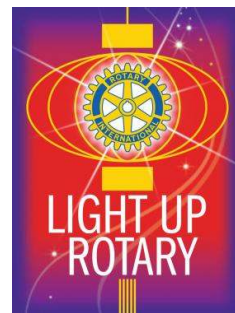




Rotary Gold Coast



11 July 2014 #134

You're invited to join us for lunch

12 for 12:30 most Fridays upstairs in the Panorama Room, Arts Centre Gold Coast.

If possible please advise Club Service Director Chawki on 0410 002 403 mango@winshop.com.au that you're coming.

July meeting roster

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

Welcome guests

- David Baguley

Front desk

- Nan Baldwin

Meeting chair

- Kate Kimmorley

International toast

- Jenny Bao

Sergeant

- Brian Kidd

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Meeting report

If you weren't there you missed one of our best meetings and, sadly, whilst it was our first meeting of the new Rotary year *el presidente* Eddie was instead living it up whilst singing for his supper in Las Vegas!

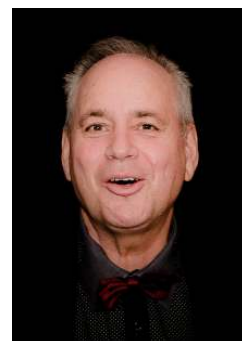
Stand in president Kathy welcomed our visitors that included David's daughter and almost (!) grandchild, Joe and John's actual grandchildren plus Burleigh Heads' Rotarian Andy Rajapakse with his friend Sri Lankan Consul General for NSW and Queensland, Ambassador Bandula Jayasekera, with whom we exchanged banners.

To celebrate Lena's 18th birthday thanks to Kathy and Jenny's friend Matthew a surprise - and delicious - birthday cake was shared by all.

At Rotary's world conference in Sydney David Baguley met 11 year old Mac Miller and invited him to speak this week. At the age of nine Mac was inspired to send soccer balls to kids in need around the world. With a little help from his family, Mac has achieved something quite astounding; in the past 18 months he has arranged for Australian soldiers to take soccer balls to Afghanistan, met the Governor of Queensland, won a United Nations Association of Australia award and delivered soccer balls to the children of refugees in Australian detention centres, including Manus Island, Nauru, Cambodia and Zimbabwe. Mac has matched it with some of Australia's highest profile media personalities, appeared on the Today Show and The Project and is a regular guest on Ben Fordham's Sydney radio show.

Mac has also written a book called 'Football – Play It Forward. A 10 Year Old's Goal of Peace Through Soccer Balls', which is already an Amazon #1 Best Seller. And of course he's raised thousands of dollars too!

Mac is a talented soccer player who one day wants to play for the Socceroos and Manchester United. What an inspiring young man he is and if, sadly, you were unable to attend this meeting you certainly missed a highlight of the year.



Club President

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Kate, her hat and a friend

The ultimate travel accessory

Since joining Rotary, I have discovered the ultimate travel accessory, my Rotary hat. Not only does it keep the sun off my Celtic skin, but it advertises my connection to Rotary.

I currently live in Sydney with my husband, but grew up on a farm in the southern part of Western Australia. It's one of the most isolated and beautiful parts of the world, but it's also what inspired me to be interested in other cultures and what led me to Rotary.. In the '70s, my uncle and dad decided to set up a business accommodating tourists. Our house was always full of new friends from different parts of the world. These experiences made me curious about the places our visitors came from and led me to study languages.

The year I turned 13, I had the opportunity to start learning Japanese and French. At 15, I spent 10 months in Japan on an exchange with our sister school.

When I applied for Rotary Youth Exchange, I wrote on the form that I would

go anywhere where they didn't speak English, and thus celebrated my 18th birthday in Argentina. One more sojourn in Japan brought my exchange total to three.

I visited several Rotary clubs over the years but at 35, when I finished my postgrad studies, I finally joined Rotary as I had always intended. A little over two years later and I am loving it! I have always been interested in meeting new people. This is something I inherited from my dad, who could talk to anyone, in car parks, cafes, on walking paths, anywhere. Now, whenever I travel, my Rotary hat goes with me. On a recent trip to Melbourne, I ran into three Rotarians from different clubs — instant new friends!

So my challenge to you is to wear the Rotary logo big and bold whenever you go for a walk, or to the gym, or down the beach, or out and about. Wear your Rotary pin to work every day. You never know when you might run into another Rotarian or a former exchange student or youth program participant that you can invite to visit your club. Share your pictures on social media and show just how much fun you can have making friends in Rotary. And one day we may meet and I can invite you over for lamb roast. - Kate McKenzie, Rotary Club of Randwick, NSW

JULY

4 Rotary lunch meeting, **Mac Miller: Peace through soccer balls!**
 6 **Lena Haumons**
 9 **Jenny Wong/Tony Ang (35)**
 10 **Ian Daw**
 11 Rotary lunch meeting, **Farewell to Lena**
 18 Rotary lunch meeting, **Brie Everson and Portia Large, Ernie Hicks' scholarship recipients**
 21 **Greg Bowler (18 years)**
 25 Rotary lunch meeting 'Think Tank'
 24 **Jenny Bao**
 29 **Ruay Loo**

AUGUST

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Joe Kertesz
Front desk - John Kelly
Meeting chair - Mark Urquhart
International toast - Tony Nesci
Sergeant - Peter Laurens

8 **Ann Gazal**
 13 **Mark Urquhart**
 14 Rotary meeting, optional dinner, venue to be confirmed
 15 **Bruce & Coralie Roddick (15)**
 18 **David & Rana Baguley (41)**
 22 **Genik Klimowicz**
 23 **And Csabi. David Baguley**
 27 **Sue Fosket**
 28 Rotary dinner meeting, venue and speaker to be confirmed
 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, optional dinner, venue to be confirmed
 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**
 14 Rotary dinner meeting, venue and speaker to be confirmed
 29 **Carol Allan. Justin Shaffer**

Birthdays **Wedding Anniversaries** **Club Anniversaries**



Mediation in the life of a peace builder

Having chosen to pursue human rights as a lawyer, mediation has been a major part of my life. Even in my home country of Greece where mediation is not a popular practice, I have used mediation to resolve issues, helping married couples in prolonged disputes or companies with substantial lawsuits. Every kind of law, from criminal to civil, has a place for mediation.

Mediation can transform the way professionals practice peace building for a very important reason; it values conflict. Conflict is seen as a normal behavior and is not demonized. On the contrary, it is used as a means for behavioral transformation and for reaching conflict resolution itself. It is not easy. It takes a lot of strength from the mediator and a lot of good faith from the disputants to make mediation work.

As Rotary Peace Fellows, we often have unique opportunities to acquire additional experience within our disciplines. I had such an opportunity recently during a 40-hour mediation training session led by Claire Doran, a fellow 2013-15 Rotary Peace Fellow at International Christian University. Claire is a professional mediator from California. And having served as a program director for the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center in Los Angeles, she knows better than any of us the benefits, as well as the challenges, in mediation. Together with her

partner and co-trainer, Devin McCutchen, they organized the special training on the university's campus.

This specific training focused on community mediation, an aspect I have hardly practiced. The training included three eight-hour in-person trainings with online material. Training topics touched on conflict and how we traditionally view it, conflict and alternative ways to view it, conflict management styles, culture, mediation styles, and challenging behaviors.

We took part in actual mediation simulations, where we played the role of both mediator and disputant, providing us with a small, but actual taste of how community mediation feels like.

We also had the opportunity to identify and question personal biases and prejudice towards our own approach to handling conflict, whether directly, or as a third party.

Scholars of international relations and peace and conflict studies are aware of the complexity of conflict.

Even a simple community conflict can be complicated.

I found the mediation training a great starting point to gain understanding and basic knowledge of community mediation techniques, and hope to use them soon in resolving conflict.

- Dimitra Messini, a 2013-15 Rotary Peace Fellow at International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan



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