



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	01.04.19	08.04.19	15.04.19
Chair	Donna Gillett-Shaw	John Lenehan	Bill White
Door	Alan Guignon	Kirk Mason	Jeff Bignell
Fellowship	Don Kissell	Mlan Midwood	Kiah Bastian
Toast	Secretary Sue	Sgt Peter	Treasurer Sheila
Thanks		Bert Shenko	Bill Crouch
		Board	

Our Guest Speaker – Lydia Mudryi



Lydia being thanked by Stuart following her very informative talk on "Behind the Scenes in Myanmar"

Lydia was a lawyer in New Zealand and spent 17 years in practice in Australia before she decided she wanted to do something different.

She chose to teach English as a Second Language in Myanmar. She undertook the ESL training and arrived in Myanmar. From there her amazing experience began. I'm sure she never imagined that she would be enlisted to undertake the specialized teaching that became her job.

As Lydia explained, The Laws in Myanmar came from the English colonial days in India and Burma and date back to the 1800's. These Laws, written in English, have not been changed or updated.

Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
01 Apr	Various Members	Conference Report
08 Apr	Sheila Ponting	Understanding Labor's Tax Changes
15 Apr	Trevor Taylor	Rotary in PNG and the Solomons

Please note:

The Board Meeting has been transferred to Monday 8 April

Burma has been closed off from the rest of the world.

Myanmar, with a population of 53 million, consists of 166 different ethnic groups with their own languages and as they try to keep their own identity and don't always get along with each other. One third of the people live below the poverty line.

Lydia joined a group of Australian Volunteers in 2014 to Myanmar. Because of her legal experience and knowledge of the specific legal language, she was teaching Law to Members of Parliament, judges and other members of the legal profession BUT NEVER the police.

It was an incredibly rewarding experience. Incredibly frustrating because the profession didn't understand the English that their Laws were in.

First impressions were the amounts of plastic in the country, most of the furniture was plastic.

The country is rich in Gas and Timber, rubies, jade and are the second highest producer of opium grown by the farmers and controlled by the military.

Individuals are running the country. Teachers however are revered.

Facebook IS the internet.

Religion is the most powerful force in the country.

Lydia gave us a short talk that opened my mind to extraordinary insights into the legal culture in the country. They are trying to catch up but the basic understanding of The English is lacking.

A wonderful experience.
Thanks Lydia.

Friends of Lydia from Brisbane



Sheila welcoming Michelle Wright



Michelle's husband, Chris, a PDG from the Rotary Club of Sunnybank Hills with Lydia.

Wonderful to have Chris and Michelle with us for the night.

President Adrian

Adrian advised that 7 of us would be travelling to the District Conference in Lismore on the weekend.

Adrian also recognised the contribution of Alan Midwood in progressing the speakers list and Stuart Fairley for producing the Rotarwave. Thank you Adrian on behalf of Alan and myself.

NOTE 13 May

Bring a Guest to the meeting. The club will cover the cost of the guest. We hope to build our membership if people know of our achievements.

The Rotary Clubs of Gold Coast and Burleigh Heads are holding The Rotary Gala Ball on Saturday 13 April.

Bill Crouch

Bill advised that he had received a contribution tube from Kirk. Well done!

Mathematics: Brilliant!!

This comes from 2 math teachers with a combined total of 70 years' experience.

It has an indisputable mathematical logic. It also made me Laugh Out Loud. This is a strictly mathematical viewpoint ... and it goes like this:

What makes **100%**?

What does it mean to give **MORE** than 100%?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been to those meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%.

How about achieving 103%?

What makes up 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26.

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 \\ = 98\%$$

And

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 \\ = 96\%$$

But ,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 \\ = 100\%$$

And,

B-U-L-L-S-H-I-T

$$2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20 \\ = 103\%$$

AND, look how far **ass kissing** will take you.

A-S-S-K-I-S-S-I-N-G

$$1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7 \\ = 118\%$$

So, one can conclude with mathematical certainty, than while **Hard work** and **Knowledge will get you close**, and **Attitude will get you there. It is the Bullshit** and **Ass Kissing** that will put you over the top.

Now you know why Politicians are where they are!

I've never seen a better explanation than this formula, how true it is.

