




Rotary Gold Coast



March 3 2016 #170 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 **MARCH ROSTER.** If you're unable to attend please arrange a replacement before the meeting. Welcome guests: **Sue Foskett.** Meeting chair: **Mark Urquhart.** Front desk: **Eddie Klimowicz** International toast: **Mark Urquhart.** Sergeant: **Brian Kidding.**  goldcoastrotary.org.au District 9640 RI #17910



President's report.

It was great to be back and see all your lovely smiling faces. Thank you for sailing the ship for me whilst I was away.

We had an exciting board meeting, with our forthcoming Rotary Charity Ball taking shape, all set for June 18th. Please keep the date, Start looking for auction lots and get some great fun tables together. Its going to be a Gala Event and Kate and Chawki will keep us updated with the progress.

The opening of the Rotary Education Pavilion at the Ashmore Botanical Gardens is scheduled for Friday 11th March at 3pm. Look forward to celebrating with you all. Especially looking forward to seeing Justin and hearing all his adventures.

It was very special to have Will Lutz (our NYSF student) and his Dad Steve attend the meeting. Will gave us an informative description of his experience and was so animated, describing how he felt he could really see his future in this field and enjoyed meeting like minded people. His chosen field was physics and he was introduced to many exciting advances in Technology and shared with us how he saw a dedicated moon rock and described it's unique properties. We are truly proud of you Will and look forward to watching you continue to grow (hopefully not in height) and succeed.

Our guest speaker and the woman behind the badge was the lovely Rotarian Colleen Gauder. Colleen is a Director of Barrington Training Services Qld Pty Ltd, trading as Barrington College located in Varsity Lakes.

Barrington College provides vocational training for businesses and Individuals offering nationally accredited qualifications from Certificate 2 throughout to diploma, including direct entry into university.

Colleen's passion is to educate and provide todays youth with alternative pathways to higher education to pursue career goals and aspirations.

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Cyclists raise over \$4 million in Miles to End Polio ride

The fight to eradicate polio got a major financial boost from the annual [Miles to End Polio](#) bike ride that took place last November in Arizona, USA.

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of eight RI staff members helped raise US\$4.4 million.

The Bill &

Melinda Gates Foundation will match the funds 2-to-1, bringing the total contribution to PolioPlus to more than US\$13.5 million.

This is the fourth year in a row that Hewko has biked in the 104-mile (167 km) El Tour de Tucson ride, one of the country's top cycling events.

More than 100 Rotary members from Arizona and around the world hit the pavement with the Evanston team.

The RI staff riders have been training together since September. "In the beginning, riding 104 miles seemed impossible," says Jean Stanula, Rotary's Global Events supervisor. "But we came together early Saturday mornings and rode 20, 40, 60, and 80 miles. After a while, it felt like we could do anything."

Contributions of District Designated Funds (DDFs) were a big part in this year's fundraising effort, with more than \$1.4 million collected.

Districts can continue to donate DDFs to support the fundraiser through **30 November**.

President-elect John Germ will visit the district that donates the most DDFs, and the top five contributing districts will be recognized onstage at the 2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul.

Rotary members have taken part in the ride since 2009, when the End Polio Now campaign was designated an official beneficiary of the race, allowing Rotary cyclists to gather pledges for the campaign.

In the first year, 27 cyclists raised US\$35,000.

The number has grown exponentially ever since.

MARCH

MEETING ROSTER

See front page

1 Ted Fong (16 yrs) , Bruce Roddick (22 yrs)

3 Club meeting, Deb & Matt Waters

4 Tony Nesci

10 Andrew Chan, Caroline Mercer

10 Board meeting

11 Rotary Pavilion opening

3pm @ Botanical Gardens

14 Kathy Hogan

15 Caroline & Richard Mercer 45yrs

16 Eddie Klimowicz

17 Club meeting, Dr Clive Ferguson

17 Nan Baldwin, Greg Bowler and

Jennifer Rakauskas

28 John Stalker

29 Kevin & Lindy Campbell 19yrs

Tony & Agn Nesci 26yrs

Don & Helen Stalker 45yrs

APRIL

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Viv Mallinson

Front desk - David Baguley

Meeting chair - Eddie Klimowicz

International toast - Kate Kimmorley

Sergeant - Andrew Csabi

1 Joe Kertesz

1 Brian & Lexi Kidd 27 yrs

1 Richard Flanagan 31 yrs

1 Peter Laurens 29 yrs

3 Jill Ellis

3 Club meeting

5 Lynda Haynes

6 Joan McDermott

8 Helena rogers

10 Board meeting

12 Tom Tate 3 yrs

17 Club meeting,

20 Chawki Gazal

21 PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

22 Sue Foscett 14yrs

Mark Urquhart 14yrs

28 Loo Yew-Chaye

30 Andy Csabi 17yrs

MAY

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Jenny Bao

Front desk - Phil Rosenberg

Meeting chair - Dean Castell

International toast - Jill Ellis

Sergeant - Peter Laurens

5 Club meeting

15 Phil Rosenberg

19 Club meeting

20 Ras Manickan

24 Kevin Stapleton

29 Steven Ciobo

30 Ted Fong

23 Geoff & Margaret Prentice 52yrs

27 ROMAC Trivia Challenge, GC Arts Centre

Carol Allan 11 yrs, Jill Ellis 12yrs,

Kathy Hogan 5 yrs, John Lander 13

yrs, Lyn MacArthur 5 yrs, Vivienne

Mallinson 5 yrs, Phil Rosenberg 38

yrs, David Wood 3 yrs, Jenny Bao 8

yrs, Kevin Campbell 24 yrs



Vocation visit to Bustech

Our visit started off with a delightful and hearty lunch at Mike's Kitchen, then on to the very impressive Bustech workshop where they design and build buses for Australia and around the world. With a kilometre long, state of the art assembly line it takes 150 hours to build each bus. With the exception of the imported chassis everything else is made in Australia. Bustech pioneered 'low floor' buses primarily to assist wheelchair access. This-family owned business employs up to 150 staff and also operate a fleet of 700 Sunshine Buses on the Gold Coast in addition to 7 other Queensland locations.

We all smiled at a remark that their General Manager Mark made. Originally from Scotland where he managed a similar bus assembly line, when asked what the differences were between workers in Scotland and here on the Gold Coast he responded that over there he ran a 3 shift, 24 hour assembly line but failed when he tried to do that here due primarily to too many staff wanting to go surfing after work including closing the factory early Friday afternoons!

Who'd have guessed that we design, build and export state-of-the-art buses here on the Gold Coast?



Movie night & birthday lunch

Two very different and enjoyable social events in one day!

Every month our inimitable Club Service Director organises a social birthday weekend lunch or weekday dinner for those who are celebrating their birthdays in that particular month.

We have a wide range of excellent cafes and restaurants on the coast, and Chawki has chosen well enabling us to enjoy a wide selection of local and international food often at venues many may not have visited before.

Recently, including this month, he's been favouring a relaxed Sunday lunch at the Southport Yacht Club for all the right reasons, including the magnificent views over the water. Geoff Prentice, our birthday boy of the month, was there with wife with Margaret along with many others on two long, balcony tables.

What a movie! You definitely missed out if you weren't there!

In 1947, Dalton Trumbo was Hollywood's top screenwriter, until he and other artists were jailed and blacklisted for their political beliefs. Starring Bryan Cranston (Academy Award for Best Actor for his portrayal of Trumbo), Diane Lane and Helen Mirren.

Approximately 150 Rotarians were enthralled by this fantastic biopic last Sunday night at the Gold Coast Arts Centre to raise funds for ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children).

Thank you Brian Pearson for organising this event, we look forward to the next Movie preview!!

Written by Theresa Dawson. Reprinted from District 9640 website.





World Press Photo of the Year: Hope for a new life.

A man passes a baby through the fence at the Hungarian-Serbian border in Röszke, Hungary, 28 August 2015.

World Press photographer of the Year Warren Richardson is a freelance photojournalist currently working in Eastern Europe.

Born in Australia in 1968, he is a self-taught photographer who undertakes long-term projects dealing with human and environmental issues, as well as assignments for newspapers, magazines and companies.

He has lived in Asia, the USA and Europe, and during a period in the UK and US he worked in celebrity photography. While working on the Serbian-Hungarian border in 2015, he was one of a group of journalists covering the refugee crisis who were beaten by police.

His next project will see him walk to the Arctic Circle, to continue his refugee stories, and then explore the effects of human-induced climate change on the world. He lives by the proverb: "We have not inherited the land from our fathers, we have borrowed it from our children."

President's report, continued from the front page

She charmingly relayed a story about a young man who had the passion to be a physiotherapist, the trials and difficulties he encountered along the way and how he overcame many tough challenges to become successful. He matured and learned to have a leap of faith. In fact that young man was Colleen's son. Colleen's presentation was truly inspiring and it made me proud to know that there is another fabulous Rotarian out there in the world, making a difference. Thank you.

Thanks to Chawki for being Chairman, Sergeant and everything else he does.....

Great to have all our special guests: Jan Davies, Keith Goetsch, Will and Steve Lutz, Mara Eagan and Sheryn McLean.

Phil gave us an update on the Pride of Workmanship Award event scheduled to replace our regular meeting on the 21st April also at the golf club. See the details on the next page. Put your thinking caps on and nominate a worthy employee.

Don't forget Phil's Trivia Night on Friday 27th May at the Arts Centre. Another date not to miss. Details two pages on from this report.

Sunday's birthday bash lunch at the Southport Yacht Club (thank you Chawki) and in the evening ROMAC's movie night fund raiser was a great success, thank you Brian. I was spellbound and can't wait to see the movie *Trombo* again. The March Birthday Bash will be on Sunday March 20th. Place will be advised. Keep the date.. Surprise ... Surprise...see you all in March, [Lynda](#).

Pride of Workmanship 2016

- ★ To recognise deserving employees who display qualities worthy of recognition.
- ★ To inspire Pride of Workmanship in all vocations.
- ★ To install a sense of community pride in individual achievement.

Awarded to: ITSUP2U!

Only you can help make this event a success! All you need do is

- (1) nominate a deserving person to receive this award
- (2) contact the right person in a company and suggest they nominate an employee
- (3) if an employer nominate one of your staff or
- (4) all the above!

Entry forms: how many do you want?

Let Phil know 0412 374 363.

Venue: Southport Golf Club

Date: Thursday 21 April 2016



You don't have to be famous to enjoy a fun night out! And it's now cheaper!

ROMAC Trivia Challenge

The tickets are cheaper, a tasty selection of optional food is available and the fun gets better every year. Enjoy the humorous photos that accompany the questions, the camaraderie and, of course, that you're helping to save and change deserving children's lives.

Show everyone that your team is the smartest and accept this lighthearted challenge.

Bring your partners, friends and potential new members (before someone else invites them!) to the friendliest, most fun night out you've had ever since... well, you'll know the answer to that one too!

Date: 6:15 for 7:30pm, Friday 27th May 2016.

Venue: Paradise Showroom, Arts Centre Gold Coast.

Cost: \$35 p/p. Bistro food available. Payment in advance your club's coordinator please.

Dinner: An excellent selection of moderately-priced dishes are available to order from the counter. Ensure you arrive early to relax and enjoy with friends.

RSVP: To your club's on-to-trivia coordinator, or contact Phil Rosenberg on 0412 374 363 or philfini@hotmail.com

A request: Please consider helping Rotarian volunteers continue saving children's lives with your club donation: \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,500, \$5,000 or whatever you can. If possible please bring your cheque, payable to ROMAC.

On behalf of the children whose lives you'll save, thank you.

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