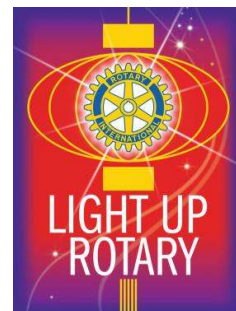




Rotary Gold Coast



12 Dec 2014 #145

We meet 5:45 for 6:15pm the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at One50 Public House, 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

Dec meeting roster

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

Thank you.

Welcome guests

- Kathy Hogan

Front desk

- John Lander

Meeting chair

- Jill Ellis

International toast

- Peter Laurens

Sergeant

- Andrew Csabi

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(Past) Presidents meeting report

How quickly they forget. It was a pleasure to step in for Eddie at our meeting but even though it has only been a few months, I completely forgotten the routine.

Regardless of that it was great to hear from the Directors.

Vivienne presented a few facts and myths about the homeless. Vivienne reminded us that people from all walks of life find themselves homeless often through no fault of their own and brought about by a range of situations. What is that saying 'there but for the grace of God'? The ones that have mental issues aren't looked after by the 'system' and are left to fend for themselves. It is a sad indictment of our society. The Anglican Mission also offers assistance by way of meals and helping people once they find accommodation with basic items such as cleaning products, non-perishable food and basic items. If you feel inclined donations can be taken directly to them in Surfers.

Sue gave us an overview of the wonderful Rotary Youth Camps that we support: RYTS, RYLA, NYSF and MUNA and the young people we are sponsoring to attend. Sue mentioned that we have sponsored an outbound YEP student and she is making arrangements for our club to host an inbound next year if the new Board agree. Sue also presented the history of RYDA and where it is today. RYDA is another excellent Rotary program for young people.

Kevin gave a lovely presentation of his visit to the nuns in Vietnam. We send money to them each year to educate 30 children who, due to poverty, would not be able to progress any further than a very junior education.

Phil reminded us of the Music Trivia he is organising on the 20 March at Sharks in conjunction with 94.1 Radio station with all proceeds going to ROMAC, plus of course the 'usual' annual ROMAC Trivia Challenge in May. His vocation committee are working on the Employee of the Year award for August next year.

Chawki reminded us of the upcoming Ball next year on the 7th March. We need to build on last year's event and for it to be to be an even bigger success it will need all hands on deck. The new location at the Mercure will provide us with a great venue and a much better deal.

Next year is going to be busy.

Please put the dates in your diary.

Eddie will be back for our next action packed meeting (hooray!), at which DG Wendy will be our guest. *Past President Kathy*

Since joining Rotary First Harvest I have had the unique opportunity to help expand this program's strategic impact at the local and national level.

Through the dedicated efforts of hundreds of monthly volunteers, we've been able to quadruple the amount of produce collected and distributed annually. With the dual goal of reducing hunger and food waste, Rotary First Harvest connects farmers, truckers, food bank and volunteers to reduce hunger-related malnutrition.

Hybrid strategies to meet community needs.

Rotary First Harvest works on two levels – one large scale and one local – to divert millions of pounds of fruits and vegetables from food waste to the hands of those in need. At each level, Rotary members play a crucial role in connecting existing resources within their community:

- **Core work:** First, we find truckload-sized donations at large growers and packing houses. Next, we locate donated trucking to haul the produce to a distribution center where it is shared with local hunger relief programs. At each stage, Rotarians and Rotarian-owned businesses are directly involved.

- **Harvest Against Hunger:** To capture smaller donations from small and mid-size farms, Rotary First Harvest created a program that places AmeriCorps* VISTA (similar to Peace Corps) members in smaller communities. Those VISTA then connect local farms and gardens with



**Eliminate food waste,
feed hungry neighbors**

Rotary First Harvest connects farmers, truckers, volunteers and foodbanks to feed hungry families healthy food.

hunger programs and volunteer groups to create thriving produce recovery programs. Through these partnerships, deep and sustain-able connections are made that will deliver fresh produce to those in need well into the future.

Connecting and Collaborating Rotary First Harvest is highly collaborative. We don't duplicate services or resources. Instead, we find innovative ways to connect or improve

existing efforts. We firmly believe in using our resources to transform the weakest link in the food chain into the strongest. Over 143 Rotarians,

Rotary Youth Exchange students, Rotaractors, Interactors and community volunteers celebrate packaging 47,000 pounds fresh produce in one day. This fresh food will be delivered to a local foodbank.

Hands-on Service. Twice a month, Rotarians from across District 5030 invite friends and family to help repack some of the millions of pounds of apples, potatoes, carrots, peas and other items Rotary First Harvest receives in bulk. These work parties serve as a simple yet powerful example of

Rotary activity in our community.

The Power of Rotary Like any Rotary project, Rotary First Harvest started with one Rotarian with a great idea for how to help others. Other Rotarians then provided their resources and expertise to help the idea grow and flourish. It's a simple formula that continues to improve lives each and every day. - *David Bobanick,*

DECEMBER

1 Joan Baguley (23).Chawki Gazal (19) Joan McDermott (7) Andi von Zeppelin (26)
9 Justin Schaffer (9 years)
9 Nancy & Hugh Smith (42 years)
10 Richard & Narelle Flanagan (31 yrs)
10 Board meeting
11 DG Wendy Scarlet
15 'The Good Lie' movie, 6:30 Arts Centre. Tickets \$20 confirm/pay Phil R
18 Andrew & Esther Chan (18 ys)
19 Christmas BBQ Breakfast at the Botanical Gardens

JANUARY

MEETING ROSTER
Welcome guests - Viv Mallinson
Front desk - Lyn McArthur
Meeting chair - Greg Bowler
International toast - Sue Foscett
Sergeant - Brian Kidd

1 Joe Kertesz (14 years)
8 Club meeting
14 Board meeting *incl GCR members*
18 Andi von Zeppelin
19 Brian kidd
21 Anne Marie Zeppelin
22 Club meeting
23 David & Kerry Wood (44 years)
25 John Watter
26 Kerrie Urquhart
29 Club meeting/birthday celebration
28 & 30 Phil & Tini Rosenberg (42),
28 Helen & John Watter (47 years)

FEBRUARY

MEETING ROSTER
Welcome guests - Dean Castell
Front desk - Joe Kertez
Meeting chair - Chawki Gazal
International toast - Phil Rosenberg
Sergeant - Nancy Smith

1 Nan Baldwin (15 years), Brian Dower (35 years) Don Stalker (20 years)
10 Brian Dower
11 Richard Flanagan
12 Club meeting
14 Board meeting *incl GCR members*
16 Anni Fong
17 Viv Mallinson
20 Ras Manickan (8 years)
26 Club meeting
23 David & Kerry Wood (44 years)
27 Brian & Carolyn Dower (50 years)

Meetings/events Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries Member's Club Anniversaries



Economist explains why it's worth giving to The Rotary Foundation

As the co-chair of my club's Rotary Foundation committee I have been asking members to donate. As an economist, I had to give clear reasons why. So here are my top five reasons to donate:

The Rotary Foundation allows clubs like mine to have a much larger impact than we could ever have on our own. My club has had the privilege of taking part in many great projects over the years. Recently, we have partnered with a nongovernmental organization that is working to reduce malaria-related child mortality in an area of Mali. They have had a ten-fold impact in the target area. Your giving helps qualify your club to take part in global grant projects like these.

Donations to the Rotary Foundation are tax deductible for US taxpayers.

The impact of every dollar you give is multiplied thanks to the grant system and Rotary's partnerships with other organizations. For instance, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is matching every dollar committed to

polio eradication 2:1, tripling your donation.

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you know your money is in good hands. In the United States, Charity Navigator is a trusted evaluator of nonprofits, measuring charities on their financial health, accountability, and transparency.

The Rotary Foundation has consistently received four stars, the highest possible rating. It does well on both financial performance (rating of 89.76 out of a maximum of 100) and accountability and transparency (rating of 97.00).

The above four reasons spell out why giving to the Foundation is the smart thing to do. It is also the right thing, as Rotarians, to do. We are committed to making a difference in our communities and putting service above our own ambitions. And there is no better way to do that than by supporting our Foundation. As members of Rotary, we ought to give. We tend to give to charities we know, and we often give on the basis of events or stories that move us. As Mother Theresa once said, *"it's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."* How could we not agree? But giving with love does not imply giving blindly.

Giving to the Rotary Foundation is both right *and* smart. If you are not convinced, browse the many projects Rotarians have shared on Rotary Showcase, read about projects Rotary members have written about on this blog, or check out the project stories on Rotarian Economist, a blog I started. You will be convinced to support our Foundation.

- *Quentin Wodon, Rotary Club of Washington D.C.* The Muso pilot, a project supported by Rotarians in Washington D.C., has significantly reduced deaths from malaria. Photo courtesy of Muso



Say 'Hello!' to Dean Castell

Dean's parents moved to Australia from England in the early 1970's.

Dean was born in Brisbane at the Mater Hospital and the family lived in Jimboomba.

Dean attended Primary School at Kooralbyn and then Park Ridge High School, with his final year at Benowa High School on the Gold Coast. Dean undertook an apprenticeship in Cabinet Making when he left school.

He met his wife Tori on the Gold Coast and they were married seven years ago. They are enjoying life at their home at Mermaid Waters. They travelled together for eight years around Europe, Canada and South America and had wonderful experiences.

Tori has her own company which specialises in Event Management.

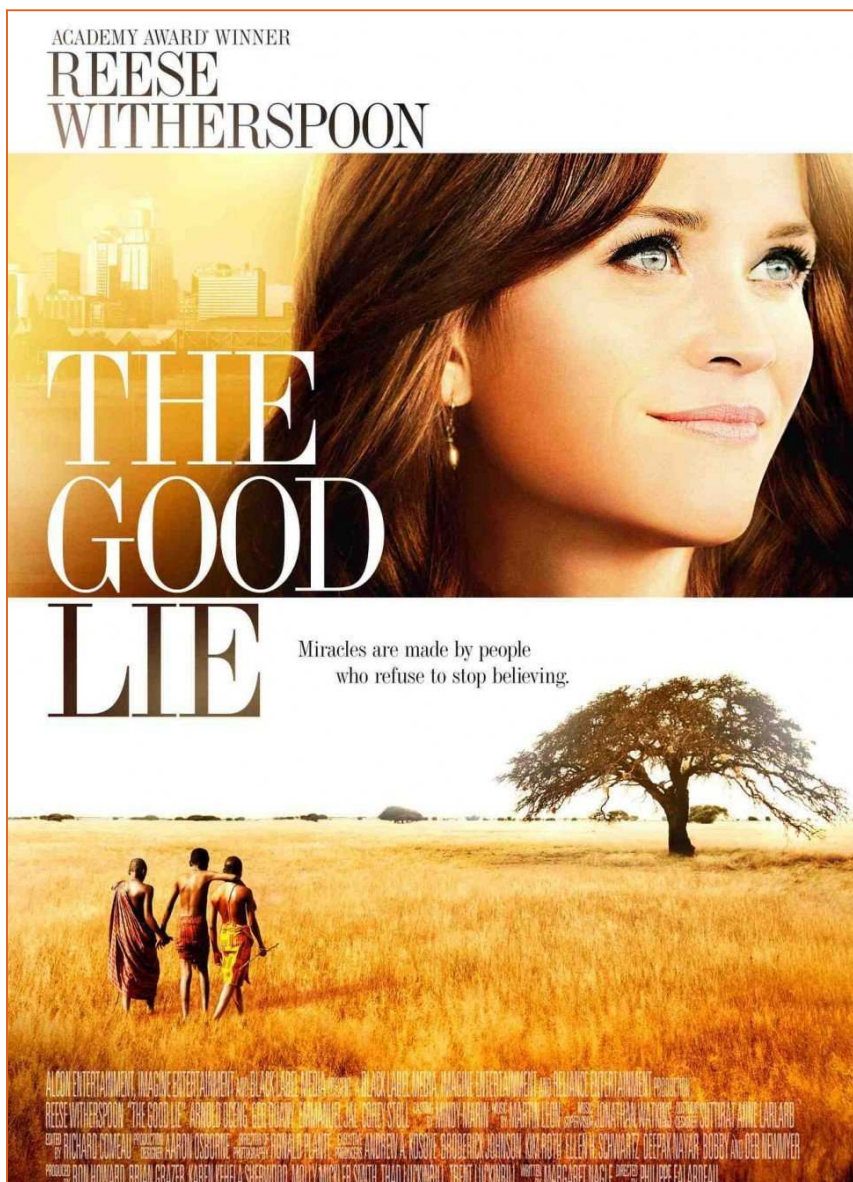
Dean has always enjoyed an interest in NRL and recently changed direction and started to follow the Gold Coast Suns.

His hobbies are playing guitar, enjoying cooking, fishing and golf.

Dean and Tori like to explore the features of the Gold Coast, particularly going up to the Hinterland to areas of Mount Tamborine and Springbrook.

Dean was always interested in finance and, over the last six years on the Gold Coast, he has been with Bendigo Bank. He is currently the Manager of the Chevron Island Branch.

Dean joined the Rotary Club of Gold Coast in early 2014 and enjoys liaison with the many business members and the social aspects of the Club. - *Jill Ellis*



"It's refreshing to see a movie that knows where its heart lies and remain so faithful to that premise."

"The Good Lie ... Is a compelling, well-acted, feel good and deeply moving drama."

Celebrate Christmas with a great movie and help save a child's life... Exclusive Gold Coast premiere.

Three children escape the torching of their village and the brutal murder of their families.

After walking hundreds of miles from southern Sudan to Kenya — suffering unimaginable danger, loss and hardship along the way — they finally end up in a camp outside Nairobi where, over 13 years, they grow into strong, resourceful young men and, finally, a new home in America.

This true story of children orphaned by war never loses sight of the simple idea that mercy and grace are meant for those who need it. Proceeds donated to ROMAC to enable this

Rotary volunteer charity to continue saving children's lives. On behalf of the children and their grateful families, *thank you.*



6:30pm Monday 15 December, Gold Coast Arts Centre. \$20 pp.

Please confirm your attendance with (and pay)

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