

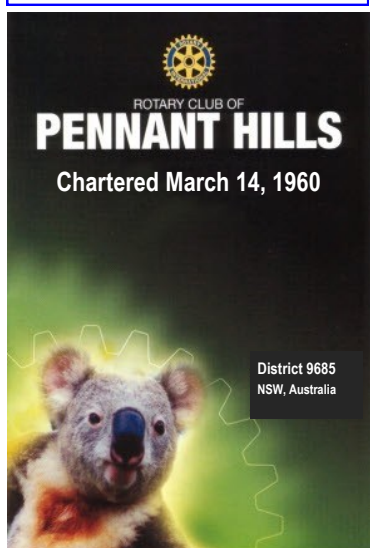


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

PAKISTAN TODAY

Guest Speaker: Abdul Majid Yousfani
Consul General of Pakistan

Chairman: Phillip Stanton

Reporter: Adrian Bell



The flag of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Tonight we welcome our special Guest Speaker together with
our other visitors - our partners.



NEXT WEEK - APRIL 30th
General Sir John Monash

Speaker: John Ellis

Chairman: President Alex Reporter: Pat Parker



MEETING REPORT - 16th APRIL

So, in the absence of our fearless leader Alex, we met once again at Lutanda Manor, thanks to our hosts, Theo and Georgia Glockemann. They were fresh back from their expedition to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, but more about that later. The catering was a barbecue again with a change to the chef as Adrian was delayed in arriving. However when he did arrive, he deferred to Claude Rigney as stand in president for the evening. Indeed, as might have been expected, Claude performed this role in his quite unique style shades of things to come perhaps???

Some fellowship was enjoyed while the food was cooked and also during the meal itself with 13 in attendance. Georgia was there to provide such valuable assistance in preparing for the meal and in the clean up afterwards. David Walsh was acknowledged for his attendance.

Some announcements about upcoming events confirmed that the PKU meeting with Prof. John Christodoulou attending from Melbourne, will be on Monday 21st May and will of course be another partners night. As we had foreshadowed at our previous meeting, this resulted in our Pride of Workmanship Awards night being moved to Monday June 4th. We were also reminded that our club change-over will take place on June 25th.

Acting Treasurer David then distributed a setoff accounts for the 9 months to the end of March. They revealed that each of the club accounts are reasonably healthy with the proceeds of both the golf day and the trailer raffle yet to be presented to the 3 recipients. Theo asked if the club would match a District Grant of \$3,000 towards the cost of running a RYPEN in Timor Leste later this year. Those in attendance were in agreement with this.

Acting President Claude then invited Theo to bring us a report on the Commonwealth Games as he experienced them. He and Georgia flew to the Gold Coast on Sunday 8th April and chose some cheap accommodation at the Youth Hostel, Main Beach. It proved satisfactory given that they were spending much of each day and evening at an array of Games events. It was also in a reasonably convenient location relative to the shuttle transport to the various venues, all public transport being free.

Theo had purchased a range of tickets to events on-line some time ago and noted that virtually every venue was full for each event. The organization was very good - there were 15,000 volunteers chosen from 45,000 applications. The volunteers were instrumental in ensuring Theo had a good view as he was unable to walk. Wheelchairs were provided between transport and the venue seating. They saw a large number of different events including boxing, weightlifting, table tennis, squash, track and field, rugby 7s, and lawn bowls where, unfortunately, he services were not required. Theo was very impressed with the quality of the venues used, particularly Carrara Stadium - the main venue - and Robina Stadium where the rugby 7s were played. Theo felt that although these games are not as big as the Olympics, they are nevertheless, great entertainment and the contests both individual and team sports were of the highest level.

Acting President Claude thanked Theo for his talk and the meeting concluded just after 9pm.

Reporter: The editor



INTERNATIONAL TOAST

ROTARY CLUB OF KARACHI - Chartered in 1933. President Pervaiz Kausar and 142 members. They meet on Mondays at 1pm at the Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi. This was the second club chartered in what was to become the Republic of Pakistan.

Historic Perspective of Rotary Club of Karachi

At the time of independence, there were only 3 Rotary Clubs in Pakistan – Lahore (7 Dec. 1927), Karachi (11 May 1933) and Hyderabad (5 March 1939). Today the Rotary Club of Karachi (with a membership of 130 – highest in Pakistan) is one of the 85 clubs in RI District 3271 which covers the provinces of Sindh and Baluchistan in Pakistan.

The setting up of the Rotary Club of Karachi was the outcome of the vision and initiative of its service-minded charter members amongst whom figured personalities like Hatim A. Alavi, Hatim B. Tyabji and Jamshed Nusserwanji. And when in 1947 at independence, the Club boat was being rocked with the migration of a good number of its members, the storm was weathered by the foresight and hard work of Rotarians like Dinshaw B. Avari, Hakim M. Ahson, Dr. Sohrab Anklesaria, Yussuff Chinoy and Ahmed E. H. Jaffer.

From its very commencement, the Club started taking an active interest in the civic life of Karachi and also devoted considerable attention to the international aspect of Rotary service. It has a proud history of 'Service Above Self'.

Karachi is the capital of the Pakistani province of Sindh. It is the most populous city in Pakistan, and third most populous city proper in the world. The city is Pakistan's premier industrial and financial centre. Karachi is also Pakistan's most cosmopolitan city. Situated on the Arabian Sea, Karachi serves as a transport hub, and is home to two of Pakistan's two largest seaports, the Port of Karachi and Port Bin Qasim, as well as the busiest airport in Pakistan.

Though the Karachi region has been inhabited for millennia, the city was founded as the fortified village of *Kolachi* in 1729. The settlement drastically increased in importance with the arrival of British East India Company in the mid 19th century, who not only embarked on major works to transform the city into a major seaport, but also connected it with their extensive railway network. By the time of the Partition of British India, the city was the largest in Sindh with an estimated population of 400,000. Following the independence of Pakistan, the city's population increased dramatically with the arrival of hundreds of thousands of Muslim refugees from India. The city experienced rapid economic growth following independence, attracting migrants from throughout Pakistan and South Asia.

With a population of 14.9 million recorded in the 2017 Census of Pakistan, Karachi is the world's 6th most populous metropolitan area. Karachi is one of the world's fastest growing cities, and has communities representing almost every ethnic group in Pakistan. Karachi is home to over 2 million Bangladeshi immigrants, 1 million Afghan refugees, and up to 400,000 Rohingyas from Myanmar.



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2018

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.

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

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
April 30th	'General Sir John Monash'	John Ellis	President Alex	Pat Parker
May 21st	PKU Research & the PKU Association Partners Night	Prof John Christodoulou	Terry Pankhurst	Ian Chappel
June 4th	Pride of Workmanship Awards Partners Night	Jason Pireh	Phillip Stanton	Adrian Bell
June 25th	Changeover Night Partners Night	President Alex & President Elect Adrian	TBA	TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Green - April 19th

Pam Hudson - April 21th

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 50.0%

Apologies: Pam Hudson, Claude Rigney, Ian Chappel, Theo Glockemann, Pat Parker, Phil Stanton

Guest Speaker: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Leave of Absence: Ahmadul Ameen



PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

MONDAY, 4th JUNE, 2018

This is one of the highlight events for our club which will showcase the project for which we are known around Australian & New Zealand Rotary Clubs.

Do you know someone who is deserving of an award? Perhaps you know or deal with someone who deserves such recognition? We are also interested in presenting Community Service and Small Business Awards. Please contact David Firth with any suggestions you have.

**I TOLD MY WIFE THAT A
HUSBAND IS LIKE A FINE
WINE; HE GETS BETTER
WITH AGE.
THE NEXT DAY, SHE
LOCKED ME IN THE
CELLAR.**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There are many problems, but I think there is a solution to all these problems; it's just one, and it's education."

Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist