called for suggestions and comments, given that we intend to continue the current range of projects the club engages in. The first suggestion was that we have 2 fundraisers for Australian Rotary Health and the Rotary Foundation. It was suggested that we hold regular (monthly?) social functions, and another Big Day Out by Adrian warmly endorsed. 'Friday Night Frenzy' was a suggested social outing, and also a weekend away.

President Alex then raised the subject of his primary focus this year, MEMBERSHIP. He has a plan for 6 to 8 additional members this year. We need to promote what the club does in order to attract new members. It was suggested that we need to 'spruce up' our appearance by getting new club shirts, new dinner badges, and new aprons. President Alex rounded out this segment by undertaking to ask every 2 weeks which members have a potential new member to invite.

International Director Theo stated that he intends continuing with the East Timor RET Project with a visit again in September, this time accompanied by Jim & Esther Fraser. He then suggested that we take a more prominent part in Claude Rigney's Pharmaceutical Distribution project with details to be worked out.

Theo then outlined his new fund raising idea which has been used by the Woden Rotary Club. It is a Charity Virtual Race Meeting. We would need to purchase the materials to allow us to conduct the event at a cost of around \$500. We could expect that we would make up to \$5,000 if we had a successful event. It was agreed that we need to investigate further.

Projects Director Pat had submitted an outline of his plans covering Daffodil Day on August 25th, RYDA on September 15th, the Golf Day on October 24th, Tree of Joy in November/December, Christmas Trailer Raffle in October/November/December, & Ronald McDonald House 'Meals from the Heart'.

The Pride of Workmanship Project to continue with production being based on occasional working bees. The upgrading of the website is now essential. A Facebook page is also considered to be very desirable. Due to our sales this past year being about 10% down on the previous year, we are planning a well directed marketing program aimed particularly at inactive previous customers primarily using email.

PP Terry gave a brief update on the PKU Research program which is now at the clinical trial stage where commercial interest is needed. Terry undertook to give a more expansive update shortly.

Finally, Youth Chairman John Ellis nominated the following programs to be continued this year - RYPEN, RYLA, NYSF and Young Endeavour. It was suggested that we consider MUNA as well and also look to Mount St. Benedict College for involvement as well as Pennant Hills High School.

Our meeting closed with the National Anthem - our new flag yet to be on display. Reporter: DLF

## Ronald McDonald House- Wednesday 28th June

According to a very reliable source, this was our 17th visit to Ronald McDonald House, and it will be our last time in the old facility, as the "New House" is well on the way to being completed, and could be opened early next year. We had a great team on hand to provide the meal for the parents and children, led by our new President Alex Thomas, and a first timer, Claude Rigney. Naturally we had the Dynamic Duos- Heather & David Firth, Georgia & Theo Glockemann, Bev & Ian Chappel, and Sandra & Pat Parker. The "singles" were led by Phil Stanton, John Eliis, and Jim Fraser, as well as one of our greatest supporters, Bev Young.

It was also great to have Nicole Bondoc from the Banna Property Group, who not only organised for the IGA Store at Pennant Hills Market Place to supply, free of charge, 8 kilos of sausages and 8 kilos of barbecue steak, but she also wanted to come along and see what our Club was doing in other projects out of our area. She is a quite remarkable young lady and one who was a worthy recipient of our recent Pride of Workmanship Award.

During the serving of dinner, all of our team had the opportunity of hearing about the individual illnesses of the children and in some cases, the grandchildren, and their time at Ronald McDonald House. One story that was quite amazing involved a 9 year old boy from Hay, NSW, who had cancer in his shoulder. The doctor was about to amputate, when he sought a second opinion from overseas. He changed the chemo therapy, which worked, and now they are confident that the boy will probably make a full recovery.

My special thanks to Bev Young for providing the salads, Heather Firth for organising the desserts, and to all who came and assisted on the night. It was also nice for the Rotary Club to receive a vote of thanks from one of the parents and President Alex gave an excellent response. The Project Section has had a good start to the year.

Director Pat Parker

*Special thanks goes to Director Pat for organising the visit and for liasing with IGA Supermart and purchasing the drinks. Ed*



The cooks at work!



Preparing salads & desserts



Discussion at dinner time



Claude made a new friend!



## DID YOU KNOW?

### Clothes Hanger

The invention of the wire clothes hanger has been attributed to Albert Parkhouse, an employee of Timberlake Wire And Novelty Company in 1903. This company fashioned wire lamp shade frames and other items from wire. One story goes that Parkhouse came to work one day, went to hang his coat up and found all of the coat hooks were in use. Out of frustration, Parkhouse grabbed a piece of wire, bent it into the shape of what we recognize as a clothes hanger on the spot. Another story says that Parkhouse was inspired by complaints from other employees of not enough coat hooks.

A patent for a clothes hanging device made from wire granted to John B. Timberlake, the owner of the company Parkhouse worked for, in 1904. It was common for the company to patent an employee's invention at that time. While it is not absolutely certain the Parkhouse was the inventor, it is for sure that the company and not the inventor profited from it. The wire clothes hanger became the preferred method of displaying clothing in shops when a men's clothing store in Grand Rapids Michigan was the first to display clothing on them in 1906.





## THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
July 10th	Planning our Charity Golf Day	Everyone	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker
July 17th	To be advised	TBA	TBA	TBA
Aug 25th	DAFFODIL DAY	AT PENNANT HILLS	STATION	6.00 to 9.00am

### ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEKS MEETING

**Member Attendance:** 70.6%

**Apologies:** Michael Bradley, Ian Huckel, Pam Hudson, Pat Parker, Phil Stanton, David Walsh

**Visitors:** Nil

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

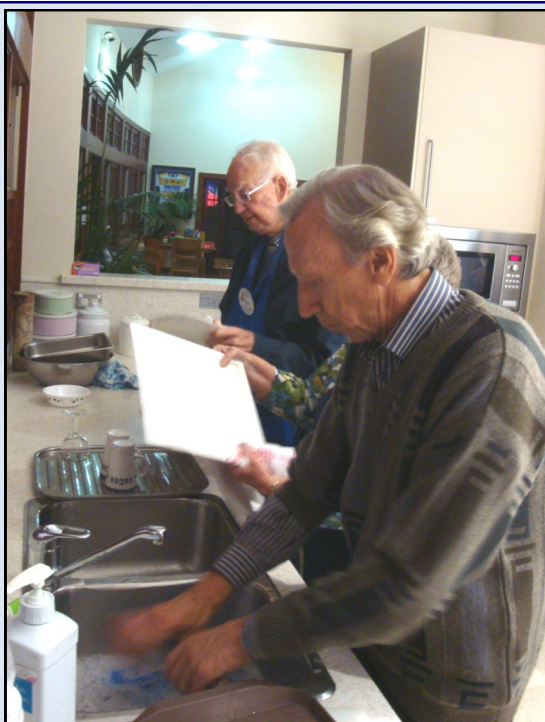
### *THIS WEEK'S WISDOM*

"It is a funny thing about life;  
if you refuse to accept anything but the best,  
you very often get it."

- W. Somerset Maugham

"Let us have the courage to stop borrowing to  
meet the continuing deficits.  
Stop the deficits."

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt



Here is an interesting comparison between photos taken at Ronald McDonald House in May 2015 on the left and last Wednesday evening on the right. It seems Phil Stanton has another talent of which others are unaware. Note who is in the background helping Phil in 2015!