



Rotary Gold Coast



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November 17 2016 #184. 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 - please advise Chawki on m 0410 002 403 e Chawki@akgaz.net. Monthly Meeting Roster now inside.



President's Report It was my pleasure to step in for President Kate last week whilst she was gallivanting around China. Presiding at the meeting is the fun part of being acting President, the not-so-fun part is having to write the report – Hmm. Could be why this is a little late to hit the press; sorry Phil and earnest readers of our Club Bulletin.

It was a well-attended and enjoyable meeting. Totally unaware of what chef had prepared for us, I had jokingly remarked, in my welcome, that there was something special on the menu for us. It happened in fact that there was something exceptional, and a quick glance around the room after we had finished our repast showed a unanimous vote of approval by a showing of empty plates!

We were well informed of all the goings on in our club by a series of informative Director's reports and David Baguley regaled us with a brief synopsis of "what he does for a living" (and when not working on Rotary stuff) in the first of our Person-Behind-the-Badge segments organised by our Vocational Director John D'Anna. Thank you David, a very interesting revelation.

Our guest speaker was our own Brian Pearson who spoke passionately about the 600 child Orphanage in Laos that he and the Global Support Association assists in many different ways (kitchen renovations, utensils, clean running water etc. etc.) The group also includes another member of GCR, Ros Byrne. Brian showed us a number of photos of the work being done there, all very impressive. But I think by far what impressed us the most was what the children accomplished in digging a 3.4 Km trench and laying a water pipe, from near the top of the mountain to their orphanage in just 24 hours!!! Extraordinary!!! Brian also spoke of a group he has cobbled together of people wanting to help raise funds for worthy projects but who don't necessarily want to belong to a service club or the like. Grass roots charity in action. Thank you Brian; truly inspirational.

Andrew Csabi ran an entertaining and profitable Sergeant's session and then let the cat out of the bag as to who is now our President Elect for 2017-2018; it is himself and we thank him for putting his hand up to be in the chair once more.

See you on the 17th, same place, same time.

- Eddie



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NOVEMBER
Foundation month

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Lynda Hynes
Front desk - Lyn MacArthur
Meeting chair - Chawki Gazal
Int'l toast - Brian Pearson
Sergeant - Andrew Csabi

1 Geoff Prentice 34 yrs,
Brian Kidd 16 yrs, Geoff Prentice
34 yrs
3 Club meeting
3 Mark & Kerrie Urquhart 26 yrs
5 John D'Anna 1 yr
6 Astra Ciobo + Martin Reisch
10 Board meeting
11 Ted & Anni Fong 19 yrs
14 Jenny Wong
17 Club meeting
16 Would have been Nan & Bob
59 yrs
18 Agnes Nesci
23 Noel Grummitt
24 Peter Watkins 16 yrs
26 Club Christmas Party
28 John Goldstein + Ester Chan
29 Caroline Dower + Helen Watter

DECEMBER
Family month

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Kathy Hogan
Front desk - Greg Bowler
Meeting chair - Mark Urquhart
Int'l toast - Sue Foskett
Sergeant - Kevin Stapleton

1 Club meeting
1 Joan Baguley 25 yrs + Chawki
Gazal 21 yrs + Joan McDermott, 9
yrs + Andi von Zeppelin 28 yrs
5 ROMAC fund raiser movie *The
Founder* the real story behind
McDonalds
6 Vocation visit to *Witches Chase
Wine & Cheese*
8 Board meeting
9 Justin Schaffer 11 yrs + John
Bird 2 yrs
11 Loo, Yew-Chaye 19 yrs
10 Richard & Narelle Flanagan 33 yrs
12 John D'Anna
15 Club meeting
18 Andrew & Esther Chan, 40 yrs
19 Helen Watter 19 yrs
21 David Wood
22 Beverly Daw
25 Merry Christmas

JANUARY
Awareness month

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Viv Mallinson
Front desk - Lyn McArthur
Meeting chair - Greg Bowler
Int'l toast - Sue Fosket
Sergeant - Lynda Hynes

1 Joe Kertesz 16 yrs
5 Club Meeting
12 Board meeting
14 Helena Rogers 11 yrs
18 Andi von Zeppelin
19 Brian (we're not) Kidd(ing)
19 Club Meeting
23 David and Kerry Wood 46 yrs
21 David Wood
26 Geoff Prentice
28 Phil and Tini Rosenberg 44 yrs
+ John and Helen Watter 49 yrs
31 J. P. Langbroek

> Meetings/events > Birthdays > Wedding Anniversaries > Member's Club Anniversaries



Max Walker with ROMAC patient K'Chin that many Rotarians have met, especially our very own Andy.

Sad farewell to former ROMAC Patron Max Walker

ROMAC Members and Rotary Clubs all feel sadness at the passing of Max Walker in September 2016. Max died at the age of 68 after losing his battle with cancer.

He had made huge efforts as an international bowler for Australia, a high profile author, public speaker and media personality.

His contribution to Rotary was outstanding and he and his wife Kerry made a huge effort for Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children patients, particularly in giving presentations on ROMAC's achievements.

Max was truly dedicated to ROMAC and was its National Patron. He was reported as saying "We bring kids in from overseas that wouldn't normally get the medical services that we take for granted in Australia. They come in with terrific burns, cleft palates, club feet and you meet those kids and it makes you appreciate your own kids and friends. When they leave, their body and mind has been changed forever."

Max was honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2011 being made a Member of the Order of Australia.

So many ROMAC patients have suffered their illnesses and conditions for many years before they are found. Our surgeons in Australia and New Zealand benefit from the experience of complex and rare cases that are not generally seen in our regions.

The efforts of Max Walker were outstanding and won't be forgotten. - Jill Ellis



8/11/16



TTABLE TOPICS

CLUB NEWS

A Tribute to PP Justin Schaffer by John Gomes.....



President
RC of CT
1983/4

Our Past President Justin Schaffer set up a Trust when he emigrated to Oz) so as to educate youngsters here through university who would otherwise not have the opportunities that his forebears had escaping the pogroms in northern Europe over the past century or so, finding sanctuary here in the Eastern Cape. Justin became a very successful businessman, yet most influential politically in working towards a solution towards our New Republic [and it was great, hailed and admired by all] -he had a 'geluk' in a particular investment which produced stellar results which he attributed to his education and that of his parentage in this country.

Justin and his beloved (alas, late) Elsa moved to Oz to be with their children and theirs in that country but wished to leave a legacy to the country which had meant so much to his family and had introduced him to Elsa – their progeny were also educated here. So a Trust was established for youngsters who showed promise but not the resources to pass onto tertiary education to get that start in Life. I am proud to say that the Justin-Elsa Trust has caused 26 youngsters to graduate out of UCT in the relatively short span of the existence of the Trust – and they have succeeded already in making a positive difference to our society.

What a wonderful story – what a legacy !

I am privileged to act as a trustee and am called on every time we meet with the students and the alumni to remind them of the spirit of that gesture and generosity that had and has enabled them to move on: I do so in an endeavour to inspire them (when and if their ships come in) to replicate that spirit and 'pass on the joy' to others, if not financially, than at least, in encouragement, counsel or influence. One of the aims of the trust which I emphasise is that the students and alumni should bond into a fellowship which might together perpetuate the Founders' sentiments into a ripple, if not Tsunami – and an upward spiral of beneficence of our nation.

[I also mention that we met through Rotary and underline the great work it does throughout the world. Hopefully they may become Rotarians albeit via an E-Club and be drawn into the great work that we do].

I am mostly emotionally drained after my address to the students and alumni but rewarded beyond measure by the hugs I receive from the students – which I pass on to the Schaffer Family who really deserve that Love.

Bravo, Bravissimo to the Founders !

May the Legend live on....and the 'Force' be with them and the beneficiaries as we and they all move along."

Best,



Justin and
son
Jonathan



International Director's report

Orphanage and Special School at Suang Luang in Laos

Some few years ago John and Marilyn Bee gave a presentation to Rotary Club of Gold Coast explaining the work that they, and other Rotarians, were carrying out in this Orphanage.

The Orphanage houses and educates 650 children who either have no parents, or whose parents are so poor they cannot feed, clothe or educate their children. At the time of the original presentation the orphanage had no constant supply of clean running water, no useable sanitation facilities, the only food available was 2 meals per day of sticky rice with a little pork fat – which they had to prepare for themselves.

John and Marilyn and other Rotarians formed “Global Support Association” to commit to improving the living conditions and health of these unfortunate children. Much work has been done since then and the situation has improved as a result – much still needs to be done. The purpose of my presentation to the Club on 3rd November is to report on the enormous progress

that has been made and hopefully to gain some financial support for this project in my year as International Director.

Early in 2015 I formed a new registered, Not for Profit Charity, “In 2 Bat” for those in need, with several of the Directors also being Directors of “Global Support Association”. In 2 Bat was designed to give individuals, who were not willing to join service clubs such as Rotary or Lions, or others, but were willing to help less fortunate people in need of help. “In 2 Bat” has now become the leading fund raiser for “Global Support Association” as well as other projects on the Gold Coast. My talk will also explain this situation and give members an opportunity to ask questions. - *Brian Pearson*.



Club Service Director's report

1. Please accept my apologies for my non-attendance this meeting. I have volunteered for Gold Coast Schoolies and the compulsory training is scheduled for the same night.

2. Good news – our recorded turnaround for following up enquiries etc on Facebook has been reduced from “on average 4 days” to “1 hour”. I must be doing something right!

3. Charlotte Crabtree rang me requesting information about our club as she is interested in joining. She lives at Arundel and is originally from England. I have asked her to the next meeting – 17 th.

4. Attached are FB activity stats for the last month. Given we don't pay for any promotion (which most businesses do) we are getting a lot of traffic which is good to see.

5. The **Revealed** segment worked well and Yidan Xi, right, was an apt speaker talking about donating blood and how she saw that as an integral part of serving humanity.

6. Still haven't progressed the issue of the readability of club name badges. - *Jennifer Bailey*



Community Director's report

In my previous two reports I proposed the following in support of the Anglican Crisis Care:

1. Level 1 – members donate items that help on a day-to-day basis. These can be toiletries, cleaning items, etc that can be bought at the supermarket when members are doing their weekly shopping. I will have a list of items for the next meeting. This can be ongoing.

2. Level 2 – be ready to assist prior to next winter, with the donation of warm clothing and blankets for those who unfortunately have to sleep on the streets.

3. Level 3 – make a financial donation as we have in the past which assists the Anglican Crisis Care at St John's to continue to provide assistance at varying levels to the homeless.

David – please can we help with a financial donation as we have done previously (\$5,000)?

4. Level 4 – look at committing to a long-term approach in assisting them with their goal of building/acquiring accommodation that can be used to accommodate the homeless.

I also made the following comment: ‘I would like to propose that rather than trying to support everyone who approaches us and spreading ourselves too thin that we concentrate on the one service and try to make a difference. I accept that there will always be ad hoc needs but sometimes I feel that clubs donate on an emotional basis which can in turn detract from ongoing project sustainability.’

Days for Girls – the ‘knickers’ kindly donated by members of our club have been passed on to Kaileen of the Mt Warning Club. She was very appreciative of our generosity. This is an ongoing project and we can continue to support them. They are applying for a Rotary grant for this project. They are also looking at supporting the ‘Orange Sky’ project, ie the Van with washer and dryer, and now shower facilities for the homeless. Another very worthy cause.

- *Viv Mallinson*



Vocation Director's report

Programme for 2016-2017

1) Vocation presentations.

The Rotarian behind the job - JOBTALK

A 5-minute explanation of one's job/vocation from selected members. 1st meeting of the month. David Baguley was the 1st one at last meeting.

2) Factory Tours

Confirmed so far:

6th December - Vineyard & Cheese factory, Mt Tamborine. 20 going to date

7th February - Quintrex Boat Builder + lunch at the Marina

Still to be confirmed:

Burleigh Brewery or Carlton Brewery at Yatala

Southport Volunteer Coastguards (donation) in June

Norco factory

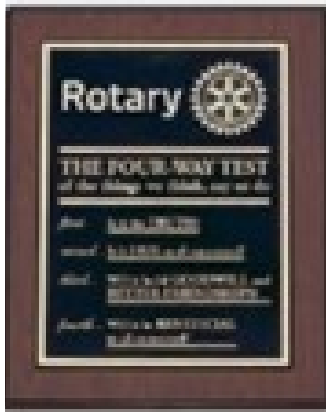
Careflight

Jupiter's Hotel/casino

3) Guest Speakers

The Bubble Diva - Champagne Educator – Tasting in February

4) Awareness/Promotion: encourage members to purchase for their office and as gift to customers. Proceeds to partially fund the Pride of Workmanship plaques.



The 4 way test paper weight and/or plaque: \$20 each (cost \$10)

To date orders for 6 paper weights, 1 plaque, 2 mugs and 3 key-rings

5) Pride of Workmanship award (maybe in association with a membership drive dinner)

Plaque cost \$35.

Need to discuss format and a suitable date: scheduled for end of June or July?

- John Danna



CHRISTMAS

Saturday Nov 26 2016.

Champagne and seafood at sunset
followed by a Gourmet BBQ and delicious dessert.

BYO.

WITH

RSVP \$50 per guest by 22 November.

Payment to C Gazal

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FRIENDS

11 Fairview Drive

Willow Vale

Qld 4209



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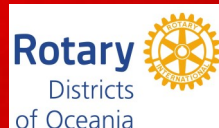
Michael Keaton
is
The Founder

THE TRUE STORY of how small-time salesman Ray Kroc (Michael Keaton) met brothers Mac and Dick McDonald when he was selling them six mixers for the small burger chain that they'd started on their own. Impressed by the brothers' speedy system of making and serving the food, he saw the potential to make a highly profitable franchise. He manages to talk the brothers into letting him get involved and is eventually able to pull the company out from under them, despite opposition from all sides, including his wife Ethel. He goes on to eventually create the billion-dollar McDonald's empire.



Don't miss this Gold Coast showing and support Rotarians and ROMAC changing and saving under-privileged childrens' lives.

**6:30pm Monday
5 December 2016,
Gold Coast Arts Centre
TICKETS @ \$20
Contact Brian Pearson
mobile
0408 758 399
email
pearson8@tpg.com.au**





VOCATION VISIT TO WITCHES CHASE WINE AND CHEESE

Reserve the date for this 1ST Vocation Tour, **Tuesday
6th December 2016**

Enjoy the wine and cheese tasting followed with a picnic in the garden at the winery.

Itinerary:

10.00am - Meet at Witches Chase Cheese factory,
165-185 Long Road, North Tamborine, Qld 4272

Cheese tasting (\$6pp) and purchase cheese for lunch **11.30am** - Drive to Witches Falls Winery,
79 Main Western Rd, Tamborine Mountain

Winery tour with wine maker, wine tasting (\$6 per person for 6 wines) and picnic in the garden.

Bring your picnic gear/basket, cheese (bought at the factory), wine from the vineyard and (BYO) bread/crackers and maybe some cold meat.

This is a great opportunity to stock up for your end of year parties.
Please RSVP email John D'Anna with numbers ASAP or by the 25th November.

- John D'Anna email john@getonyourbike.com.au