

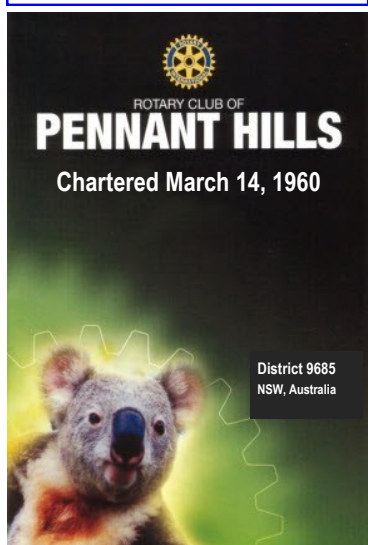


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

The Rotary Foundation Today

Special Guest Speaker:
Immediate Past RI President John Germ

Chairman: PDG David Rands

Reporter: Theo Glockemann

John F. Germ

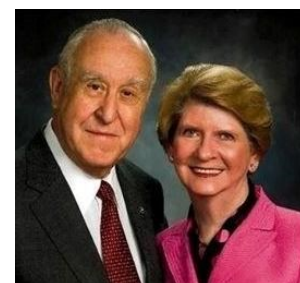
Rotary International President 2016-17

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John F. Germ is board chair and chief executive officer of Campbell and Associates Inc., consulting engineers. He joined the firm as an engineer in 1965 after four years in the U.S. Air Force. He serves on the boards of several organizations, including the board and executive committee of the Public Education Foundation, Orange Grove Center Inc., and as board chair of Blood Assurance Inc. He also is founder and treasurer of the Chattanooga State Technical Community College Foundation and president of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation.

He was Tennessee Young Man of the Year in 1970; Engineer of the Year, 1986; Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year, 1992; and Tennessee Community Organizations Volunteer of the Year, 2009. He is a recipient of the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award and the Arthritis Foundation Circle of Hope Award. In 2013, the White House recognized him as a Champion of Change.

John joined Rotary in 1976 and has served Rotary as vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, aide to the Foundation trustee chair, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, RI Board Executive Committee member, RI president's aide, Council on Legislation representative and chair, membership zone coordinator, chair of numerous committees, area coordinator, RI training leader, and district governor.



OUR NEXT MEETING - MARCH 12th

'THE RYPEN CAMP 2018'

Speakers: Danielle Teo & James Alexander

Chairman: John Ellis Reporter: David Firth

Club Meeting Monday 26 February 2018

The meeting was opened by President Alex who asked for reports. First was Adrian to remind everyone of the Big Day out on Sunday. All to meet at 10:30 at Observatory Park. Cost is \$20 per head for lunch and beverages; Adrian needs a list of attendees by Wednesday. Dinner was then served and the guests welcomed.

Director's reports: Pat Parker outlined the youth driver awareness program on Friday the 9th of March at 8:30. He is looking for some assistance from members at the St Ives centre. The session will provide Pennant Hills High school students with some awareness of issues they may encounter when driving a car and great tips on how to be better prepared.

Ian Chappel talked about the fund raiser planned to sponsor Mary Stoddart in her attempt to swim the English Channel. Ian was not sure if she had qualified during a preliminary race in Perth and was waiting on an update as there had been some issues with sharks in the area of the swim and some participants were pulled from the water. Ian also outlined that he is speaking at the Linfield Rotary club as an ambassador of Australian Rotary Health. Lindfield may be arranging a dual club meeting which will expand Ian's audience.

Theo outlined the upcoming events in East Timor which has been running for 10 years. The visit is planned for September this year for both RYLA and 2 RYPEN's. Barker College is once again attending but their program will be at the end of September. They can now run the RYPEN program themselves.

It was then the Sergeants session where Theo posed some interesting questions around the number of heartbeats that occur; how much longer a left handed person lives compared to a right handed one; the definition of the amount of calories in body fat; and whether there are more snakes or bees. He did a fine job of extracting as much money as possible.

It was then time for our two speakers to talk about the recent National Youth Science Forums they attended after being sponsored by Pennant Hills Rotary. Anish Malish (Normanhurst Boys) and Tom Harris (Pennant Hills High) were the two speakers and were introduced by John Ellis who outlined the program. It has been running for 35 years and how the two speakers were chosen to take part.

Anish was the first speaker who outlined that his session took place in Brisbane at the University of Queensland campus there. Anish has an interest in tennis and squash and stayed on campus for the full event. There were a number of other participants who took part and while there, they had an opportunity to go on Lab and Science visits. Forensic science was a favourite where they were tasked with using a spectrum microscope. They had a chance to look at cells and use dyes to interpret fingerprints to identify target cells. There were discussions on how various animals ended up in Australia and genetics about how changes to genes can lead to a cure. The trip ended up with a Science Dinner where they could interact with other students. Anish enjoyed the social activities where they engaged in swing dancing and dressed up in the PH table to attend a disco. There was a career expo where they could ask questions of companies about what roles might be available as well as networking opportunities for future job prospecting. Anish found the 12 days life changing and has developed a keen interest in medical research and using science to make the world a better place.

Tom Harris went to the Australian National University in Canberra where there was a number of students from all over Australia who had a love of science. This group had a focus on engineering and enhanced manufacturing. There was a number of lab visits to get a better understanding of broader sciences with talks on Stem Plus and creating a link between art and science for the dating and displaying of art. They visited a number of sites in Canberra including the Mt Stromlo telescope. The discussions outlined how science can solve problems. The discussions were highly engaging and how niche scientific research projects that can have a major impact. Tom was hosted by a family over a weekend with a large family of 6 or 7 kids but still had some time to relax. Tom said he was very lucky to have had the opportunity to take part in the program and looks forward to the options available for a career in science.

John opened up for questions and Anish said that science is a big focus at Normanhurst School with 30-40 students out of the 120 year 12 class involved in science classes. Tom said there were 3 NYSF sessions running this year and there were students from Germany, UK, Singapore and Hong Kong taking part. Pat commented on what great examples the two speakers were, and why the program should continue to be supported by the club.

The meeting was closed at 8:35 with a reminder that it is a joint meeting with Beecroft next week and there will be up to 53 extra guests to hear the speaker so a full house is anticipated.

Reporter: Jim Fraser

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2018

2018-19 Board Members, please be aware of the following 2018-19 District training:

District Assembly
Sunday 29 April 20178
The Kings School
Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta

It will begin with registrations at 8.30am and formal start at 9.00am, finishing at 4.30pm.

The training content will be informative and entertaining. ***It is a Rotary International requirement that each club is represented at PETS and District Assembly.***

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 24 APRIL - PLEASE REGISTER ASAP
Go to the District 9685 website - www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. It started on the East Coast of USA in 1992.

RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs identify those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills which is important in voluntary organisations.

The three part course is usually held on Saturdays or Sundays at our District Office. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Each day starts at 8:30 for 9:00 am and finishes around 3:45pm.

Certificates will be presented when the full course has been completed.

Until further notice, District is bearing the full cost as part of its training budget.

The RLI Course is highly recommended especially if you are an incoming or current President, Club Officer, or Assistant Governor, or if you simply want to learn more about Rotary.

The next course available for registration is:

RLI 47 - Saturday 5 and 19 May 2018

Talk to President Alex if you are interested in one of these courses. You can register online at - rli.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

THE BIG DAY OUT


So the Big Day Out has been run and won again!

There will be a full report in SPOKES next week including exclusive pictures never before seen. The details of this great excursion will not be revealed until then save to report that we had a less than gratifying number of participants!

More of this in our review in the future.


THE FORWARD PROGRAM



DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
March 10&11	District 9685 Conference	at Fairmont Resort, Leura	Come for a day,	or for the weekend
March 12th	RYPEN Camp in 2018	Danielle Teo James Alexander	John Ellis	David Firth
March 19th	Orthopaedic Surgery	Dr Andrew Stephens	Pat Parker	Pam Hudson
March 26th	Pakistan Today	Consul General of Pakistan	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker





AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

PhD SCHOLAR DINNER
MONDAY, 26th MARCH, 2018
6.30 to 9.30pm at
OATLANDS GOLF CLUB,
BETTINGTON ROAD, OATLANDS
RSVP by 13th March to
KEITH HENNING
Phone: 0402 317 724 or
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ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 81.25%

Apologies: Terry Pankhurst, Phil Stanton,

Guest Speakers: Anish Malish & Tom Harris

Visitors: Peter Harris

Leave of Absence: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Ian Chappel - March 3rd

Georgia Glockemann - March 4th

ANNIVERSARIES

Claude & Jeanette Rigney - March 9th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Chappel - March 10th

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.'

- Mark Twain