Rotary Gold Coast





Presidents meeting report

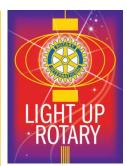
Our last meeting at the GCAC took the form of a "Think Tank" meeting. Your Board had decided to throw open a meeting day so as to hear the voices of our members as we looked at the direction of Gold Coast Rotary, not just for the next twelve months but the following years. We welcomed Carol Bovingdon and Ann again and also Honorary member and Peace Fellow, Catherine Bonifant. It was great to see Bruce Roddick and Ted Fong there and they were happy to put in their two-penneth worth on the day.

A sub-committee had met and determined the shape and the process of the day and the whole thing was very ably and professionally pulled together by PP David Baguley. We got started on the process even before lunch was served and ideas began flowing thick and fast and were posted up on poster sheets with large yellow post it notes. The suggestions were assembled under half a dozen different headings and each of these were then examined, discussed and collated by working groups who continued to work right through lunch and until after 2PM. Each working group presented their findings to the rest and slowly a picture began to evolve as to the present nature of the club and where and how the club might look and work in the years to come. By the time we finished the exercise I know I was exhausted but thankful in the knowledge that we had achieved what we had set out to do.

Since then the collective thoughts of all who were in attendance have been further collated by David and circulated to our wider membership. This has triggered a few more thoughts by some and they too, have been added to the list.

Next week your Board meets and the main topic on that night will be the results of our "Think Tank". We pull all this information apart and re-assemble it into a series of strategies that will allow us to attain a clearly articulated goal.

And these strategies and goals will be presented to you all at our first meeting in August. This will be held on Thursday 14th when we will meet at 5:45pm for a 6:15pm start upstairs at the One50 Public House, 150 Bundall Rd, Bundall. It's right opposite the GCAC and it has plenty of parking; it also has a lift to get you to the first floor. **Remember, if you don't care to drive in the evenings, please give me a call on 0418 787 686, or any Board member (back page) and we'll make sure you get there on time and home again safe and sound.**



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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.

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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There were constantly around 12 policemen in the arena and there was an exit that was 10 metres away from the hospital room and ambulances because every few minutes, someone would need medical attention. People were getting trampled on and were even being thrown into the arena!

Once the production finished and Saint George 'killed' the dragon, the Prime Minister of Belgium then came out into the arena, so it was great that I got to see him in person.

It was a great experience for me, but I am sure that if I had of been down with the rest of the crowd, I would have viewed the festival in a very different way!

Although this was the biggest event during this month, my family also took my to a beautiful castle, I went to a couple of rotary events, we had a surprise going away party for my twin host sisters of my first family who are going on a rotary youth exchange to America and Australia in a few weeks and I also caught up with friends.

And now, in a few weeks my host family is taking me to Italy for 2 weeks and then the Belgian coast for a few days, so I am very excited for that! *Thank you*!



Help make history

Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation launched a bold new chapter in their partnership for polio eradication. Through the Gates Foundation will match two-to one, up to US\$35 million per year, the money that Rotary commits to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The campaign will run until 2018. The campaign could generate more than \$500 million! "We will combine the strength of Rotary's network with our resources, and together with the other partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we will not just end a disease, we will change the face of public health forever," said Jeff Raikes, the Gates Foundation's chief executive officer.

You can support the new campaign in several ways:

- Make a contribution.
- Hold community events.
- Ask businesses to contribute.
- Become an advocate.

With your and your club's help we will make history and eliminate polio.

AUGUST

8 Ann Gazal

13 Mark Urguhart

22 Genik Klimowicz

27 Sue Fosket

(45)

14 Rotary dinner @ One50

15 Bruce & Coralie Roddick (15)

18 David & Rana Baguley (41)

23 And Csabi. David Baguley

Downtown, the mod musical

28 Rotary dinner/speaker @ One50

30 Dinner at Benowa Gardens then

30 Bruce Roddick. Yew-Chaye/Ruay Loo

SEPTEMBER

MEETING ROSTER

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

3 Margaret & Noel Grummitt (26)
7 Kate Kimmorley
9 Dean Castell. Lindy Campbell
10 Tony Nesci (10 years)
14 Rotary dinner, 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 dinner, 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 dinner, 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 dinner, venue TBC
24 John Lander, Nareelle Flanagan
30 Nicoletta Zuecker (7 years)

Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries Club Anniversaries

Sheila was born in the town of Bolton, Lancashire, UK. She had a happy childhood and was the eldest of two children. She had a good education and lived during WWII.

Her father was on active service and her mother did War work. She managed to feed Sheila and her sister and grew her own vegetables and was able to exchange these for eggs and other rations.

After leaving school Sheila went to College and trained as a Preschool Teacher. She also studied music.

Her father never recovered from the War. He was in a Hospital Ship off Dunkirk rescuing the soldiers from the beaches and suffered from the traumas and tragedies experienced when helping the soldiers in the water.

Sheila's mother was a successful business woman but she decided to sell everything in the UK and take Sheila's father and sister on a ship to New Zealand. (Sheila was doing a University course at the time). Her parents later relocated to Brisbane. Sheila married her fiancé Cyril in England and the bride and groom then came down to join the family in Queensland.

They arrived in Australia in 1950 and went to live in Queensland to be near her parents. Upon arrival Sheila obtained a position teaching at a kindergarten on the roof of City Hall . After a year in Queensland they moved to Sydney where she was appointed Senior Teacher at the Double Bay Kindergarten. After three years in this role she was invited by Abraham Rabinovitch – benefactor and founder of Moriah War Memorial College – to be headmistress of his kindergarten in North Bondi in 1955. This kindergarten was later to be called Moriah Kindergarden, as Moriah College was just being formed.

Sheila set about improving the standard of Jewish pre-school education, improving the kindergarten and forming a Parents Association (of which she was President). She held this position for 33 years, raising funds for Moriah Kindergarten and Mount Zion War Memorial Kindergarten which she established in 1964, the year in which her great mentor, Abraham Rabinovitch, died.

Sheila worked at Moriah for 33



Sheila Catterall OAM

years and saw two generations pass through the school. Her own daughter Shayne, was a member of her staff.

During her time in Jewish pre-school education Sheila was very active in the Jewish community.

She was a member of WIZO – Women's International Zionism Organisation – and also on the committee of the Rescue the Soviet Jewry, headed by Judge Marcus Einfield.

She was Honorary Secretary of the Isabella Lazarus Children's Home for several years, a position in which she spent a great deal of her time.

She was involved in setting up a new home for Jewish children in need at Bondi Junction and was also responsible for convincing Moriah College to take the children from the home free of charge and educate them at the college.

Sheila was very interested in collecting antiques and jewellery and decided to study gemmology. She became involved in the NSW Gemmological Association and became Honorary Secretary, a position she held for ten years. She also held the position of Vice President and President of the NSW GAA, Federal Delegate for 20 years and Federal Secretary for two terms.

She graduated as a Gemmologist in 1978.

Sheila continued her studies and achieved all the qualifications that GAA had to offer.

She organized several conferences in Sydney and Diploma Dinners plus also restoring the Gemmological Association's building to meet the standards of accreditation and fire rating. The building was opened by the Governor of NSW, the Hon. Peter Sinclair.

She organised a federal gemmological tour and conference to Thailand, taking 100 gemmologists, which was a great success.

The GAA bestowed the Service Medal, the Special Service Medal and also made Sheila an Honorary Member.

Sheila retired from pre-schools in 1988 after a serious illness.

She was awarded the school crest and rooms were named in her honour in both her kindergartens – an honour which no other member of staff had received.

Sheila spent three years in the Gold Coast recovering from her illness but went back to Sydney after becoming a Grandmother.

She opened a small business as a Gemmologist and Valuer and set about encouraging Jewellers and apprentices to do gemmology or at least diamond grading to improve the quality and trust of the retail trade and also to give customers more confidence in the Jewellery industry.

She continued to work for the GAA until she returned to Queensland to retire once more in 2002.

She was once again working for a charity as the Gold Coast chairperson of the Jewish National Fund, President of a small WIZO group and Vice President of the National Council of Jewish Women.

These charity groups raise money for Israel and also local charities.

Sheila unfortunately lost her husband Cyril two years ago. She joined the Rotary Gold Coast after being Guest Speaker early in 2014. - *Jill Ellis*

What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

I've just torn up a note pad and wrapped it around my stomach; it was a waist of paper. Never iron a four leaf clover. You don't want to press your luck. What do you call a cow with two legs? Lean beef.



As our meetings are at night, would you prefer someone drive you?

Sometimes driving at night is not desirable. If the train's full simply call any one of our board members who will be delighted to pick you up and, maybe, hopefully, drive you home again!

David Baguley (Benowa Waters) *h* 5539 3882 *m* 0411 470 947 Sue Foskett (Sorrento) *h* 07 5531 6032 *m* 0418 763 036 Chawki Gazal (Bundall) *h* 07 5539 8540 *m* 0410 002 403 Kathy Hogan (Main Beach) *m* 0417 634 029 Brian Kidd (Surfers Waters) *h* 5574 3210 *m* 0412 123 841 Kate Kimmorley (Southport) *b* 5591 1725 *m* 0408 753 599 Edward Klimowicz (Yatala) *m* 0418 787 686 *b* 1300 66 2345 Vivienne Mallinson (Labrador) *h* 5529 3283 *m* 0407 593 545 Caroline Mercer (Emerald Lakes) *h* 5579 9806 *m* 0411 411 554 Phil Rosenberg (Broadbeach) *h* 5538 0254 *m* 0412 374 363 Kevin Stapleton (Highland Park) *h* 5596 0547 *m* 0409 878 352