







Presidents meeting report

Even though it was raining heavily the view and atmosphere of the Panorama Room at the GC Arts Centre was lovely. I am so pleased to be back and to see the genuine friendliness and the welcomeing faces of the staff. I'm sure that all of the members who have done such a great job so far of inviting people along to our meetings will continue to be just as enthusiastic.

Perhaps the heavy rain made it difficult for some to attend which is a shame because Clint Ford explained the Rotary/Horizons partnership Program and Corey Bell from the Gold Suns as our Speaker.

Corey gave a brief back ground of himself and how he got to be in his current role of Community Programs Manager for the Gold Cost Suns Horizons Program. He's a former Australian rules footballer but it was short lived due to injury. He then became a development manager with AFL Queensland, in 2008 joining the Gold Coast Football Club as a Community Development Officer. He is heavily involved in their Horizon's local community work.

Wanting to make a difference where it was most needed on the Gold Coast he liaised with the GC City Council. Luck would have it that the Council had just completed a working party into this very subject and Corey took away those finding to establish the list of beneficiaries of the Horizons namely Youth Homelessness, Domestic Violence and the Northern Suburbs Community Programs. They do more than fund raise. They raise awareness and offer tangible help.

Corey is also on the boards of the Gold Coast Community Fund and the Gold Coast Healthy and Active Alliance. He is very community minded and sums himself up as - Family & Footy are my life. Surfing & helping Community are my passions.

Clint briefly spoke about the involvement of our Rotary District and the benefits back to Rotary by way of exposure to the public. The promotion that Rotary receives through the partnership with the SUNS is valued at over \$100,000 p.a. The Suns' surveys of their members clearly shows that Rotary has become very recognisable. Please do whatever you can to help the Ball committee. Our Ball is being held to support the Horizons Program and Drought relief. We are looking to building on the relationship with the Horizons Program to eventually have a joint Ball. But that is in the future.

Of course the Ball is all about giving those who attend a fun night to remember and raising loads of money.

But really it is about helping those homeless youth get off the street, those abused people get out of their domestic violence situations, build communities where the kids have somewhere to go to keep out of trouble and most of all HOPE. *Kathy.*



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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

Feb meeting roster

If you're unable to attend please directly arrange a replacement before the meeting. Thank you. Welcome guests - Dean Castell Front desk - Joe Kertesz Meeting chair - Chawki Gazal International toast - Phil Rosenberg Sergeant - Andrew Csabi

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helped raise funds and assemble the park equipment.

membership hike while uniting to build park

Alaskan Rotarians see

The Rotary Club of Eagle River Area in Alaska experienced a 50 percent increase in membership after building a playground designed for children with disabilities to play alongside their classmates.

Former club president Tonya Gamble says the club is always looking for ways to increase membership, but it wasn't until they took on the park project that the club saw its membership rise from 29 to 43 members. Rotary members

"When children get together and play, they realize they have more in common than differences," Gamble says. "That concept is what the community really liked." Club members sent fundraising letters to local businesses, held a community meeting, spoke at the chamber of commerce, and had their project featured in the local newspaper. "With this project, we had such good PR in the community that we had people coming to us," Gamble says.

The project resulted from a suggestion made by club member Seth Kelley, who was also the executive director of FOCUS Inc., a local nonprofit that provides services to the families of children and adults with disabilities. The parents of his clients had expressed their desire for a playground that their children could also use. The playground area in the local park had just one set of swings and a couple of other playground pieces that had been hand-me-downs.

Thomas Wilder was one of those people who responded to the publicity. After retiring and settling down in Eagle River in 2008, he started looking for a place where he could make a difference among friends.

"The Eagle River Area club clearly had a lot going on. My friends were always talking about service projects, firesides, and other activities that appealed to me," Wilder says. "But what sealed the deal [of joining the club] was the ability to immediately get involved in a big, worthy, and tangible project."

The idea to build the first all-inclusive playground in the state came out of the club's five-year plan, which Gamble says was essential in determining their club's overall goals. Finding what members deemed a "signature community project" would help the club fulfill its goal of working to build healthy communities.

As a new member, Wilder says he enjoyed having an immediate effect on the community. In addition to helping construct the playground, he secured a grant that helped pay for it.

"It's bigger than myself, something that makes a positive impact," Wilder adds. - Rotary News

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Anne Frank: 10 quotes from The Diary of a Young Girl To mark the recent Holocaust Memorial Day 2015 (28 Jan) we have collected 10 of the most powerful quotes from Anne Frank's legendary The Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank, whose teenage diary has become the most famous diary in the world.

of a Young Girl, or even visited the Anne Frank museum in Amsterdam.

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2015 is "keep the memory alive", and today we want to remember Annelies Marie Frank, better known as Anne Frank, who started her diary Diary of a Young Girl at the age of just 13, while hiding from the German occupation of Amsterdam during the second world war.

Anne wrote her diary in hiding in a secret annex of an old warehouse for the next two years. The diary stops abruptly in August 1944, when her family are betrayed and eventually sent to Auschwitz death camp. Only Anne's father Otto survived and published his daughter's Anne's diary in 1947.

Even if you haven't read the diary, you will probably have heard of Anne Frank, seen one of the many film adaptations of Diary

But we still think that the best way to experience Diary of a Young Girl is to read it yourself. This funny, heart-breaking, inspiring book will make it so easy for you to keep the memory of Anne Frank alive.

To give you a little taste, we have collected 10 of the greatest quotes from Anne Frank's Diary of a Young Girl that are bound to make you want sit down right away and (finally) read this wonderful diary from cover to cover, if you haven't already.

"Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year old school girl. Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing."

> "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

I know what I want, I have a goal, an opinion, I have a religion and love. Let me be myself and then I am satisfied. I know that I'm a woman, a woman with inward strength and plenty of courage.

> "We aren't allowed to have any opinions. People can tell you to keep your mouth shut, but it doesn't stop you having your own opinion. Even if people are still very young, they shouldn't be prevented from saying what they think."

"Women should be respected as well! Generally speaking, men are held in great esteem in all parts of the world, so why shouldn't women have their share? Soldiers and war heroes are honoured and commemorated, explorers are granted immortal fame, martyrs are revered, but how many people look upon women too as soldiers?"

"Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"

"It's difficult in times like these: ideals, dreams and cherished hopes rise within us, only to be crushed by grim reality. It's a wonder I haven't abandoned all my ideals, they seem so absurd and impractical. Yet I cling to them because I still believe, in spite of everything, that people are truly good at heart."

"What is done cannot be undone, but one can prevent it happening again."

"I don't think of all the misery but of the beauty that still remains."

"Whoever is happy will make others happy too."

- Laura Tscherry, Guardian newspaper

As kangaroo numbers explode in plague proportions across the Outback, the love potion made out of powdered roo testicles has become a boom trade.

In a great leap forward for the kangaroo meat industry, droughtstricken graziers hope the new trend will stiffen Chinese resolve to consume more of the Aussie icon. But Australian medical experts warn the drug, based on testosterone, is untested and without scientific data to support its claims of a super-sexed libido.

The kangaroo is the symbol of Australia and highly reproductive," reads one label. "The male kangaroo may mate with 40 female kangaroos and produces twice as much semen as a bull. Essence of Kangaroo is extremely potent as it is rich in natural hormones, proteins, zinc and iron, which are able to increase physical strength and enhance the sexual energy."

Roo ball expert John Kreuger, 73, of Townsville, a 40-year veteran of the testicle trade, this week meets with Chinese investors to buy his business "for the end product". He said the Chinese buyers wanted to dry the end product and turn it

into a powder. "We buy a tonne of testicles every month

from 'roo meat processors and put them through my



Why are you nervous, Skippy? According to popular online shopping websites, China has gone nuts over the tonic which sells for between \$30-\$150 for a bottle of 100 capsules.

custom-made 'de-nutting' machine," Mr Kreuger said yesterday. "It squeezes out the balls and leaves behind the empty pouch," he said.

At his peak, he can process 500 hollowed scrota in an hour. He then fashions the sack into bottle openers and sells them for \$25 a pop.

Queensland Fertility Group medical director David Molloy said the virility drug was part of a male obsession with sexual performance.

"Doctors are very hesitant to endorse these products, as with so many therapies, there is no scientific data, no proper trials, certainly these drugs would never be registered," Dr Molloy said. "The hormone you'd mostly get from testicles is testosterone, in small quantities it may improve libido but in large doses it can cause loss of virility and fertility. "This is not good news for kangaroos. But thank goodness it is not a product from an endangered species, like tiger penis, rhino horn, or other exotic animal species. Luckily there are plenty of

red kangaroos out there."

Essence of Kangaroo is a tonic capsule retailing for between 200 to 870 yuan (\$34-\$150) for a bottle of 100. A search on the popular taobao.com online shopping site threw up about 500 entries. - The Sunday Mail



Sharks visit

Our vocation visit to the Sharks Sports Club was quite an eve opener. They have an impressive venue from a (very busy) gym to impressive conference facilities (where our music trivia event will be) to a generous community giving programme to a range of eating venues, including the upscale Carmody's (at competitive prices) where we enjoyed lunch with a view.

We hear that our next vocation visit will be to a (very special, very different) hospital!



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miss this fun night out! Corporate tables/sponsors contact Phil 0412 374 363. Venue: Southport Sharks Event Centre, cnr Musgrave & Olsen Ave, Southport. Cost: \$65 pp including a delicious buffet dinner. Cash bar at club prices.

Booking: TBC







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RI President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran announces Rotary's theme for 2015-16

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International Presidentelect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA.

"You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your

district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."

Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, "A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact Rotary members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic



in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day.

Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. "We will battle on. We will

prevail," he said.

Ravindran discussed some of Rotary's other challenges, including membership.

"We have to find a way to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club," he said. "Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient

obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary's success, and we ignore them at our own peril."

Ravindran told attendees that the focus on branding is essential to helping Rotary grow. "We need to reposition our image, which we recognize has faded in many parts of the world," he said.

Rotary also needs to continue to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation, attract new members, and encourage greater participation from current members, he added.