



The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9465 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971

Team 2013-14

President
James Sharkey
Secretary
Genevieve Carr
Treasurer
John Iriks



President James

Bulletin

No 08 19 Aug 2013



Attendance this week
Total Members 24
Exempt
Apologies 3
Make-up 3
Attended 15
Honorary Member
Guests
Visitors
Partners

75.0 %

Facts & Figures
Raffle
Bevan & Chris

Heads & Tails

Birthdays:
John I 19th
Chris O 21st
Anniversary:

Club Anniversary:

If you had any we hope
you had a good day



August 2013

Meets Monday
6 for 6.30pm
At Rotary Hall

Brownell Crescent, Medina

Visitors always welcome

Fairly quiet meeting this week, numbers down a bit.
We were though entertained by a very good 'thumbnail' from Stephen Castelli. Us older members remember Stephen from an earlier life when he first joined our club in 1989, it's amazing how quickly time seems to pass.
We are primed for our Membership/Interest meeting scheduled for next Monday 26th at the Darius, hopeful for a good result.
Great news that the Libs are committing \$2mil to our playground, (if they win) I wonder if Labour will put in a counter bid?
Good luck and best wishes to our own AG PP Bob Thompson who has put his hand up for election in the October local government elections. Bob has a long and distinguished career in local government, his experience and extensive knowledge of local government will be invaluable to the City of Kwinana should he elected.



Rotary International President
Ron D. Burton

Rotary Club of Norman,
Oklahoma, USA

District Governor 9465



Erwin Biemel 2013-14

Coming Events August 2013 Membership Month

Aug 2013

Mon 26th Club Meeting
Information/Network evening at Darius

Sept 2013

Mon 2nd Club Meeting
Mon 9th Club Meeting
Mon 16th Club Meeting
Mon 23rd Club Meeting
Mon 30th No meeting, Public Holiday

Attendance Officer: Greg Williams 9419 5834
Apologies by Saturday pm please

The Four-Way Test

Of things we think, say or do.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL? and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

President James Sharkey



President's Pen



19th August 2013

August is Membership and Extension Month.

Last week I mentioned that I would like the Club to think about the relevance of the song at the beginning of the meeting, the Grace, the Loyal Toast and even the National Anthem. I mentioned this would be discussed at the next Club Forum, this discussion has been changed to our next board meeting.

Many Rotary Clubs have stopped a lot of the old practices in order to attract members of all ethnic and religious backgrounds. Please ensure that your preferences are made known to a board member.

Lorraine Lucas and Michael Metcalf have been accepted for membership to our club.

Over the next few weeks an audit of the Club keys will take place. All keys to be collected and uniformly tagged. The Board has resolved that key holders will be President, Treasurer, Club Service Director, Facilities Cleaning Manager, Audi-Visual Manager, Attendance Officer, Community Services Project Manager, Reflection Dance Academy representative (key to the gate).

Also a set will be cut for the Kwinana Rockingham Rotaract Club.

President James

A great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do

The faintest scrawl is better than the best memory

For every minute you're angry you lose 60 seconds of happiness



Secretary: PP Genevieve Carr



Inward Correspondence:

- Invoice for West Australian newspapers (VM@W)
- International RI Directory
- DG's newsletter
- Weekly District News
- Inspection notification
- Rotary Out West
- Receipt for advertising in West Australian (VM@W)

Outward Correspondence:

- RYLA application
- Semi-Annual Report & dues



Treasurer: PDG John Iriks



Members' dues for 2013-14 is \$240

Some members' dues are still unpaid, please pay ASAP

Bills paid, money in the bank.



President Elect Michael Nella



PE Michael is away for a couple of weeks

Reminder about the Membership/Interest Meeting will be held at the Darius Resource Centre on Monday 26th August, this will replace our normal meeting at Rotary Hall. \$15 per member.



Club Projects Director
PP Ian Critchley



AG Bob Thompson
Foundation Dir.



PP John Brennan
Membership



Norm Mulcahy
Community P/M

Project Director's Report.

Norm and Harry will be attending a meeting with City of Kwinana in relation to this year's Christmas Lolly Run.

Our Food Van and BBQ trailer are fully compliant and have all the necessary authority licenses.



Garry Bassett
Vocational P/M

The next Wellard Village Markets will be held on Sunday September 8th

A SWOT analysis paper on the WVM was circulated to members tonight for comments.

Wendy has a meeting with Creative Communities Tuesday.



Max Bird
International P/M

Max B:

East Timor trip, 14th – 23rd October to liaise with Timor people and formulate plans and objectives for our trip next year.

Scheduled a meeting with AusAid while in Timor.

An opportunity has come up, a contractor that is subcontracted to ConocoPhillips in East Timor, as they are required to fulfil a local content clause as part of their contract they are looking for charity groups that have projects in Timor.

The Rotary Club of Kwinana is 1 of 2 groups that have been nominated for consideration.



PP Matt White
Youth P/M

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PP Chris Oughton
Public Relations Dir.

Visit our club webpage.

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=8106>

or type Kwinana Rotary Club into 'Google'



Guest Speaker: Thumbnail by Stephen Castelli



Stephen was introduced by Rtn. Errol McDonald

Born in Collie, to Italian immigrants that were seeking a better life after WWII
Left Collie to attend UWA doing Engineering, but bombed badly. 1st time away from home and enjoyed myself too much.

At the time, I was getting a government allowance of \$28 a week, and I was paying \$20 a week for full board with a family in Subiaco. It didn't leave much money for socialising, but somehow I managed.

The family was the Mickelbergs, and their name came up many years later related to a gold heist from the Perth Mint.

After bombing at Uni, I got a job as a trainee draftsman with the Public Works Dept. (now called WA Water Authority). This was a long time before AutoCAD and the suchlike, and we drafted in pencil on Acetate.

It was also in the days when we were converting from imperial to metric. 0.3048 metres to the foot was the golden rule. Don't ask me about rods and perches etc, as I have forgotten those conversions.

I did my traineeship there, and left with my diploma for a job as a draftsman/chainmen with a coal mining company in Collie. Spent some time underground there in the days when gelignite was used to blow the working face, workers smoked underground and even rode the conveyor belts to the surface (doesn't happen these days). Through my involvement in surveying in this job, I got a diploma in Mine surveying and did both underground and open cut surveying. This was pretty interesting and I got to travel a fair bit of the south west. I even have a coal mining lease near Wilga named after me. (I got to pick the name, so why not?)

Surveying was moving into electronic total stations and 3D modelling, so I grabbed an opportunity to move into this part of surveying, and then indirectly into Information technology.

I enjoyed IT, so at the 1st opportunity I sought and obtained a job in IT (still with the coal company). I remember having to do weekly backups of a disk drive that was 30Mb. The entire disk drive was as big as a refrigerator, and the removable platters were about as big as a carton of beer. These days you commonly get 32Gb on a USB memory stick.

It was at this stage that I met my wife, and after the marriage, Deanne moved to Collie. It turned out that Deanne's father had been a school teacher in Collie at 1 stage, and she had actually been born there (small world!).

We had 2 children and then decided to move to the 'big smoke', so I got a job with Tiwest Joint Venture (Mineral Sands Mining and Titanium Dioxide Pigment Production) at Kwinana as the Systems Manager. This was a brand new 'green fields' company and it meant setting everything up from scratch.

This was a great job, as there were little, if any restrictive rules, and in fact we were the ones creating the rules and the procedures. This job also got me into managing their ERP business system (MIMS) and I took that on as well as systems management. During this period I attended Uni part time and by correspondence, and gained my degree in Computer Science.

We had 2 more children in Perth, and then decided that we needed a 'sea change'. We looked overseas, mainly in the middle east, but were not sure about whether it was the best environment for the kids.

In the end, we took a job in Gove NT (Bauxite Mine and Alumina Refinery). This was big move for us, and there were a few tears in the beginning.

However, like so many others that have gone up that way, we went there for 2 years and stayed 16 years. We loved the real sense of community, the ability to participate and get involved in countless activities (sporting and otherwise), and the travel that living up there allowed you to do.

My greatest senses of achievement have come from this chapter in my life, and included becoming an active surf life saver at the ripe old age of 45. I am not much of a swimmer, so I tended to focus on the rescue devices with motors, such as the inflatable rescue boats and the jet ski. The biggest danger in the NT in the water was not crocodiles or sharks, but instead the box jellyfish, and one even smaller and just as potent called the Irukandji.

I was also in the right place and the right time to be awarded the Centenary Medal for Community Service by PM John Howard.

The hardest and yet the 'best' thing that I have done was walking the Kokoda Track with my youngest son. This was 9 days of up, up and up, and just when you thought you were at the top, there was more up, followed by a whole lot of down. This can be an incredibly emotional journey, and there are still signs of the fighting 60 years later.

Gove being a remote place, there is no University, so slowly/slowly, all the kids left home to make their own way in the world. We managed to steer 3 to WA, but the 4th is in Tasmania completing his last year of a degree.

It was also during this period that I realised that IT is a 'young person's game, and it was time to get out, so when an opportunity arose to move into Supply (that's what it was called there), I went. When Rio Tinto took over the place in 2009, I then became the Superintendent looking after the warehouse, sourcing and raw materials supply.

We had been 'empty nesters' for a few years, and so with our 1st grandson on the way, we left Gove in July 2012 to return to Perth.

I am a family orientated person, and my family have always been able to make me proud and bring me joy, and there is nothing better these days than to spend time with my 1 year old grandson.

I am currently married to my 1st wife Deanne, and have been for 30 years.

I do a fair bit of dabbling in the garden, and I have a very large vegie patch on the go at the moment (I did say I was of Italian descent, so this is to be expected).

Stephen Castelli August 2013

Rtn Garry Bassett thanked Stephen for his most interesting thumbnail.

Stephen was a long term member of The Rotary Club of Nhulunbuy,
Past president PHF Sapphire Pin. Nhulunbuy Citizen of the Year

Important Membership initiative

A Membership/Interest Meeting will be held at the Darius Resource Centre on Monday 26th August, this will replace our normal meeting at Rotary Hall. All members are expected to attend to promote Rotary and our club on the evening.

Written invitations will be sent out to local business people from the Kwinana Town Centre.

John encourages all members to invite and bring along any interested persons they know.

The meeting will be in the Ken Jackman meeting room, finger food (mostly healthy stuff) tea and coffee will be provided by the Inner Wheel ladies. Members will pay a meeting fee, (less than a normal meal fee) guests will be free.

It is proposed that short informative presentations will be given, on subjects e.g. Cord Blood, East Timor Project, Swimathon and Group Study Exchange. These presentations will be brief and succinct.

Audio/Visual presentations will run in the background and will also need to be brief and relevant.

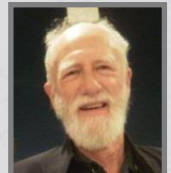
The session will begin at 6pm, presentations at 6.15pm, meeting should conclude about 7pm when members and visitors will be invited to stay around and mingle.

Club members are asked to please support this initiative, come along help promote Rotary and our club and make the evening a success.



Fine Session

Sergeant PP John Wallhead



President James: Opened the meeting tonight and promptly lost the plot, forgot the song etc. (is that a sign of things to come?) Ed

Quite a number of members fined for not displaying their badge.

Sam and Bevan copped it for some unauthorized chit chat.

Ian C for attempting to confuse Stephen during question time, something about Quasimodo??

Eric, should have paid up for no badge, but sneaked it out of his pocket, only it was upside down, so pay up.

Stephen C: Came to Rotary tonight, but left his money home!!!

Genevieve *as usual* copped a fine because her beloved Collingwood were beaten last Friday night.

This man owned & drove the same car for 82 YEARS.

Can you imagine even having the same car for 82 years?

Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, MA) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly-P1 Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928.

He drove it up until his death last year ... at the age of 102!!!

He was the oldest living owner of a car that was purchased new.

Just thought you'd like to see it.

It was donated to a Springfield museum after his death.

It has 1,070,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition. (82 years). That's approximately 13,048 miles per year (1087 per month)... 1,070,000 that's miles not kilometres!!

That's British engineering of a bygone era. I don't think they make them like this anymore.



Two politicians go out to lunch together. In the middle of lunch one of them jumps up and says, "Bugger. I forgot to lock the office safe before we left."

The other politician replies " No worries. We're both here."

A news report has stated that Tony Abbott is very upset after a thief broke into his house over the weekend and stole both of his Economics books. What was particularly upsetting was that he hadn't finished colouring in the pictures yet.

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day. I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 5 years replied, "Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?"

And that's how the fight started...

John and Jessica were on their way home from the bar one night and John got pulled over by the police. The officer told John that he was stopped because his tail light was burned out. John said, "I'm very sorry officer, I didn't realize it was out, I'll get it fixed right away."

Just then Jessica said, "I knew this would happen when I told you two days ago to get that light fixed."

So the officer asked for John's license and after looking at it said, "Sir your license has expired."

And again John apologized and mentioned that he didn't realize that it had expired and would take care of it first thing in the morning.

Jessica said, "I told you a week ago that the state sent you a letter telling you that your license had expired."

Well by this time, John is a bit upset with his wife contradicting him in front of the officer, and he said in a rather loud voice, "Jessica, shut your mouth!"

The officer then leaned over toward Jessica and asked. "Does your husband always talk to you like that?"

Jessica replied, "only when he's drunk."

Makeup opportunities

Rockingham:	Monday	6pm for 6.30	Ocean Clipper Inn
Palm beach:	Wednesday	6pm for 6.30	Ocean Clipper Inn
Cockburn	Thursday	7.15am for 7.30	Cockburn Seniors Centre
Fremantle	Wednesday	6pm for 6.30	Royal Fremantle Golf Club
Fremantle Port	Monday	6pm for 6.30	Mission for Seaman

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