



THE ROTARWAVE



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE

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Meetings – Monday 6.30pm – FabGes Restaurant – Mantra Legends Hotel – Surfers Paradise



President Adrian

Date	18.02.19	25.02.19	04.03.19
Chair	Donna Gillett-Shaw	Alan Midwood	Bill White
Door	Stuart Fairley	John Lenehan	Bert Shenko
Fellowship	Don Kissell	Catherine Palin Brinkworth	Kiah Bastian
Toast	Treasurer Sheila	Sargeant Peter	Stuart Fairley
Thanks	Alan Guignon	Kirk Mason	Stephen Beckett
			Board

The Editor thanks Donna for recording the notes from the meeting.

Rotarian behind the Badge
John Lenehan



Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
11 Feb	John Lenehan	Member behind the badge
!8 Feb	Gary Baidon	On Surfers, Rotary and Council
25 Feb	Golden Wheel Villas	Dinner with the Residents

This WEEK'S SPEAKER is not to be missed.

Gary Baidon is a former mayor of the city and current councillor for Surfers Paradise, to say nothing of being a Past President of our Rotary Club.

One of the few people who was born here, Gary knows all the colourful characters from the past as well as the present. He is a wonderful raconteur and can keep you amused until well after the trams stop running.

What we love about the Man Behind the Badge speakers is how much we find out about them and John didnt disappoint us. What a varied and interesting life John has had.

He discovered at an early age that his father arrived from Ireland, jumped ship and headed to the Bendigo Gold Fields. Because of his father's lack of reading and writing, his surname was spelled incorrectly by Australian officials so no ancestry of it can be found in Ireland.

John was born in Wagga and as they were in the so-called bush, he was tutored by his mother and by correspondence. Later he went to the College in Wagga and finished his schooling in Melbourne.

He went back to the farm on finishing school but undertook several TAFE courses but enjoyed them most as an excuse to have a night on the town on Fridays.

John joined the Rotary Club of Henty in 1967 at the age of 25 and was the youngest member, but the average age of members of that club was 25 - 80 with half the club under 50.

John took over the farm of 5000 acres, had 3000 cattle and 400 steers for quality export to Japan. They also had cereal crops.

John left the farm in 1988 as he became disheartened by the lack of services to rural areas, such as mail deliveries etc. Council rates were also becoming a huge burden and seeing he had to upkeep his own 2 kilometer road and telegraph and power lines, he figured enough was enough .

From there John became a man of all trades. He moved to the Gold Coast, got married and did nothing for 2 and a half years, got bored with that and started buying cattle for feed lots which he advised was a very good tax deduction. He then bought a Taxi Licence, then later bought another, dabbled in hotels, ownership and building, a finance company and Real Estate.

Thanks to Adrian he is now back in Rotary. John said he was in Rotary for 25 years, out for 25 years and now back in again and was pleased to find that it is a much more relaxed organisation than it was.

John was thanked on our behalf by Jeff for a very entertaining and interesting talk.

AG Visit



AG Neil Baldwin was at our meeting and brought greetings from our DG.

AG Neil advised on the following -

The organisation of the merging of districts is under way and will take place in 2020.

Pets will be held on the 23 and 24th February, 2019

Don't forget to register for the District Conference -there are some excellent speakers lined up and a lot of fun planned.

District Assembly - one in Warwick on the 19th May and one in Murwillumbah on 2 June. Most East Coast based Clubs are opting for Murwillumbah.

Rotary Clubs of Gold Coast and Burleigh are having a Gala Ball at the Turf Club and will hold a silent auction. Each club who donates an item will receive all the proceeds of the sale of the item they donate. - Easy fund raising for clubs.

Rotary Club of Townsville West are coordinating the receipt of donations to the Rotary Disaster Fund. All club are encouraged to make a donation, and the Coolangatta/Tweed Club has donated \$5,000.00 as has District.

President Adrian advised that our club will be making a donation via the Townsville West Rotary Club.

Pres Adrian also reminded us to invite a friend/colleague/neighbour/acquaintance etc to a meeting. If they don't come and find out how wonderful our club is they will never know.

It is up to all of us to help with membership.

Bill White reported that he had attended the RYLA evening and met our sponsored attendees.

There will be a working bee at GWV on Saturday the 23rd February at 8.00am. Mostly leaf clearing from gutters etc,

Alan G advised that the catering list for our meeting with Golden Wheel Villas residents is done and those present were handed a copy of same at the meeting. Any member absent from that meeting and who will be attending the GWV night, please contact Alan for a copy.

Alan also advised that there will be no cost to members for the evening, apart from drinks which will be \$2.00 each. The residents at GWV will receive 2 free drinks and there will be two raffle prizes - residents only.

You are reminded to bring a chair.

Alan advised that the plans for the next stage of GWV are still on the drawing board and being discussed.

For all GWV Board members - there will be a very quick meeting at GWV prior to the dinner so please be there at 5pm.



Great to see Jennifer chatting with Sheila before the meeting.

The Rotary Club of Beenleigh is holding a "Dinner with Hugh Lunn"

Saturday, 2 March

6 for 6.30pm

at The Centre, Beaudesert

Cost \$55 for a two-course buffet

Celebrating the 114th birthday of Rotary International.

Bookings; "liveatthecentre.com.au"

By 25 February

RYDA – Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

RYDA - Rotary Youth Driver Awareness. This is a proven life saving ROTARY program for young drivers, but we need your assistance to help get it taken up by schools. Teachers are so swamped with paperwork that we must have a personal contact to get our foot in the door. If you know a teacher at any Gold Coast school, or even a parent who may see the wisdom of saving kids' lives, PLEASE pass on their contact info to either Alan M or Bill W and we will do the rest. Not the school number as we never get past Reception !

THE BASIS OF SEX is a film currently showing at HOTA (The Arts Centre). Don't miss this, as despite its suggestive title it is the true story of America's oldest Supreme Court Judge Ruth Bader-Ginsberg and how she made her name overturning discrimination laws in the USA. Some of the dialogue is direct from the court transcripts and it is cut and thrust argument of the highest order.

Alan M

I talked with a homeless man this morning and asked him how he ended up this way.

He said, "Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed,

I had a roof over my head, I had HDTV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library.

"I was working on my MBA on-line. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical coverage."

I felt sorry for him, so I asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce? "

"Oh no, nothing like that," he said. "No, no.... I was paroled."

MEN ARE JUST HAPPY PEOPLE

This needs no explanation - and is a fun read, no matter your gender.

Men Are Just Happier People!

What do you expect from such simple creatures? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress - \$5,000. Tux rental - \$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks.

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Two pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes - one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache... You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

No wonder men are happier!

NICKNAMES

- If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.
- If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

EATING OUT

- When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, outcome the pocket calculators.

MONEY

- A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.
- A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.