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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

The RYPEN Camp 2018

Guest Speakers:

Danielle Teo & James Alexander

Chairman: John Ellis

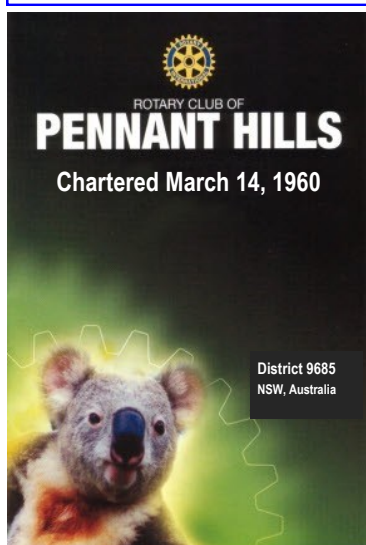
Reporter: David Firth

THE AIM OF THE RYPEN PROGRAMME

Teenagers today benefit greatly from opportunities to develop "life skills" and motivation to help them cope with the challenges of a very competitive future.

Pressure is put on students to perform academically and their results are the benchmark of success. However other skills are needed for the next stage of a student's growth, be that further education or the workplace.

During an intensive residential weekend, young people aged approximately 15 to 16 years will develop increased motivation, improved life skills, better self-image, pride in themselves and an understanding of setting and achieving goals.



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Saturday



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

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OUR NEXT MEETING - MARCH 19th

'ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY'

Speaker: Dr Andrew Stephens

Chairman: Pat Parker Reporter: Pam Hudson

Paul Harris Society Dinner Meeting - 5th March, 2018

The meeting was opened by Paul Young(Beecroft Club), the "Minister for Fun". Then the Chairman, President Mark Anderson, took the reigns. Many clubs from District 9685 were represented. Mark acknowledged all the district representatives, clubs and most importantly the guests of honour, John and Judy Germ. Paul was asked by Mark to propose a toast, a toast to the most efficient and effective global charity, the Rotary Foundation, commencing with a modest balance of \$26.50 with a current endowment balance of \$1bn. John Germ said during the night it is not the money, it is what the money has done and continues to do by the generous donations in not only District 9685, the rotarians of Australia, and all the other countries in the world. Paul continued stating that the foundation has spent over \$3bn on improving the lives of millions of people across the globe with improved health, water supplies, education and disease control. Paul reiterated that 90% of donations go towards global projects.

The District Governor of 9685, Peter Ward, applauded the connections, networking and partnerships among the clubs and Rotary International and the connections with the local communities that enable Rotary to do good in the world.

John Germ first came out to Australia at the inaugural Foundation Dinner for District 9685 (was 9680) conducted at the Rosehill Race Course. The Foundation Dinner has been conducted annually ever since.



Past District Governor Bruce Lakin introduced the guest speaker John Germ who joined the Rotary Club of Chattanooga in 1976. Earlier in his life he was the Tennessee Young Man of the Year. John Germ was Rotary International President for 2016 – 2017 with the motto of 'Rotary Serving Humanity'.

Several speakers during the night had noted the reluctance of Rotarians to support the foundation financially. John Germ spoke about this issue; it is not the money, it is what we can do to help people in the world. It must be remembered that it is giving from the heart not just a material transaction. This is the spirit of the Rotary Foundation.

John spoke about projects that he had witnessed that the foundation had funded. Setting up a machine and the training of the doctors and nurses to provide cataract operations to elderly people in Jamaica. We did not see it, but we were there as we contributed to the Foundation which funded this project.

John repeated this example for projects in Guatemala providing medical diagnosis assisted by doctors online supporting the service. Otherwise the undiagnosed pa-

tient was sent on an 8 hour gruelling trip to the nearest hospital. We did not see this but we were there as we supported the Foundation - we helped make it happen.

Other examples were projects in Uganda and India.

John then spoke about Polio eradication, first in the Philippines, in 1979, spending \$760,000. In 1985 there were 350,000 cases of polio in the world. This year, a total of only 3 cases in Afghanistan to date. What an achievement, all started by Rotary! Eradicating Polio is within our grasp. From day one, always remember - Mother Nature did not give us any guarantees, "Germs and conditions apply".

After John Germ's speech the District Governor, Peter Ward made a series of Awards to members of the Rotary District.

Mark Anderson closed the night, and invited everyone to have coffee and fellowship.



Reporter: PP Ian Chappel

President Alex receives his Paul Harris Society award from DG Peter Ward and PRIP John Germ.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2018

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

District Assembly

Sunday 29 April 2018

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 BIG DAY OUT REPORT



Sunday 4th March, 2018
Much more betterer

Here's the thing. We tested out the route and the stopping places a week before. Plenty of parking spaces at our start and our two destinations. On a Saturday.

Turns out that Sunday is busier all around. Still, everyone had a good time. Those that came, anyway.

Same format as last year, and once again, we stayed close to home, but went down some roads that our chaps & chapettes hadn't ever been on before. The weather was perfect, roads were remarkably free of ditherers and the trip was just right.

Bilpin was our destination this year. First up was Pinecrest Orchard, where everyone had a pleasant time picking their own assortment of apples & plums fresh from the trees in the orchard. Turns out that one of our guests knew John, the owner – so we had an interesting chat with him too.

With our harvest in hand, we moved on to our second destination, The Bilpin Cidery. In here, everyone had a chance to sample 6 or 7 different ciders, some of which were made from apples that originated at our 1st destination! Sean (Bilpin Cider owner) also laid on our lunch – so we had ciders on the site that made them and a couple of BBQ chicken picnic hampers and a grazing plate of cold meats, gourmet cheeses, crackers, olives and home grown tomatoes. Very nice indeed.

We handed out two awards on the day – the overall winners were Pat & Sandra Parker, who provided some very suspect answers that will require some explanations, and an encouragement award to our SuperHero of the day, Ian Huckel.

The day even turned a slight profit, so there's a few extra dollars in the kitty for the next Pennant Hills Rotary project.

'Till next time – see ya.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
March 19th	Orthopaedic Surgery	Dr Andrew Stephens	Pat Parker	Pam Hudson
March 26th	Pakistan Today	Consul General of Pakistan	Phil Stanton	Pat Parker
April 2nd	NO MEETING - EASTER HOLIDAY			
April 30th	PKU Research & the PKU Association	TBA	Terry Pankhurst	Ian Chappel

Mary Stoddard - My Story Swimming the English Channel for the PKU Association

Two days ago I swam 20 kilometers non-stop inside the shark nets at Busselton Jetty beach. Originally the plan was to swim 20km in the Rottneest Channel race but the appearance of a 4m Great White shark meant over 100 swimmers, including me, within a 1km radius of it had to get out of the water.

That's OK because my real goal is to swim the English Channel in August 2018. I'm not a particularly fast swimmer but have been training hard for over two years and am determined to complete my goal.

I would love to use this event to help others in some way. I have chosen PKU rather than one of the bigger charities for two reasons. Firstly, having an affected family member has provided insight into the everyday challenges overcome by those affected and their loved ones. Secondly, research into this potentially crippling disease is almost completely self-funded by the PKU Association and thus relies on community support.

Please visit the fund raising site at:- <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/swimming-the-english-channel-for-pku-phenylketonuria>



ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 62.5%

Apologies: Adrian Bell, Terry Pankhurst, Phil Stanton, Pam Hudson, Pat Parker,

Guest Speakers: PRIP John Germ

Visitors: Georgia Glockemann

Leave of Absence: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Ian Chappel - March 3rd

Georgia Glockemann - March 4th

ANNIVERSARIES

Claude & Jeanette Rigney - March 9th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Chappel - March 10th

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'If you are not living in the future today, you'll be living in the past tomorrow.'

- anonymous