



RC Mandurah City Bulletin F.12.

Bulletin Editor: David Oxley

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 25th September:

Programme: Committee Meetings

REPORT OF LAST WEEK: DG Erwin Biemel's Visit

WELCOME and TOASTS

Sergeant Gareth welcomed our guests District Governor Erwin Biemel and his wife Carol and introduced President Sue and Treasurer Mike (for good measure). Sue then offered the Toasts to Australia and Peru. After Rotary Invocation President Sue expressed her welcome to Erwin and Carol and Bill introduced Sue (in absentia) and I introduced Eileen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Secretary Jean indicated she had received communication from the Motor Neurone Association about their fund raising drive in October and also the latest newsletter from Australia Rotary Health.
- Treasurer Mike reminded members that annual fees are now due and that he is organising a team for the Rotary Ramble "The Mandurah Marauders". Teams consist of 6 people and the cost is \$30 to register.
- Barbara announced that our two nominees for RYPEN from John Tonkin College have been accepted by the District Committee. Three schools would like microscopes and there will be the usual presentation of Citizenship Awards at a number of our schools at the end of the year. Some schools are also entering the dressed duck competition.
- Pat announced there will be a membership committee meeting next week; 23rd October will be the visit of the Police Commissioner and it is hoped to invite a number of Mandurah leaders to the meeting. Members were asked to give Pat names of those who might be invited. She will be sending an email out to all members about this.
- Gareth reminded members of our "Night of Intrigue" and announced that 8/9 books (tables) have been sold. Any individuals wanting to come along will be welcomed and invited to join a table.
- Frank reminded members to use the car stickers –"End Polio Now"
- Frank as fundraising director also reported that we have been asked to run the Sausage Sizzle at the Iron Man Event here in Mandurah on Saturday and Sunday 9/10 November. A show of hands supported the proposal. All profits will come to us.



ROTARY INFORMATION David's Dissertation

The founding of the UWA Medical School in 1956

I feel that a good number of today's Rotarians are unaware of the story of the first major Western Australian community project that brought all WA Rotarians to work together in a District project for the first time. It was a defining moment for Rotary in WA.



The University of Western Australia was founded in 1913 but students seeking a medical career had to go to universities in the eastern States for their training. This had the double disadvantage that the cost of sending students east for a long course was heavy and potential students were discouraged from attempting a medical career; and when they had qualified they got positions where they had trained and so were lost to WA. WA was bottom of the list in the ratio of medical practitioners to population although WA's population was increasing. Moreover standards of medical practice require opportunities for research in teaching hospitals and there were no such opportunities in WA.

It was only in 1956 that UWA established a Medical School and it was Rotary's doing.

It all began when the DG Russ Manning and the President of the Perth Rotary Club Mick Yeats and two other Rotarians made a deputation to the Premier and promised that Rotary would give whole hearted support for an appeal for funds.. With the Premiers approval, the University, the BMA and the Royal Perth Hospital were informed and a special Community Service Committee established. A Rotarian Dr Harold Nash who later became President of the Perth Club travelled up and down the State to stir up enthusiasm among Rotary Clubs. Other Rotarians inspired organizations such as the RSL, Trade Unions, Employers' Associations, youth, women's and sporting organizations to get involved. In October 1955 the Churches throughout the State held a Medical Appeal Sunday. The University appointed a Central Committee with ten major Advisory Committees such as an Industry Group and a Sporting Bodies group. Five of the ten members on the University Committee were Rotarians and eight of the advisory groups were chaired by Rotarians. Things moved very quickly. Over one million pounds was handed to the University on 15th March 1956. With more donations and a state government grant, over one and half million pounds was raised. This was the first occasion that the Clubs of what was then District 245 gave their full support to a single project for one year.

I'll finish with a quote from the Rotarian Magazine of April 1958 ***“Rotary's ability to place key men in positions of trust and responsibility, men of proved organizational ability, men able by virtue of their professional or commercial standing to reach effectively a wide cross section of the community was a tremendous factor in the success of the appeal.”***

OUR GUEST SPEAKER



I had the privilege of introducing the District Governor as our guest speaker. Erwin has been a member of Rotary for 15 years and is a member of the Willetton Club. He has held most of the club roles and was President in 2002-03.

At District level for three years he was Treasurer of Foundation for District 9470, but his main interest and contribution has been in the New Generations Programmes and he was the person responsible for the development of the District's Working with Children Policy.

District Governor Erwin

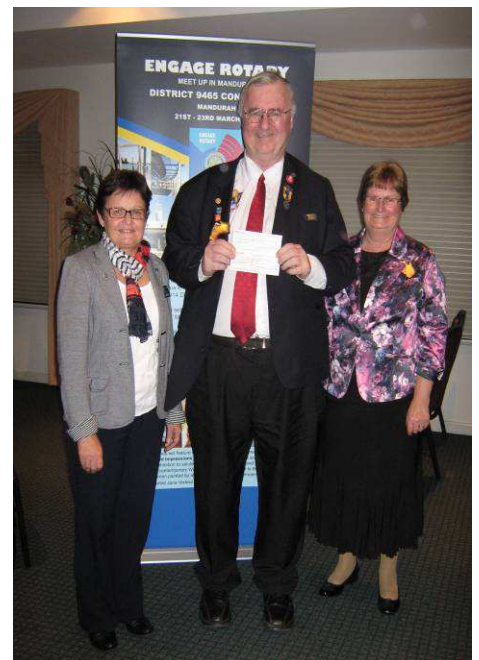
Erwin first showed a short video of RI President Ron Burton who joined Rotary in 1979 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Norman in Oklahoma, Erwin commenting that it was a small club not dissimilar to ours. The video spoke of his background in law; of his family and his personality and his work with the University of Oklahoma Foundation. For a short period he resigned from Rotary not wanting to be part of an inactive club. His theme for his Rotary Year of “Engage Rotary – Change Lives” is an action theme.

Erwin then spoke of the new initiatives this Rotary year is pursuing - membership action; e-clubs; Future Vision – the new Rotary Foundation Grants model; and the focus on Public Relations.

In this latter area he explained the importance of letting interested people know what Rotary is all about. There are new banners: promotional kits: a new Rotary wheel: TV and radio ads and a “Rotary Showcase’ of over 2000 projects. He also encouraged attendance at the RI Sydney Convention June 1st – 4th and the District Mandurah Conference March 21st– 23rd 2014.

From the recent International Council on Legislation comes the idea of “satellite Rotarians” – the establishment of younger groups but attached to an established Rotary Club. He concluded by speaking about Polio Eradication which Rotary initiated 26 years ago in the Philippines and about Bill Gates \$2 for \$1 offer. Polio could be eradicated in 12 months and then there would have to be a further 4 years before the world was considered free. In answer to a question he mentioned that Rotary had been able to negotiate with the Taliban and other groups in Pakistan and elsewhere that were opposed to the Programme.

President Sue expressed the thanks of the Club to DG Erwin and made a presentation of two cheques; \$ 2300 to the Rotary Foundation representing \$100 per member of our Club and a cheque for \$1000 specifically for Polio Pus. DG Erwin responded and concluded with the quotation: “You have chosen to wear the Rotary pin – the rest is up to you”



SERGEANT'S \$E\$SION

Sergeant Gareth was i/c tonight. He acknowledged that once again he had forgotten the tea and coffee announcement but did not waste time getting immediately into the charge sheet. The following paid up: Darren (playing golf on a work day and providing a new pack of cards); Bill (a poor engineer); DG Erwin (working his printer); Marj (one knee); Pat (rain saving); Barbara (raining bowls); and the Sergeant himself (his new job description and a birthday). There were other Happy/Sad dollars from Pat, Rob, Mike and Stephanie.

COME IN SPINNER;

Darren, our spinner had a new pack of cards tonight with the Joker hiding \$60 but although Jean won the first throw and chose an Ace, it was not the Joker. For the second throw our DG was the winner and I think he drinks red wine.

CLOSURE

President Sue closed the meeting at 8.35pm thanking DG Irwin and Carol for their visit and displayed the gifts donated by them to the Club – a table runner and a wine package. She reminded members of the Night of Intrigue and we concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

A SPECIAL REQUEST –formal ball gowns for Coodanup High School

Community Service Director Carol asks if members can check with family and friends to see if anyone has a formal gown (we are looking for more than one) that they could donate to us for the Coodanup High School Ball. Carol will be away for the next few weeks but will be back for Wednesday 25th September and could pick them up that night and would then arrange for them to be taken to the school

NEW DATE NEW DATE

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER

7.30pm for 8.00pm

A NIGHT OF INTRIQUE

at the Mandurah Rugby Club, Oakmont Ave.

Tickets are \$50. We are looking for every member to try and organise a table of eight



DUTIES FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS

Coming Weeks ~			
	WEDNESDAY 25th September	WEDNESDAY 2nd October	WEDNESDAY 9th October
Host.	----	Darren Carter	Frank Wheel
Intro	----	Gareth Talbot	Mike Kirke
Thanks	----	Rob West	Mike Job
Attendance	David Oxley (acting)	??????????	??????????
Bulletin Editor	David Oxley	??????????	??????????
Corporal	Barbara Rowel	Marj Manfield	Kay Williams
Raffle- Heads and Tails	Darren Carter	Darren Carter	Darren Carter
GUEST SPEAKER	Committees.	David Templeman MLA	TBA
Rotary Theme for the Month	September: Youth Services Month	October: Vocational Service Month	October: Vocational Service Month

FACTS AND FIGURES

Meeting Statistics (65.00%)			Upcoming Celebrations	
Total Members	21	20 for %age calculation	Birthdays SEPTEMBER	Nil
Present Rotarians	13			
Make-ups				
Total Attendance	13		Partner's Birthdays SEPTEMBER	5 th Heather Jacoby 27 th Sue Knight
Apologies and Excused Attendance	8	LOA: John, Rule 85: Colin, Di		
Visiting Rotarians		DG Erwin Biemel	Wedding Anniversaries SEPTEMBER	27 th Eileen and David Oxley
Exch. Student	1	Stephanie		
Guests	3	Partners Eileen and Sue Carol Biemel		

2013/14 CLUB DETAILS

~ Mandurah City Rotary Club ~			
Meeting Place	RAAFA Club Meadow Springs	Apologies to	ATTENDANCE OFFICER David Oxley (Acting) 9582 5202 davelox@msvillage.com.au
Time	Wednesdays 6.30 for 700pm		
Postal Address	P.O.Box 1135, Mandurah 6210		
Positions for 2013/14			
<i>President</i>	Sue Kirke	<i>Secretary</i>	Jean Campbell
<i>Vice President</i>	Colin Gilbert	<i>Treasurer</i>	Mike Kirke
<i>President Elect</i> <i>Club/Membership/Publicity</i>	Pat Schraven	<i>Sergeant</i>	Gareth Talbot
<i>Community/Vocational</i>	Carol Sawyer	<i>Corporal</i>	As Rostered
<i>International</i> <i>-Foundation</i>	Gareth Talbot	<i>Rotary Information and</i> <i>Bulletin Editor</i>	David Oxley
<i>New Generations</i>	Barbara Rowe	<i>Fundraising</i>	Frank Wheel
<i>Web Master</i>	Colin Gilbert	<i>Raffle Master</i>	Darren Carter
<i>Attendance Officer</i>		<i>Programs</i>	Andrew Ralph

MAKE-UP VENUES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<u>Mandurah</u> Mandurah O F andS Club 6.15 for 6.45 pm <u>Rockingham</u> Ocean Clipper Inn 20-30 Patterson Road 6.00 for 6.30 pm	<u>Mandurah Districts</u> Mandurah Country Club Marsh Place Halls Head 6.00 for 6.30 pm	<u>Palm Beach</u> Ocean Clipper Inn 20-30 Patterson Road 6.00 for 6.30 pm	<u>Pinjarra</u> Pinjarra Golf Club Pinjarra Road 6.15 for 6.45 pm

