

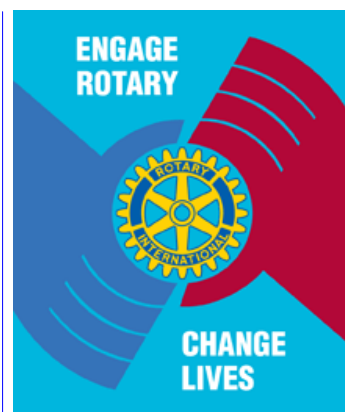
Wishing you and your family
a very merry Christmas
and a happy new year





20 December 2013 Issue #111

Meet us for lunch most
Fridays 12:00 for 12:30 at
the Arts Centre Gold Coast.
www.goldcoastrotary.org.au
RI #17910 District 9640



Upcoming speakers December

20 8:00am BBQ breakfast
at Botanical Gardens

XMAS BREAK Meetings resume January 10 2014

10 TBC
17 Michael Campbell
24 Florence Kelly



President Kathy's report

Our AGM ran smoothly at our last meeting for the year at the Arts Centre last Friday. Well done to PE Eddy on filling all of the Board positions for 2014/2015. A great lineup.

Our Sergeant Nancy did a fabulous job of making her fine session hilarious whilst extracting a huge amount of money from all of us. The money will go towards Rosie's Christmas lunch for the homeless. She put a lot of effort and planning into the session with her props and delicious shortbread biscuits. I think the highlight was Mother Greg Bowler Claus dressed in an apron handing out the biscuits. Thank you Nancy for going to the extra effort of making it a fun meeting.

I was hoping that the raffle jackpot of \$1,300 would finally go off this Friday to end the year off nicely but John Kelly managed to pick the Joker last Friday. Congratulations on your big win John, nice Christmas present.

Then on Saturday night we had our Christmas Party with Friends. Our hosts were Chawki and Ann Gazal. As always the Gazals greeted us with a warm welcome to their home. There was the usual overabundance of food and I must have been having fun because the night seemed to go too quickly and I know that I didn't manage to catch up with everyone.

A big thank you to Ann and Chawki.

Don't forget our Christmas Breakfast this Friday at the Botanical Gardens but if you can't be there have a happy and safe Christmas and be prepared for an eventful New Year with loads of fun and excitement.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!!



This week: Lunch replaced with Friday breakfast BBQ @ Botanical Gardens

January Roster

If you're unable to attend please *directly* arrange a replacement before the meeting.

Welcome

Viv Mallinson

Front Desk

Lyn McArthur

Meeting Chair

Kathy Hogan

International Toast

Sue Foskett

Sergeant

Peter Laurens



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Nelson Mandela remembered as an ally for peace, polio eradication

In 1996, routine polio immunizations in Nigeria and other African countries were anything but routine. Competing health priorities and lack of funding hampered many governments from putting polio eradication high on their agenda. The drive for a

Nelson Mandela immunizes a child at a Kick Polio Out of Africa event in 1996. polio-free Africa needed a playmaker.

Enter Nelson Mandela. Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeking the South African leader's support. "President Mandela was so gracious and listened as we described the problem," Brown says. "I told him only he had the influence to persuade the countries to resume immunization."

Mandela agreed to help. "I'm well aware of Rotary and all the work you've done, and all the work you did while I was in jail," he told Brown. At a press conference, with Brown at his side, Mandela asked all the heads of state in Africa to open their doors to polio National Immunization Days.

Mandela helped launch the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign later that year with 1996-97 Rotary President Luis Giay and Rotary Foundation Chair Rajendra Saboo. Almost immediately, Africa's polio eradication effort was back on track. Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised public awareness of polio and helped spur more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days.

In recognition of his vital work, Rotary presented the Rotary Award for World Understanding to Mandela in 1997, then Rotary's highest honor. "We chose President Mandela because of his significant contributions to world peace, human rights, and freedom," said Giay, adding that Rotary members especially appreciated "his strong support of the eradication of polio throughout Africa." Mandela called the award "a tribute to the people of South Africa's rainbow nation." Rotary's work toward eradicating polio "has shown the power of a global network of people who are ready to roll up their sleeves and put their heart and soul into saving children from disability."

Mandela donated the award's \$100,000 prize to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund. Following his death, Rotary members in South Africa lauded Mandela as "one of the 20th century's iconic symbols of freedom and equality," "the father of the nation," and "a leader of service."

"Mandela was a man who overcame unimaginable hardships to emerge as one of the greatest leaders of our time and one of our greatest humanitarians. His legacy of courage, determination, and commitment will forever inspire us to move forward in our effort to achieve a better, more peaceful world," said Rotary President Ron Burton. - *Rotary News*



Don't bury your head in the sand, win a camera in *The Rotarian's* 2014 photo contest

Do you have a great shot from a club project or fundraiser? Did you capture a memorable moment at the convention in Lisbon or while on an international trip? Enter your images in *The Rotarian's* 2014 photo contest and you could win one of three cameras: a digital SLR with lens or one of two ultra-zoom point-and-shoots.

Submit up to three photos taken in 2013 or 2014 that illustrate the spirit of Rotary. This year's contest closes 28 February. The *Rotarian* will feature the winning photos in the June issue. Other top photos from the contest will appear throughout the year. For more info click on www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/win-camera-rotarian%E2%80%99s-2014-photo-contest



On behalf of the 2014 RYLA committee
you are hereby invited to attend
the 2014 RYLA seminars 'Plant the Seed'

ROTARY DINNER NIGHT

Date: Tuesday 28th January 2014

Time: 6:30pm EDST til late

Where: Tyalgum Ridge Retreat,
783 Tyalgum Creek Road,
Tyalgum NSW 2484

Price: \$25 per person

(tickets will be issued to those attending and MUST be presented at the door)

RSVP: by the 18th November 2013 to:

RSVP is essential for catering purposes. Limited seats available.

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*there will be lucky door
prizes, raffles and a
small auction with funds
going straight back to
RYLA



*From little things Big things grow
Plant the Seed*