



Rotary Gold Coast



December 3 2015 #165 We meet 5:45pm for 6:15pm the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at The Southport Golf Club. You're welcome to join us - if possible advise Chawki on m 0410 002 403 e mango@winshop.com.au **DECEMBER ROSTER**. If you're unable to attend please arrange a replacement before the meeting. Welcome guests: **Kathy Hogan**. Meeting chair: **Mark Urquhart**. Front desk: **John Lander**. Intern'l toast: **Peter Laurens**. Sergeant: **Andrew Csabi**.

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President's report Great to see so many happy faces rolling up to our meetings. David Baguley was a fine chairman, John Lander made an extremely interesting toast to a small village in Africa and Peter Laurens was an impressive sergeant and auctioneer! The seafood gnocchi was most delicious, but most of all the company was the most enjoyable part of the evening.

I had the great pleasure of sitting next to Carla Tromans, our guest speaker. Carla is the director of International House in Brisbane, a residential College at the University of Queensland. In 1965, Rotary District 9600 unveiled International House and to this day has become one of its most sustained projects. This year marked fifty years since the opening and Carla expressed how honoured she felt to have so many Rotary Club members attend the golden 50th Anniversary events. Carla shared with us the many hats she wears as the "Mother Hen" and the first director of this co-ed facility. The mix is 50% international with 40 different nationalities. The theme is for fun, friendships and participation. "Learn to live.. Learn to Lead." For Carla, it is a full time 24/7 job, living on site, looking after 250 19-20 years olds and some really get into mischief! But she says, "it is the best job in the world and a wonderful place to be".

In 1965 our own David Baguley attended International House and indeed had a big smile on his face during the whole of Carla's presentation! Maybe some good stories need to be shared? Carla has invited is to host one of our meetings at International House. I heard that even Rockafella and the Queen Mother have donated funds to this cause....lets check it out....

It is so nice to have Leon at our meetings. Sadly he shared with us that it seems a Rotary exchange student was a casualty of the recent Paris Terror attacks. Its never too far from home and we share our deepest sadness at this atrocity .

Thank you to Andy Von Zeppelin for organising our Ken Bromley Wounded Soldier's Memorial Dinner at DeVito's Restaurant. Dr Likeman was an outstanding speaking and the singing afterwards was truly enjoyed by all. I look forward to talking to you all at our next meeting about our Christmas Beach Party on Sunday 13th Dec and our breakup christmas breakfast. Please get you RSVP's into Chawki so we can finalise the catering,



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and by the beach. So very Gold Coast!

Relax, enjoy friendship and a BBQ.

* \$25pp * BYO * 4-9pm Sunday 13 December.

* Pratten Park, Old Burleigh Rd,
(opposite Albert Avenue) Broadbeach.

* RSVP Chawki
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DECEMBER

MEETING ROSTER See front page

1 Joan Baguley (23yrs), Chawki (19yrs),
Joan McDermott (7 yrs) Andi von
Zeppelin (24 yrs)

3 Club meeting,

9 Nancy & Hugh Smith (43yrs)

9 Dean Castell & Lindy Campbell

10 Richard & Narelle Flanagan (31yrs)

9 Justin Schaffer (9yrs)

10 Board meeting

12 John D'Anna

13 Xmas in the Park BBQ 4-9pm

18 Andrew & Esther Chan (38yrs)

25 Chawki & Ann (39yrs)

21 David Wood

22 Beverly Daw

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 (14yrs)

7 Club meeting

14 Board meeting

19 Brian Kidd

11 Ian & Beverly Daw

21 Club meeting

22 Anne Maria von Zeppelin

23 David and Kerry Wood (14yrs)

26 Geoff Prentice & Kerrie

Urquhart

28 Phil & Tini Rosenberg (42 yrs)

Helen & John Watter (47 yrs)

30 Phil & Tini Rosenberg (42 yrs)

FEBRUARY

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Dean Castell

Front desk - Joe Kertesz

Meeting chair - Chawki Gazal

International toast - Phil Rosenberg

Sergeant - Andrew Csabi

1 Nan Baldwin (15yrs) , Bryan Dower
(35 yrs), Don Stalker (20 yrs)

7 Tony Ward

7 Club meeting,

10 Bryan Dower

11 Richard Flanagan

12 Eric Lughart (Kate)

16 Anni Fong

17 Viv Mallinson

21 Club meeting

27 Lexie Kidd

28 Brian & Caroline Dower (50 yrs)

Meetings/events Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries Member's Club Anniversaries



From left: Lucy H. Hobgood-Brown, Dr. Hashrat Begum, Stella S. Dongo, Kerstin Jeska-Thorwat, Dr. Deborah K.W. Walters, and Razia Jan.

Six women recognized at United Nations for leadership, humanitarian service

The six Rotary Global Women of Action for 2015 were recognized during Rotary Day at the United Nations on 7 November in New York City for their dedication and service, which have improved the lives of thousands around the world.

"The women we are honoring here today are leaders in Rotary," said Rotary President K.R. Ravindran. "They are pushing the boundaries of Rotary service, pushing us all to do more, be more, and achieve more."

Lakshmi Puri, assistant secretary-general of the United Nations and deputy executive director of UN Women, praised Rotary for its acknowledgment of the crucial role women play. "I'm very pleased you have picked this team of gender equality and women empowerment," she said.

The six women, who were selected by Rotary senior leaders and staff from more than 100 nominees from around the world, are:

> **Dr. Hashrat A. Begum**, of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West, in Bangladesh, who has implemented several large-scale projects to deliver health care to poor and underserved communities.

> **Stella S. Dongo**, of the Rotary Club of Highlands, in Zimbabwe, who leads the Community Empowerment Project in the city of Harare. The project provides basic business and computer training to more than 6,000 women and youths affected by HIV/AIDS.

> **Lucy C. Hobgood-Brown**, of the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, in New South Wales, Australia, who co-founded HandUp Congo, a nonprofit that promotes and facilitates sustainable community-driven business, educational, social, and health initiatives in underprivileged communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

> **Razia Jan**, of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, in Massachusetts, USA, who has spent decades fighting for girls' educational rights in Afghanistan. An Afghan native, she is the founder and director of the Zabuli Education Center, a school that provides free education to more than 480 girls in Deh'Subz, outside Kabul, Afghanistan.

She was also recognized as a CNN Hero in 2012.

> **Kerstin Jeska-Thorwat**, of the Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Sigena, in Germany, who launched the Babyhospital Galle project after surviving the 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka.

With a budget of \$1.8 million and the support of 200 Rotary clubs, the project rebuilt and equipped the Mahamodara Teaching Hospital, in Galle, Sri Lanka. The hospital has served more than 150,000 children and more than 2.2 million women.

> **Dr. Deborah K.W. Walters**, of the Rotary Club of Unity, in Maine, USA, a neuroscientist who has served as director of Safe Passage (Camino Seguro), a nonprofit that provides educational and social services to families who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump.

Each of the women addressed attendees and led discussions on topics related to her work.

More than 1,000 Rotary members, UN officials, Rotary youth program participants, and guests gathered at this year's annual event, which celebrated 70 years of partnership between Rotary and the UN.

A morning youth session was open to high school students, including members of Rotary's Interact and Youth Exchange programs.

Guest speakers included

> **Fabia Yazaki**, acting chief for evaluation and communications in the UN's department of public information

> **Karin Ryan**, senior project adviser for the human rights program at the Carter Center

> **Ambassador at-Large Susan Coppedge Amato**, director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons for the U.S. Department of State

> **Melissa Russell**, vice president of strategic partnerships for the International Justice Mission

> **Jeffrey Kluger**, Time magazine editor at-large

> **Archie Panjabi**, Emmy Award-winning actress and Rotary polio ambassador.



World's worst traffic jam?

Thousands of cars left stranded on motorway in China

It's carnageddon! This might just be the world's worst traffic jam. You thought the rush hour traffic is bad on the Gold Coast, then spare a thought for the poor motorists who were left stranded in this monster jam dubbed the 'carpocalypse'.

Forget the bank holiday road 'chaos' we usually see, things can get a lot worse in China during their 'Golden Week' celebrations.

Thousands of motorists near a toll station in Beijing were left going nowhere fast as people returned home at the end of the week-long National Day holiday.

The nightmare bottleneck was reportedly caused by the combination of a new check-point, which sharply reduced the amount of lanes on the motorway from an estimated 50 to 20, and foggy weather.

Drone footage captured the

unbelievable traffic gridlock on one of the country's busiest roads, the G4 Beijing-Hong Kong-Macau Expressway. An estimated 750 million people, half the country's population, were expected to travel on China's rail and road networks across the seven-day holiday.

Long tailbacks are a recurring theme when the Mid-Autumn festival begins, with major roads being transformed into enormous parking lots for frustrated motorists. In 2012, there was huge disruption reported when Chinese politicians granted free road travel by suspending motorway tolls. It was even worse in 2010, when traffic slowed to a snail's pace along a major Beijing road for nine days.

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Thanesia "Tee" Howard used her loan for her home-based juice business.

Changing Detroit one entrepreneur at a time!

The above headline was one of the early lines we in Rotary District 6400 used during our LaunchDetroit open house events when we were telling our story to prospective applicants. Later, I remember thinking about that line and wondering if it was too much of a cliché.

Fast forward to today and I have become a true believer. This program, which we started in 2013 to provide microloans, training, and mentoring to those trying to start local businesses, has had that transformational effect on several budding entrepreneurs in Detroit.

I think of Willie Brake and his small computer business. He started in year one of our program and, after two years, opened his own retail store offering computers and computer services to customers in his neighborhood. The neighborhood had been without any local computer stores, since most had either moved to the suburbs or been replaced by big-box stores that sold computers.

I've enjoyed visiting with Willie and hearing the

good things he's accomplished so far, such as hiring young local techies to work in his store while he moves out into the community to promote his business. Willie completed one loan cycle and returned for a second round of funding earlier this year. Remember: . . . "one entrepreneur at a time."

I also think of the Loves. Donnie (who is blind) and her husband, Alan, own Love's Custard Pies. They too joined us during the first year of LaunchDetroit. They took advantage of the free small

-business classes we offered our entrepreneurs through our strategic partner Baker College-Allen Park.

The Loves were struggling to find a registered kitchen where they could bake their pies, and also struggling to create outlets for distribution. This past summer, they moved into a state-of-the-art registered kitchen operated by a nonprofit at Detroit's Eastern Market, the largest historic market in the country. In addition, each weekend, they sell their pies to the public at Eastern Market. During the last two summers, they were invited to be the exclusive dessert vendor at a local outdoor concert venue. I watched them develop a following of fans who now seek out Donnie's uniquely blended pies, and confess that I've become one of their biggest fans.

LaunchDetroit serves an important role in this city. It brings valuable resources to entrepreneurs who are desperately seeking guidance. And to think that Rotary members are jumping in to make a difference. Wow!

So, it may be a cliché, but in this instance, it's very true: We *are* changing Detroit, one entrepreneur at a time! - Lawrence Wright, Rotary International

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