

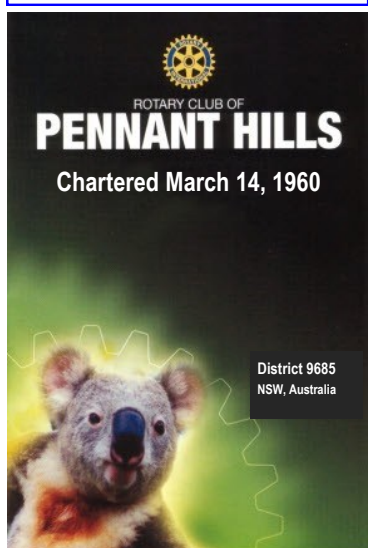


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## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

### THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT

#### Joint meeting with Beecroft Club

**Chairman: President Mark Anderson - Beecroft**

**Reporter: John Ellis**

#### District Governor Peter Ward

Peter Ward joined the Rotary Club of The Entrance in 2004. The attraction at the time was the people he would be associating with and this still is the case.

Peter has served as Club President first in 2007-8, again in 2011-12 and most recently in 2014-15.

In 2015-16, Peter served as the Assistant Governor for the Central Coast.

Highlights for Peter have been the variety of successful projects he has led ranging from fund raising to the refurbishment of Rotary Park to community engagement days. A

common element has been partnering with the local council, community groups or another Rotary club.

Peter is a centurion and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Peter continues to work in information technology with a career spread across Australian and multinational companies having held local and Asia Pacific responsibilities for sales, operations and the occasional project.

Peter sees his greatest challenge as preserving what makes our District great while meeting the needs of our beneficiaries, partners and newest members. Married to Anne, they have two adult sons, two cats, and together they have toured much of Australia. When time permits a quick trip into a national park or to a beach recharges their batteries.

If Peter wasn't actively "making a difference" via Rotary, he would rather be sailing.



## NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

**To Be Advised**

**CHAIRMAN: President Alex    REPORTER: Theo Glockemann**



## **Rotary Meeting – Monday 31st July, 2017**

So President Alex had left us at the mercy of PPPP Adrian Bell, while he went swanning off to some 'Ministers' retreat' for the week - not sure what they are retreating from but, no doubt in due time, President Alex will enlighten us. The PPPP stands for Past Past Past President - Adrian was president in 2014-15. He was a very capable stand in - he's lost none of his presidential expertise, wit or charm.

Also back after a week away was Sergeant-at-arms Theo looking not quite back to his shiny best. However, this failed to daunt his enthusiasm when it came to his session. Theo did tell us of his excursion to the Rotary Club of Windsor where he promoted our RAWCS project in East Timor. Indeed, Theo had reason to be rather chuffed with his efforts there as he was able to report that Windsor club will sponsor a RYPEN program this year!

Project Director Pat reminded us of the Daffodil Day coming up on August 25 and the need to bank the proceeds at a National Australia Bank branch afterwards. Pat also talked about the RYDA day at Sydney Olympic Park with the Mount St. Benedict's students on September 15.

When the Sergeant session arrived, Theo had written a script in 3 acts! His relentless pursuit of everyone present indicated perhaps his frustration with the fact that Corporal Jim had so effectively stood in for him last week. Appropriately, when cross fines were invited, he was required to let some of his own 'hard earned' see the bottom of the collection box.

Following the tea & coffee break, PPPP Adrian, having explained that daughter Caitlin was not available to speak, invited yours truly to run the video advertised in 'Spokes' - 'The Winds of Change'. This is a talk/interview with Past RI Director Stuart Heal, a member of the Rotary Club of Cromwell, New Zealand and was recorded back in early 2011. Stuart is a great advocate for change - for relaxing many of the rigidities of club organisation and meetings. Many of the things he spoke about have now been embraced by rotary through recent Councils on Legislation. He felt that clubs should be encouraged to meet to suit their membership and the conduct of the meetings should be arranged to suit their members and not according to some rigid format from yesteryear.

He was keen to ensure that we simplify our language. To make sure that we don't use acronyms when talking to non-rotarians and the community. He also suggests that we drop the word 'club' so as to avoid the 'closed shop' impression that word may give. So we would become Pennant Hills Rotary. Of particular interest to me was his support for the Vocational aspect in Rotary. This allows for a broad range of backgrounds and experiences to be part of each club. He also advocates a much higher profile of business networking within rotary rather than leaving this to such organisations as BNI (Business Network International) which meet every week as we do, but usually for breakfast, and they simply talk about their businesses.

One of Stuart's major problems with rotary as it has been, is its emphasis on attendance. Indeed, in years gone by, we asked people to leave rotary because they didn't attend enough meetings! Thankfully this is a thing of the past but we should, never-the-less, value our members for what they contribute rather than how often they attend meetings. He emphasised getting our members engaged and focussing on our 'customers' - those who are benefitting from our projects, both local and overseas.

Stuart wound up his talk by stating that in his opinion Rotary and clubs should stand by their principles (Principles are Forever), whereas rules and traditions are open for change.

In the discussion that followed, there was an apparent divergence of opinions amongst our members. In some respects, these differences reflect the different reasons members joined Rotary in the first place which is a natural outcome. PPPP Adrian then closed the meeting by inviting PP John Ellis, also just back from a holiday, to lead us in the National Anthem.

**Reporter: the Editor**



## 2 Stories worth thinking about

Once, there was an older man, who was broke, living in a tiny house and owned a beat up car. He was living off \$99 social security checks. At 65 years of age, he decided things had to change. So he thought about what he had to offer. His friends raved about his chicken recipe. He decided that this was his best shot at making a change.

He left Kentucky and travelled to different states to try to sell his recipe. He told restaurant owners that he had a mouthwatering chicken recipe. He offered the recipe to them for free, just asking for a small percentage on the items sold. Sounds like a good deal, right?

Unfortunately, not to most of the restaurants. He heard NO over 1000 times. Even after all of those rejections, he didn't give up. He believed his chicken recipe was something special. He got rejected 1009 times before he heard his first yes.

With that one success Colonel Hartland Sanders changed the way Americans eat chicken. Kentucky Fried Chicken, popularly known as KFC, was born.

Remember, never give up and always believe in yourself in spite of rejection.

## **A Very Special Bank Account**

Imagine you had a bank account that deposited \$86,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dollar each day!

We all have such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys any unused time. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have and that is that. Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money, you decide how you spend the money. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.

## *World Roundup of Rotary Projects*

(Reprinted from 'The Rotarian', July 2017)

### **AUSTRALIA**

Frustrated by wholesalers' lock on sales outlets for produce, a farming member of the Rotary Club of Hall and his fellow Rotarians started the Capital Region Farmers Market in 2004 with 15 stalls and about 500 customers.

Now, the market draws 6,000 to 10,000 visitors, 48 Saturdays a year, to Exhibition Park outside Canberra in suburban Lyneham.

The business acumen of club members has played a crucial role in the success of the market.

"A dedicated committee of four or five members oversees the operations of the market," notes Paul Tyrrell, the club's immediate past president.

Club profits from stall rentals, exceeding \$200,000, are channelled into community projects.

# Trivia? NIGHT?

**Saturday  
26<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Cherrybrook Community Centre  
Shepherds Drive Cherrybrook

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Only **\$20 pp**  
Bring along your friends  
and make a table of 8.

Tea & Coffee provided  
BYOG & nibbles

Charities we support: Wesley Operation  
Hope, Australian Rotary Health & other  
charities & organisations  
supported by the club

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## THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Aug 14th	To be advised	TBA	President Alex	Theo Glockemann
Aug 25th	DAFFODIL DAY	AT PENNANT HILLS	STATION	6.00 to 9.00am
Sept 11th	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TODAY	John Hewko RI General Secretary	President Mark Anderson	Pat Parker
JOINT MEETING WITH BEECROFT AND OTHER ZONE CLUBS				
Sept 15th	Volunteer at RYDA at	Sydney Olympic Park	Mount St Benedict High School	6 volunteers Required 8.30am to 2pm
Oct 17th	CLUB CHARITY GOLF	DAY at PENNANT HILLS	GOLF CLUB	Details to be advised

### ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEKS MEETING

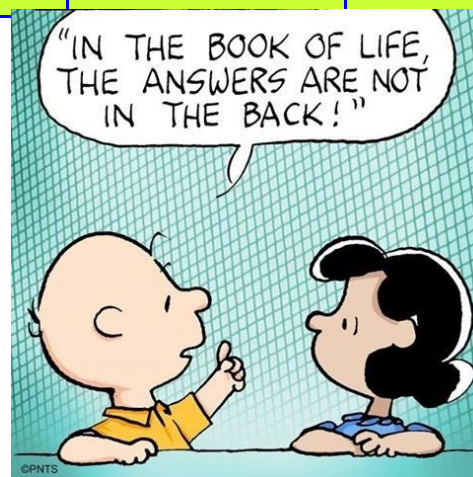
**Member Attendance:** 68.75%

**Apologies:** Michael Bradley, Phil Stanton, Alex Thomas,

**Visitors:** Nil

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil

**Leave of Absence:** Pam Hudson,



### MEMBER NEWS

#### BIRTHDAYS

Nil

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Reid - August 8, 1963 - 54 years ago!

### MEMBER WELFARE

After my unkind comments about our Sergeant's health last week, I now understand that he has been suffering with bronchitis, suffering a relapse after last Monday's meeting. I'm sure he will be there this week looking 'hale and hearty'.

Sue Huckel is still in the SAN. The chest infection which led to her hospitalization has not cleared up yet. She is also seeing a specialist about her shoulder injury and has had X-Rays taken this week.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"A good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame,  
and a little less than his share of the credit."*

- Arnold H. Glasow