



Team 2015-16

President
Max Bird
Secretary
Brian McCallum
Treasurer
Bob Cooper

Attendance this week
Total Members
Exempt
Apologies
Make-up
Attended
Honorary Member
LOA
Guests
Visitors
Partners
91%

Facts & Figures
Raffle
Chris O, Bob C

Heads & Tails
Ian Critchley

Birthdays:

Anniversary:

Bob & Jo Thompson
John & Chris Iriks

Club Anniversary:

If you had any we hope
you had a good day



Meets Monday
6 for 6.30pm

At Rotary Hall

Brownell Crescent, Medina

Visitors always welcome



The Rotary Club of Kwinana Inc.

District 9465 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971



President Max

Bulletin

No 37 16 May 2016



Be a gift to the world

Greetings from the Stand-in Bulletin Editor,

Over the years our club has taken great pride in its versatility and ability to improvise. This week's club meeting was no exception. With so many significant members being away at present, we had the Public Relations Director (who has been acting as Attendance Officer) acting as Chairperson, the Community Services Project Manager performing the role of Attendance Officer, and the Vocational Services Project Manager (yours truly) being the stand-in Bulletin Editor. To add further interest, the non-arrival of our scheduled guest speaker resulted in Acting Chairperson James calling upon myself to give an account of my recent travels this week instead of the proposed date in June. Being put "on the spot" certainly brings one back to reality after the euphoria of an overseas holiday!

Eric and Gladys, together with Greg and Marge, appear to be enjoying their travels. After arriving safely in Amsterdam, they are now cruising away. Eric has recently posted on Facebook a picture of them enjoying the sights of Germany. Meanwhile, Michael Nella is having an "interesting" time dealing with folks in Indonesia. We shall look forward to hearing everyone's



Rotary International President

K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran

Rotary Club of Colombo

District Governor
9465

2015/16

Melodie Kevan



Coming Events May 2016 Youth Services Month

May 2016

Mon 23 Club Meeting Restaurant Meeting Marri Park Tavern

Wed 25 Board Meeting

Mon 30 Club Meeting Joint Peel Meeting @ Ocean Clipper Inn

June 2016

Mon 6 Public Holiday: no meeting

Attendance Officer: James Sharkey 9592 4987
Apologies by Saturday pm please



THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

of things that 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?



Club President 2015/16 Max Bird



President's Pen



Club Meeting 9th May 2016

President Report

With both President Max Bird and Vice-President Michael Nella being away this week, our very own PP James Sharkey had the role of acting as Chairperson for this week's club meeting.

- Welcome extended to our guest Louise Johnstone. Louise is an occupational therapist, and is currently living in Casuarina after working in the UK for the last seven years.
- A reminder to all members to advise acting Attendance Office James if you are unable to attend club meeting at any time.
- Due to significant Board members being away, this month's Board meeting has been postponed until Wednesday 25 May.



International

President Max is currently in Timor! Departed on Sunday 8 May, and will be returning on Wednesday 25 May. We shall look forward to hearing of his activity in Timor following his return.



Club Service: PP Mike Nella



- Monday 23 May: restaurant meeting at the Marri Park Tavern. As we will need to confirm numbers by the end of this week, please respond appropriately to invitation sent via ClubRunner. The plan is for the menu to consist of a choice of four meal options.
- Monday 30 May: joint meeting with Rockingham clubs at the Ocean Clipper Inn – please respond via ClubRunner invitation.
- List of incoming Board Members and Project Managers available.
- Michael Metcalf is organising busy bee for the hall; likely to be mid-June. Tasks to be done include mowing and raking lawns, weeding, tree lopping, cleaning the caravan. In addition, re-roofing of the hall will occur soon, as will some electrical work and white ant treatment.



Exchange of club banners between the Rotary Club of Kwinana and the Rotary Club of Grantham Sunrise (UK)





Secretary: **PP Brian McCallum**



Inward Correspondence

- Letter from Leukaemia Foundation requesting donation
- Letter for Wellard and Districts Probus Club

Outward Correspondence

Would members please note that any correspondence received or posted by yourself, please ensure a copy is forwarded to your Secretary.



Treasurer: **PDG Bob Cooper**

Bills paid, money in the bank



Bob was very pleased to report the news that the incoming DGN, Robyn Yates of the Rotary Club of Collie, is a lady who originally joined Rotary after her teenage child enjoyed the experience of being a Rotary Youth Exchange Student!

I'm so good at sleeping I can do it with my eyes closed.

Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance, you must
keep moving.
— Albert Einstein



"Success Always Hugs you in Private...!" But "Failure Always slaps you in the Public...!" Thats Life...



Club Projects Director PP Ian Critchley



PP Bob Thompson
Foundation Dir.



PP Matt White
Membership



PDG John Iriks
Community



PP Genevieve Carr
Vocational



Pres. Max Bird
International



Lorraine Lucas
Youth



PP James Sharkey
Public Relations Dir.

Project Director's Report.

Membership

- No report

Community:

- John, Mike and Chris met with Rebecca of Creating Communities last Friday to discuss the Village Markets at Wellard. The markets will be extending until the end of September. A number of issues relating to lanes and location have been discussed. Rebecca will be going back to peet to see if there are alternative activities that Rotary can be involved in.
- NAIDOC Week will be during the first week of July; we have offered to do the BBQ for \$200 payment.
- After much negotiations, John has organized for our club to run a BBQ at the Aldi opening on Wednesday 8 June from 7 am until 6pm. Shall be looking for volunteers to assist; likely to have three possible shifts – morning, mid-day, afternoon.
- The prospect of renaming the Wildflower Reserve in memory of Rodger Hamilton is in hand; at present we are waiting for Barbara Powell, of the COK, to return from holidays.

Youth

- Our two RYPEN candidates recently attended the camp. These students will be attending our club meeting on Monday 18 July to speak about their experiences. One of the students has already described the weekend as “awesome”, while the other students has described it as being “fantastic”.

Vocational

- Currently investigating options for a club vocational visit. At present, Peel Winery is looking very promising!

Public Relations

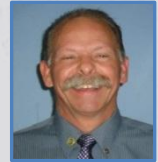
- Photograph and article in last week's local newspapers (both *Sound Telegraph* and *Weekend Courier*) covering our club's recent presentation of microscopes to Leda Primary School. Both Lorraine and James were very photogenic!

Visit your club webpage.

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

or type Kwinana Rotary Club into 'Google'

Fine Session



Sergeant: PP Stephen Castelli

Bob C: The sunhat has interesting wording!

John Iriks: So much time on his hands!

Dockers Supporters!!!

Bob C: Tried to run Lee over!

James S: Misplaced his badge, and used a very interesting replacement

James/Lee: Guest speaker not arriving

Sam Cuplovic: Last to arrive; snuck in through the kitchen door!

Norm: Questioning the two-minute bell!

James S: An interesting version of Grace!

James S: The tie!!! (bright tartan)

Ian C: Forgot he needed a soup bowl when ladling soup!!!

Sam Cuplovic: Forgot bread and cutlery

Chris O: Interesting version of name

Mike M, John W: Saying “blackboys” instead of “grass trees” – very politically incorrect!

Chris O, Bob C: Raffle winners

Things happen in life that we can't change or understand. So just live your life, learn to let go, and don't stress about the things you can't change.



Guest Speaker: Genevieve Carr

On Friday 1 April 2016 I set off with my beloved godmother on a long-anticipated trip to Europe. Originally the plan was simply to visit France, but eventually Netherlands, Belgium and the UK were fitted into the schedule.

Our first stop was Amsterdam. Here we immersed ourselves in the culture of the Netherlands, which included visiting the famous art galleries and museums, viewing windmills and tulips, visiting Delft and The Hague, and cruising the canals. Our culinary experiences included indulging in delicacies such as stropwafels (wafer biscuits with caramel), poffertjes (mini pancakes) and apple cake, imbibing Heineken beer, and braving the popular Dutch “treat” of raw herring. One of the most amusing experiences of the entire trip took place upon arrival at Amsterdam airport: after attempting to speak with an airport official using my newly acquired Dutch language skills, the respective gentleman prompting answered, “Do you mind if I speak in English?” Turns out he was an English chap working in Amsterdam!

From Amsterdam we took the train to Bruges, in Belgium. There was some trepidation due to the recent terrorist attack at Brussels train station; however, the sight of heavily armed guards soon reassured us. Bruges is a beautiful medieval city, with many impressive buildings and artworks. An evening stroll along the floodlit canals was a highlight. In light of the recent tragedy at Brussels, I did my best to support the Belgian economy – i.e. I enjoyed some shopping!!!

After Bruges, it was then on to France, with Reims being our first “port of call”. Travelling to Reims involved a certain amount of drama as we missed one of our train connections, and thus arrived in Reims at almost 9 pm. However, with Reims being located within the heart of French champagne country, our journey was worth the effort. The next day, Sunday, we attended morning mass at the famous Reims Cathedral. Following this we indulged in some alternative spiritual fulfillment by way of visiting a champagne cellar. After consuming one glass of champagne, all dramas from the previous day were forgiven; after a second glass all dramas were forgotten!!!

Next we headed south to Lyon, which the locals claim is known as the food capital of the world. In addition to testing the standards of Lyonnais cuisine, we saw numerous sights around Lyon, including the older section of Lyon (“Vieux Lyon”, as it is known), some ancient Roman ruins, the basilica and cathedral, and a distant view of the Alps.

From Lyon we took a seven-hour train journey to Bordeaux, along the west coast. Here we enjoyed some wine-tasting at a couple of renowned chateaux, as well as a visit to the beautiful medieval village of St Emilion. Those Rotarians who are somewhat partial to red wine would certainly enjoy Bordeaux!

After Bordeaux we headed to the port city of St Malo, along the north-west coast. I had been somewhat amused by my Lonely Planet guidebook’s description of St Malo, which was “The town became a key port during the 17th and 18th centuries as a base for both merchant ships and government-sanctioned privateers (pirates, basically).” True to form, there was a strong nautical theme around St Malo. From St Malo we had the opportunity to visit St Malo, a beautiful island monastery originally built around approximately 800 A.D, with further additions taking place over the next few centuries.

It was then on to Bayeux, home of the famous Bayeux Tapestry which depicts the Battle of Hastings in 1066 and subsequent French conquest of England. My tip for visiting the tapestry museum: aim to arrive at 9 am opening time before the facility becomes crowded. The other war theme of Bayeux is

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This Week in History

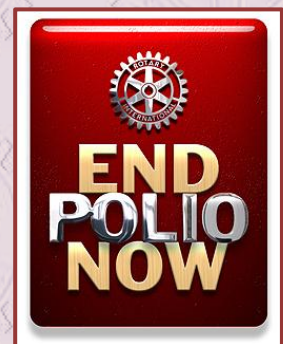


- 16 May 1770 Marie Antoinette marries future King Louis XVI of France
- 16 May 1920 Joan of Arc is canonized in Rome
- 17 May 1792 Twenty-four merchants and brokers established the New York Stock Exchange
- 17 May 1940 Germany occupies Brussels (Belgium) and begins the invasion of France
- 18 May 1804 Napoleon Bonaparte becomes Emperor of France, snatching the crown from the hands of Pope Pius VII during the actual coronation ceremony, then crowns himself
- 18 May 1951 The United Nations moves its headquarters to New York City
- 19 May 1535 French explorer Jacques Cartier sets sail for North America
- 19 May 1536 Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife, is beheaded on Tower Green
- 20 May 1927 Charles Lindbergh, a 25-year-old aviator, took off at 7.52 am from New York City in his plane *Spirit of St Louis* and landed in Paris 33 hours later
- 20 May 1932 Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic
- 21 May 1881 The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton
- 22 May 1939 Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini sign a "Pact of Steel", forming the Axis Powers
- 22 May 1972 Ceylon becomes the Republic of Sri Lanka as its constitution is ratified

Polio Update



Genevieve Carr participating in a mini-swimarathon with Paul Wilson and other members from the Rotary Club of Grantham Sunrise on Thursday 28 April 2016. The event raised a few extra funds for End Polio Now. Note Australia on the globe!



Guest Speaker cont.

that of the World War II D-Day landings along the Normandy beaches. Visiting the beaches and American war cemetery certainly gave an insight into the efforts and sacrifices made by so many in order to liberate France.

Our last regional visit in France was to Tours, in the heart of the Loire Valley. This beautiful region is renowned for its wineries and royal chateaux, and hence we enjoyed a day trip combining the two. The first stop was Chateau Chenonceaux, which was designed and owned by a succession of famous women. After this we visited Chateau Amboise, and Chateau du Clos Luce which was the final home of Leonardo Da Vinci.

From Tours we headed to Paris for six days and nights. Here we readily acquainted ourselves with the Parisian culture by visiting the famous art galleries, perusing the shops and famous landmarks, and dining at cafes and restaurants. One very welcome sight was that of the Australian flag together with the French flag along the Champs Elysses. Other significant highlights included visiting the famous Versailles Palace, and impressionist artist Claude Monet's home and garden. On Anzac Day we were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the town of Villers-Bretonneux. History buffs will be aware that Australian troops liberated this French town from the Germans on 24 April 2018, and to this day the townspeople are extremely grateful to the Australian troops for their valiance. Attending the ceremony meant departing from Paris at 1.30 am; however, it was well worth the effort. As 1 July 2016 marks the 100 year anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, in which the Australians were heavily involved, the Anzac Day Dawn Service was a significant event, and was attended by numerous dignitaries such as Australian Governor-General Peter Cosgrove. After the service we toured the Somme battlegrounds and other significant war memorials. Throughout the day the weather was extremely chilly, thus giving us some insight into what our Australian veterans had to endure for many months.

After two and a half weeks of negotiating France and attempting to converse in my schoolgirl French, I then headed to the UK via the Eurostar train for my last three days of the trip. I spent one night in London, where I did a quick tour of the major sights courtesy of the hop-on hop-off bus and London Eye ferris wheel. The next day I headed north to Grantham to stay with Rotarian Paul Wilson, who has been the major mastermind behind Rotary Global Swimarathon. Having communicated frequently with Paul over the past few years through email and Facebook, it was wonderful to meet him in person. I was completely blown away by the level of hospitality shown to me by Paul, his family, and members of the Rotary Club of Grantham Sunrise. Grantham has three Rotary Clubs – a breakfast meeting club, a lunchtime meeting club, and an evening meeting club. Whilst in Grantham I had the opportunity to swim in the Grantham pool, as Paul had organized a mini-swimarathon in which several of his club members, including the incoming District Governor, made the effort to participate. Paul was very proud to show me several plaques around town which indicate Grantham as being the home of Rotary Global Swimarathon. Grantham's other claims to fame include the fact that it was the home of scientist Sir Isaac Newton, and it was also the birthplace of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Whilst in Grantham I visited the Woolsthorpe Homestead, which was the home of Sir Isaac Newton. As the famous apple tree remains standing, I decided to test Newton's theory of gravity by jumping in the air! The following day my hosts took me to the city of Lincoln, where we visited Lincoln Castle, which houses a copy of the famous Magna Carta; following this we visited Lincoln Cathedral. That night I had the opportunity to exchange Rotary banners with the Rotary Club of Grantham Sunrise.

Eventually it was time to head home and return to normality after four weeks of unique experiences. Undertaking this journey had entailed eighteen months of planning, umpteen phone calls between Perth and Melbourne, many nights of browsing the internet for accommodation and tour options, numerous lists of instructions for family members, and stocking the fridge and freezer full of pre-prepared meals! I was extremely fortunate to have the support of numerous friends, including Brian McCallum who kindly came to my home on school days to ensure that the boys got off to their respective schools, and other friends who looked after the boys during the school holidays.

A final comment: with various terrorist incidents occurring, many people have spoken of being too afraid to venture overseas. My advice is to proceed with travel plans (with caution) rather than allowing yourself to be intimidated by the threat of such individuals.



Versailles

*When life puts you in TOUGH situations, don't say, "Why me?"
Be courageous and say, "Try me!"*



Zaanse Schans, Holland



Keukenhof Gardens, outside Amsterdam



Bruges, Belgium



Reims Cathedral (Notre Dame)



Lyon



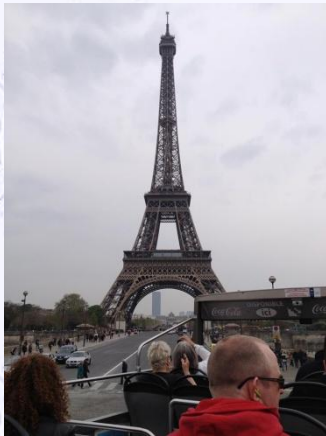
Bordeaux



Mont St-Michel



Chateau Chenonceaux



Paris



A welcome sight along the Champs Elysees!



Anzac Day Dawn Service at Villers-Bretonneux



Testing Newton's theory of gravity in front of the famous apple tree!

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	Villa Roma 12 High Street Fremantle
Byford & Districts	Monday	6.15pm for 6.45	Byford Tavern, South W Hwy

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