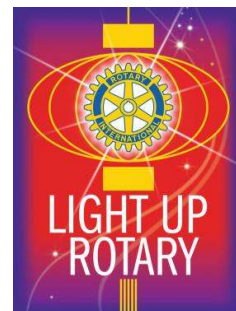




Rotary Gold Coast



28 Aug 2014 #138

We meet 5:45 for 6:15pm the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, currently at Public House One50, 150 Bundall Road. You're welcome to join us. If possible please advise Club Service Director Chawki that you're coming. Call 0410 002 403, email mango@winshop.com.au

August meeting roster

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

Welcome guests

- Joe Kertesz

Front desk

- John Kelly

Meeting chair

- Mark Urquhart

International toast

- Tony Nesci

Sergeant

- Peter Laurens

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Presidents meeting report

A night of firsts....

The meeting last week was a night of firsts: it was our first evening meeting, our first Thursday meeting, our first meeting at One50 and our first meeting where we have a short business session and then we adjourn for social time and dinner.

As with any new venue where they weren't familiar with us/us with them, there were a few minor hiccups that were easily corrected. Although as we had pre-ordered a set menu it did seem to take longer to serve than anticipated. Mind you, the restaurant was full and, consequently, a bit more noisy than we're used to. But these will easily be solved as we'll be eating upstairs at our next meeting.

I stood in for our esteemed President who was in New Zealand singing his heart out with the wonderful Blenders, Kate was Chair and David Baguley presented the results of the Think Tank meeting with a detailed PowerPoint presentation on 'What is Gold Coast Rotary'.

It was a comprehensive presentation. He encouraged comments from those present.

The presentation and discussion needed more time to do it justice as we needed to go down stairs for dinner. David must be commended on the excellent presentation that he obviously put a lot of time and effort into. There's no need to detail it here as David, always on the ball, emailed the findings to us all.

We have excellent speakers lined up starting this coming Thursday, 28 August, with the trio who drive across continents for RYLA! Those of us who attended the District Conference earlier this year heard them speak.

I highly recommend that you come along and invite your friends and family to hear these inspiring young men.

Glen Gorton, Julian Buttigieg and Andrew Nolan will tell us about their adventure doing the Rickshaw Run across India in 2013 and their plans to drive a Mototaxi 3,000 kms across Peru to raise money to sponsor youth attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp.

PP Kathy

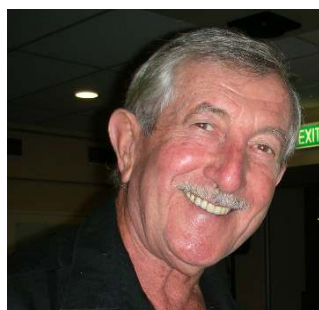


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Joe Kertesz

was born in Hungary in 1941. His father was Jewish and his mother Christian.

Having just barely survived the war his father was keen to migrate to Israel when it became a state in 1948 and so they did. Joe had started Grade 1 in Hungary and now was doing Grade 1 again in a Hebrew school. Then the family moved to an Arab neighbourhood and because his mother was Christian she decided to put him into a Christian-Arab school. Grade 1 again – in Arabic this time.

The following year his mother was working so she put him into a French boarding school, another new language.... so it was Grade 1 again. At this point Joe was the tallest kid in Grade 1! After finishing school in Grade 8 at the French school, Joe started an apprenticeship as a painter. After the first year he became a painter doing whitewashing, however he was often not paid or paid very little so he decided to go out on his own re whitewashing. This turned out to be very successful and was the seed of his future entrepreneurship.

In 1958 Joe's parents migrated to Australia and he stayed behind to finish his military service in the Israeli Defence Force. Once he finished his

service he came out to Australia. Because he could speak French and had always helped his father working on trucks, Joe got a job straight away with a French Geophysical Company driving trucks in the Simpson Desert and later to be in charge of the supply of goods to this area. This is where he learnt English by correspondence with only the other truckies to coach him. Joe gained an extensive vocabulary of Aussie swear words during this time! After 18mths Joe started his own transport business and met his first wife, married and had two children – a girl and a boy.

His marriage was not going well and after temporarily separating from his wife Joe took the chance to do something different. He went for an interview applying for a Real Estate position and he was put through the hoops of writing contracts. He was called a week later to go down to the branch office in Kingston to have an interview. The manager, after the interview, rang the boss and recommended he hire Joe because there were a number of migrants in the Oxley area. After 6 months Joe was the No. 1 salesperson in their 3 offices. After three years he was making so much money that he decided to work only 6 months for that year. He took his family to Europe on an extended holiday. After returning from Europe, Joe opened his own Real Estate office. Joe and his first wife divorced around this time. He concentrated on

development (rather than Real Estate), building houses and selling spec homes.

After four years Joe met his second wife Joyce. He said he had enough of motivating staff and the stresses of property development and they moved to Point Lookout on North Stradbroke Island. It was a totally relaxing lifestyle but after a while the business urge took him again and he opened the first Real Estate office on the island and did some developments over the next 20 years.

During that time he and Joyce had two children – a son and a daughter and Joe says that he is a very loving father to all his kids.

One of the Stradbroke developments was a Backpackers Hostel and Scuba Diving Centre at Point Lookout which he operated for about 5 years as Dive Master and Coxon, before he sold the business.

After 20 years they moved back to the mainland and Joe got involved in commercial Real Estate development and subdivision.

Joe and Joyce then decided to move to a cattle farm at Lower Beechmont. Joe still does small developments when the opportunities arise. Joe's main interest in Rotary now is to promote peace in the Middle East.

He joined Rotary at Capalaba for ten years after moving to the mainland. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship Medal and was named as the club's Rotarian of the Year for two years. - Jill Ellis

AUGUST

8 Ann Gazal
13 Mark Urquhart
14 Rotary meeting @ One50
15 Bruce & Coralie Roddick (15)
18 David & Rana Baguley (41)
20 Birthday dinner @ Tayta Lebanese, Southport (confirm to Chawki)
22 Genik Klimowicz
23 And Csabi. David Baguley
27 Sue Fosket
28 Rotary meeting @One50, Glen, Andrew & Julian, Ride for RYLA Peru
30 Dinner + Downtown, the mod musical @ Spotlight Theatre
30 Bruce Roddick. Yew-Chaye/Ruay Loo (45)

SEPTEMBER

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Dean Castell
Front desk - John Goldstein
Meeting chair - Joe Kertesz
International toast - Sheila Catterall
Sergeant - Andrew Csabi

3 Margaret & Noel Grummitt (26)
7 Kate Kimmorley
9 Dean Castell. Lindy Campbell
10 Tony Nesci (10 years)
14 Rotary meeting, venue TBC
15 Jann Davies (14 years)
16 Eddie Klimowicz (9 years). Nancy Smith (10 years)
19 Lynda Haynes
25 Chawki & Ann Gazal (38)
26 Coralie Roddick
28 Rotary meeting, venue/speaker TBC
29 Carol Allan. Justin Shaffer

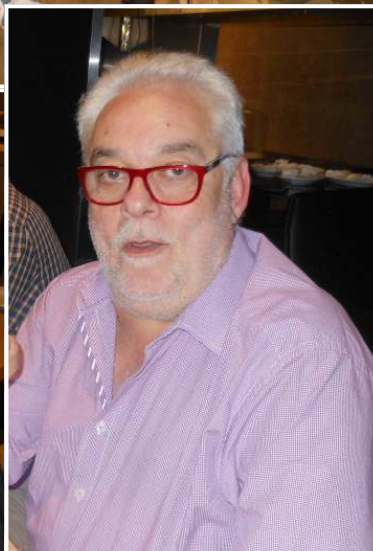
OCTOBER

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Greg Bowler
Front desk - Andrew Chan
Meeting chair - Lynda Hynes
International toast - David Baguley
Sergeant - Brian Kidd

6 Margaret Prentice
8 Lyn MacArthur
9 Caroline Mercer (5 years)
9 Rotary meeting, venue TBC
11 Andrew Chan (14 years)
12 Greg Bowler & Naomi Taylor (31 years)
16 Nancy Smith Peter Laurens
20 John Goldstein (37 years)
21 Naomi Taylor
23 Rotary meeting, venue/speaker TBC
24 John Lander, Nareelle Flanagan
30 Nicoletta Zuecker (7 years)

Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries Club Anniversaries



EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ROTARIANS GO OUT FOR A BIRTHDAY DINNER?

When the August birthday celebrations were held this week for the motley crew, above, who refuse to confirm that their combined ages were 35 (IQ age), event organisers Show E. and the Gazers were so shocked that their cream shirts instantly turned purple and their glasses a bright, embarrassed red!

And it was all because Bert and Ernie, far left above, declared their love for each other with a passionate but cheeky kiss on the, err, cheek.

But that's not all....

You've heard of a hair raising event? Well, ours turned out to be a hair *losing* event for the Brylcream twins.

It was all too much for Big Hands Joe who tried so hard to stop his head from falling off. Alas he failed!



Olivia's update

This month I was lucky enough to do some very fun things. The first was that I was able to go to a zoo for the first time in my life! My host sisters from my two first families, a couple of their friends and myself all went to Antwerp Zoo and I was so amazed. I turned into a little girl and was getting excited over every new animal I saw because I had never seen many of them before in the flesh. Even more exciting was that just two days after going to Antwerp Zoo, my host family took me to Pairi Daiza, which is supposedly the best zoo in Belgium, and it was even more amazing. It was absolutely massive and there were animals from all over the world, including two giant pandas. I got to pat a giraffe and also while we were on a small 'monkey island', a ring-tailed lemur (which I have always wanted to see since I was a kid) actually came up to me and held my hand! I think he thought I had food in my hand and so he was just hungry, but I am still claiming that he wanted to hold my hand. Along with this, I also spent one day in Brussels with one of my host sisters from my first host family, Anais. She is going on a Rotary Youth Exchange and is actually leaving tomorrow for California, USA for the year. The reason I spent the day with her there was because two



Rotarians from her future club in USA were visiting Belgium and wanted to meet her, so naturally I asked to come along with her and meet them. They were both so lovely and were genuinely pleased to be hosting Anais very soon. Then I was extremely lucky and had my host family take me with them to Italy for 2 weeks! We stayed in the country-side in Northern Italy, about 1 hour and a half hours from Florence and it was amazing. We visited

places like the Ferrari museum, Maserati/Alfa Romeo Museum, the city of Bolgne and of course Florence. On the days when we didn't go anywhere, we just stayed at our little rented half-house which had a communal pool for all residents, a sauna and a beautiful view. I have attached some pictures from this month. There is one of my host siblings and I overlooking Florence, one of the adorable half house that we stayed in whilst in Italy, one of my host siblings and I standing on the ruins of a very old theatre in Italy, and also a picture of a section of the Maserati/Alfa Romeo museum.

I have also included the two pictures of me with the giraffe and me with the lemur, as well as one of the giant pandas.

Thank you for everything!
Olivia