

September 21 2017 #200 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 please advise Chawki m0410 002 403 eChawki@akgaz.net. Monthly meeting roster inside.



President's Report

Thursday September 7th, 2017 our meeting took place at the Southport Golf Club as a partners evening and it was encouraging to see so many Rotary partners attend. Dinner was Maryland Chicken served with healthy sides such as cauliflower, broccoli, beans and roasted potatoes.

Sargent fine session by Kevin Stapleton. Always funny and witty is our Kevin.

Our guest speaker was District Governor Darryl Brown. Darryl outlined several pertinent points in relation to rotary district focus. This included Ian Riseley, rotary International President's vision for rotary making a difference. Districts goals include focus on humanitarian projects, a large focus in increasing membership throughout Rotary and effort to engage younger members even through satellite clubs and other initiatives.

Darryl spoke of the polio plus program throughout the world and interesting statistics where there are still under 10 polio cases remaining in the world across 3 different countries.

Darryl and his wife Karrie have been busy visiting every club throughout the district and our club was given a handmade cushion that Karrie had made to auction off for ROMAC at one of our events.

Following our rotary meeting our club attended the Ken Bromley Memorial Wounded Service Personnel Convalescent Association Inc at the Southport Golf Club at 8:00pm.



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Andy Csabi**

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Board Members

President Andy Csabi. **Past President** Kate Kimmorley. **Secretary** Chawki Ghazal. **Treasurer** David Baguley. **Club Service/Administration** John D'Anna. **Youth** Sue Foscett. **Vocation** Lynda Hynes. **Community** Rowan Johnstone. **International** Brian Pearson. **Rotary Foundation** Kate Kimmorley. **Membership** Joe Kertesz. **Public Relations** Jennifer Bailey.

2017 - 2018 Meeting Roster

Please make a notation of your roster dates in your diaries now. If you can't attend the meeting please ASAP swap with someone else then inform Club Service Director Chawki on 0410 002 403 or chawki@akgaz.net.

Please don't ask Chawki to do it for you. Thank you.

Month	Welcome Guests	Front Desk	Meeting Chairperson	International Toast	Sergeant
September	Lynda Hynes	Lyn McArthur	Rob Ffrench	Brian Pearson	Kevin Stapleton
October	Greg Bowler	Kathy Hogan	Viv Mallinson	Rowan Johnstone	Kevin Stapleton
November	Robin Gowland	Ras Manickan	Kathy Hogan	Jenny Bao	Kevin Stapleton
December	Kathy Hogan	Robin Gowland	John Lander	Sue Foscett	Kevin Stapleton
January	Viv Mallinson	Lyn McArthur	Greg Bowler	Rob Ffrench	Kevin Stapleton
February	Brian Pearson	Joe Kertesz	Sue Foscett	Phil Rosenberg	Kevin Stapleton
March	Sue Foscett	Yidan Xi	Robin Gowland	David Baguley	Kevin Stapleton
April	Robin Gowland	Jenny Bao	Rowan Johnstone	John Lander	Kevin Stapleton
May	Yidan Xi	Phil Rosenberg	Brian Pearson	Jill Ellis	Kevin Stapleton
June	Jenny Bao	Jennifer Bailey	Kate Kimmorley	Mark Urquhart	Kevin Stapleton

This month's....

Club 'Birthdays' Yidan Xi 3. Kate Kimmorley 7. Peter Watkins 14. Carol Allan 29. Justin Schaffer 29.

Wedding Anniversaries Margaret & Noel Grummitt 28yrs/3rd. Chawki & Ann Gazal 40yrs/25th

Rotary helps disaster victims

Severe storms, an earthquake, and hurricanes are wreaking havoc across the globe from the United States and Mexico to South Asia and Africa. The Rotary Foundation and Rotary clubs in affected areas are helping bring emergency aid to battered communities.

The Rotary Foundation is collecting emergency relief funds to help victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Severe rainfall caused historic flooding along the Texas coast, including in Houston, the fourth largest city by population in the United States. About 6.8 million people have been affected by the hurricane.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Irma is in the Caribbean and headed for Florida and the Atlantic coast of the United States. Already, the storm has directly affected 1.2 million people and millions more are in its path.

"The power of Rotary is in the Foundation's ability to pull help from around the world while local clubs provide immediate relief in their own communities," says Don Mebus of the Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas.

Rotary districts along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana are collecting emergency relief funds and providing immediate aid to flood victims.

The most powerful earthquake in a century hit the southern coast of Mexico Thursday. At least 61 people were killed in the 8.1-magnitude quake. Rescue and relief efforts are expected to be hampered by floods and a dangerous storm surge off the Gulf of Mexico as Hurricane Katia moves into the area .

How to contribute

Two Rotary Foundation donor advised funds have been set up to accept donations for disaster relief and recovery in response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma:

Hurricane Harvey

Account name: Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund

Account number: 608

Hurricane Irma

Account name: Hurricane Emergency Relief Fund

Account number: 296



Human rights organisations across the country have united to call for immediate action on offshore detention and for refugees on Manus Island and Nauru to be brought to safety in Australia.

Human Rights Organisations call for immediate action on offshore detention

With the uncertainty surrounding the US-Australia refugee resettlement arrangement continuing, the coalition led by the Refugee Council of Australia has issued an open statement expressing their concern over the “humanitarian crisis that Australia has created”.

“This situation has reached crisis point, and immediate action must be taken,” the statement read. “Beyond the reports of physical and sexual abuse, including of children, inadequate medical attention, suicides and attempted suicides, even a murder, the extinguishment of hope has pushed people to the edge. Many of these people have been recognised as refugees. We owe them protection and safety now.”

The organisations were critical of the time spent by the politicians in “lengthy negotiations”. They called on the federal government to bring the refugees to Australia.

“With the US resettlement deal in serious doubt, the most obvious and humane solution is to clear the camps and bring these people to Australia until a safe long term, appropriate outcome for them can be guaranteed,” they said. “We do not have years. Australia cannot allow another person to die or suffer because of our actions. “This is a crisis. We are calling on both major parties to form a bipartisan commitment to immediately evacuate the camps and bring these people to safety.”

Their demands come just days after US President Donald Trump hailed the agreement to resettle up to 1,250 refugees from Australia’s offshore detention centres as “a dumb deal” and told Malcolm Turnbull during a private telephone call that it was the “worst deal ever”. Turnbull remains adamant that the deal brokered between Obama and Turnbull last November will take place. But RCOA president and Edmund Rice Centre director Phil Glendenning said the ongoing media and political speculation was “only making life worse” for the people on Manus Island and Nauru who “have already suffered so much”.

“As political games are played in Canberra and Washington, the real victims are the refugees who have been left languishing for over three years,” Glendenning said. “Today we are saying enough is enough. People have suffered for too long. The political games have gone on for too long. Mr Turnbull and Mr Shorten must put an end to the partisanship and urgently bring these people to safety in Australia.” He said as the international community was facing the biggest humanitarian crisis since World War Two, it was time to stop relying on the US. “It is simply beyond embarrassing that our leaders are refusing to bring 1,600 people to safety in Australia and instead are relying on a volatile US President,” he said.

“Forty years ago, Malcolm Fraser and Bill Hayden came together, put partisanship aside and welcomed Vietnamese refugees to Australia. It’s now time this generation’s Malcolm and Bill did the same.”

- Wendy Williams, ProBonoNews



SURFERS PARADISE ROTARY'S

15TH Charity Race Day

Come & join us on the first day of Spring Racing Carnival in The Dome!



DATE

11.30am Saturday 7th October 2017

LOCATION

The Dome, Gold Coast Turf Club Racecourse Drive, Bundall.

COST

\$75 p/p in advance includes a new fantastic hot and cold buffet lunch. Cash Bar. Tables of 10 available. Lucky Door Prize.

RSVP

11th September 2017. Call Adrian 0417 634 485 or email rotaryraceday@yahoo.com

Prizes for Best Dressed Male & Female & Best Hat. Multi raffle draw.

Saturday
7th October
2017.

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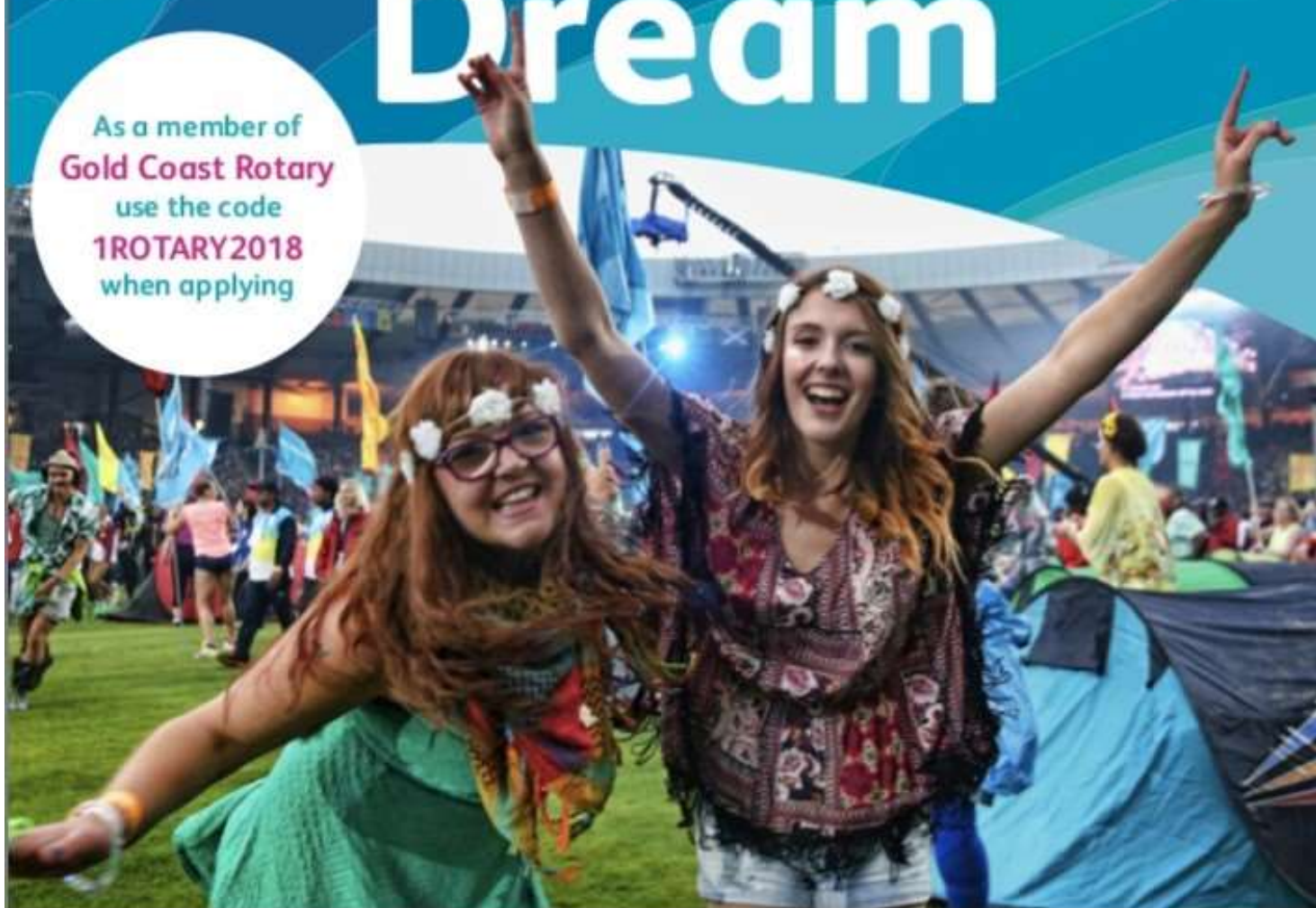
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