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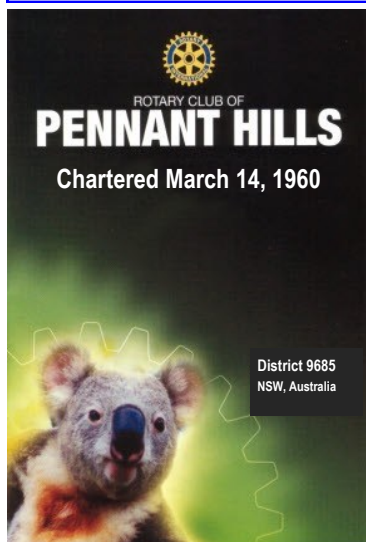
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## OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

### AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY GUEST SPEAKER: AHMADUL AMEEN

CHAIRMAN: ADRIAN BELL

REPORTER: PAM HUDSON



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### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

at Fairmont Resort, Leura

on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th March 2018

The purpose of the District Conference is to provide opportunities for networking, inspirational addresses, and discussions on Rotary-related matters.

The event recognises the service programs, projects, and public relations achievements in our District in order to inspire Rotarians to become more involved in service.

The conference also gives Rotarians and clubs a vision of Rotary beyond the club level and provides a memorable fellowship experience.

Many Rotarians have said that they were never truly enthusiastic about Rotary until they saw an inspirational presentation at a District Conference.

*Talk to our District Conference Chairman,  
Theo Glockemann, if you are thinking about attending.*

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Saturday



## OUR NEXT MEETING

**December 11th**

**CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS**

**Chairman: President Alex Reporter: Jim Fraser**

So where was our president? Fortunately PP Adrian sprang to our rescue to take up the presidential role for the evening. Was this a little bit of promotion on his part with the AGM and **Elections** looming? What ever, he did a great job while Alex relaxed in Malaysia - perhaps he is just trying to maximise his frequent flyer points!

There were a number of announcements. John Ellis, with his Youth cap on, advised that we have accepted a referral from district of a young lady from Hornsby who has applied to go to RYLA in 2018. He then announced that he had been successful in attracting two nominations (a girl and a boy) from Pennant Hills High School for RYPEN in the new year. And then he related an email he had received from Pennant Hills High School inviting him to represent the club at the school speech day on Tuesday 5th December and seeking agreement for the club to present 6 leadership awards this time - previously there had been 4. After discussion, it was agreed to make the 6 awards but to also seek the school's support for the club's activities and its membership drive.

Theo Glockemann sought support for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Artarmon raising money for our Timor Leste RAWCS project. This was organised by Angelo Raveane of the Crows Nest club who has been a leading light in the project for many years.

The sergeant leaped to his feet following the main course, almost before our acting president could finish announcing him. He showed no mercy for those of British birth re the cricket; our rugby stalwarts over the Scotland test debacle; then followed the usual contrived fines for all and sundry. Cross fines managed to partly redress the imbalance with the sergeant fined for failing to take his place at the head table next to the president.

Adrian then invited Ian Chappel to talk about the Rotary Foundation, the appropriateness of this being that November is The Foundation month in Rotary and this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Foundation. Ian commenced by relating how Arch Klumph proposed the idea of an endowment fund at the 1917 Rotary Convention, the idea taking root with a donation of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City. Continuing on, Ian talked about the operation of what became the very familiar Rotary Foundation.

The Foundation Mission Statement reads: "The Mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotary members and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. This support is essential to make possible projects, funded with Foundation grants, that bring sustainable improvement to communities in need.

The Foundation has identified specific causes to target to maximize local and global impact. Through global grants they help clubs focus their service efforts in the following areas:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. A key feature of global grants is partnership, between the district or club where the activity is carried out and a district or club in another country. Both sponsors must be qualified before they can submit an application. The minimum budget for a global grant activity is \$30,000.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants. You can use district grants to fund a variety of district and club projects and activities.

Ian was thanked for his very informative talk and the meeting concluded in the normal way.

**DLF**

The following information was supplied by District 9685 Foundation Chairman, PDG David Rands.

## District Grants - Examples of Projects in 2017/18

Club	Project
Windsor	Balibo Kindergarten - Timor Leste
Upper Northern Beaches	Water Project - Oorong Village Cambodia
Penrith Valley	Nepalese School Health - Nepal
Gosford City	Hisiu school water tank - PNG
East Gosford	Community Garden - Gosford
Belrose	Network Heaven - Sri Lanka
Northbridge	Water Tanks - Flores Island Indonesia
Chatswood	Health Clinic Water - Ossu Timor Leste
The Ponds	Community Education - Rinya Kenya
Crows Nest	Taldumande Youth - Sydney
Lindfield	Active Health Equipment - Sydney
Gosford North	Solar Lights - Madagascar Hospital

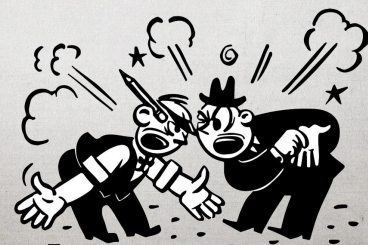
### The TREE of JOY at Pennant Hills Market Place

As reported last week, our Tree of Joy is well underway with cards being taken at a rapid rate, and presents being left under the tree. These are collected each evening by the staff at Westpac Pennant Hills and kept under security at the bank. In a change hopefully just for this year, we are supplying the gifts to Stewart House and Parramatta Mission only. Unfortunately, due to the merger of Pennant Hills Neighbour Aid with Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre since last Christmas, they were not able to organise themselves to be able to distribute the gifts which we were offering. They were anxious for us to consider them for next year. We will be delivering gifts to Stewart House on Thursday 14th December, and then liaising with Parramatta Mission for the delivery of the rest of the gifts to them. Anyone who would like to assist in these deliveries should contact Pat Parker and any assistance will be very welcome.

Never be afraid  
to try something  
new. Remember,  
amateurs built the  
ark. Professionals  
built the Titanic.

Arguing with a  
fool  
proves there are  
two.

Doris M. Smith



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# THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Dec 11th	Annual General Meeting & Elections	President Alex &	President Alex	Jim Fraser
Dec 18th	Club Christmas Party	Venue to be confirmed	Partners night	
Dec 25th & Jan 1st	NO MEETINGS	DUE TO HOLIDAYS	HAPPY CHRISTMAS	HAPPY NEW YEAR

## CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Fellows, our AGM & Elections is coming up on December 11th. We are calling for nominations for the following positions:

President 2018 - 2019  
 President Elect 2019 - 2020  
 Vice President  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 and 6 Directors

We need to elect a President for next year following the resignation of Michael Bradley. We should also elect a President to follow in the next year - and we do need to elect a treasurer. President Alex and Secretary Jim will be pleased to receive all nominations.

**Have you nominated yet? If not, why not?**

### ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**Member Attendance:** 73.3%

**Apologies:** Pam Hudson, Phil Stanton, Alex Thomas

**Guest Speaker:** Ian Chappel

**Visitors:** Nil

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

### CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2017

As promised, the result of our teams' effort at Cherrybrook on 25th November was 369 tickets sold and takings of \$618.25 which was about \$50 ahead of last year at that venue.

This week at West Pennant Hills, we had just a moderate result, selling 291 tickets with takings of \$520. This was about \$75 short of last year's sales here. Thanks to our 2 teams: Adrian Bell, Pam Hudson, Jack Reid & Terry Pankhurst in the morning, and Pat Parker, Alan and Lee Lowe in the afternoon.

**Special thanks to Alan & Lee Lowe for their help on the past two afternoons including towing the trailer back to John Ellis' place afterwards.**

So next Saturday we are selling at Thornleigh Marketplace again. The morning team is John Ellis, Theo Glockemann, Alex Thomas; Afternoon team is Ian Chappel, Phil Stanton and David Firth.

### MEMBER NEWS

#### BIRTHDAYS

George Green - December 17th

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**'The premise of this foundation is one life on this planet is no more valuable than the next.'**

*- Melinda Gates*