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District Governor Official Visit.



The official visit by the District Governor - Steve Jackson - is always one of the highlights of the year. It is one of the occasions when - as a local club - we are made extra aware that we are part of a global community with a common purpose of "Service above self". This year's theme of RI President John F. Germ takes us back to the core: "Rotary Serving Humanity".

During the pre-meeting discussion with the board the club plan for the year as submitted by the board was commented on by the DG and was approved.

The two main issues of this year are the finalising of the "End Polio Now" project and membership growth and retention. Rotary shall have to adapt to the mindset of the current generation of potential Rotarians: no real interest in volunteering and looking for instant gratification. "And it is not only Rotary that suffers, it is the same with organisations like the RFS", Steve explained. PDG Greg Bevan is going to organise membership seminars in September and October to find ways to show clubs how to adapt and make Rotary clubs more relevant to the local community. We have to change, get rid of rigid patterns and traditions, make our clubs more attractive and enhance the public image. The number of members worldwide of 1.2 million has been stable for too long. "and we can change!" Steve told us.

The DG explained that Rotary International

is the administrative body for the world wide organisation but the financial basis is the Rotary Foundation: now one hundred years old.

Steve explained that any club can get a grant from the foundation: district grants (less than \$30,000) and global grants over that amount. Before you can apply for a grant the club - or at least one of the members - has to qualify. More information and how to qualify (a 45 minute taking process) can be supplied by the RF chair, PDG Peter Raynor.

The DG promoted the "South American Fiesta" (Saturday 17 Sept. in Club Maitland) to fund the outbound GSE Team for Argentina as GSE is no longer paid for by the Rotary Foundation. Criteria for GSE have changed: now relatives of Rotarians are eligible and the age range is 25 - 45 years.

Steve also announced the new District Constitution. After a lengthy procedure with necessary approval from Rotary ANZO and RI it will have to be adopted by every club at a special resolution meeting where all clubs have to be represented. One of the main advantages will be legalising meetings by Skype or other electronic means. That will bring our distant fellows in places like Cobar closer and save them hours and hours of driving to meetings and back home.

Thanks Steve for your visit and making us aware that we are part of something BIG: we need that from time to time.

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Congratulations

Members birthdays

29 Aug. - John Crump

Partners birthdays

- 27 Aug. Margaret Bairstow
30 Aug. - Sandra Mobbs
4 Sept. - Noaline Fitzsimons

Anniversaries

- 28 Aug. Gordon & Lynn Treble
5 Sept. - Ian & Pam Rolfe

Lady Luck

Our Tosser Bart outwitted them all and earned the bottle of wine with head & Tails.

The raffle was won by John Sully.

Next Week

Annelise Bissett
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Door

John de Ridder
Bill Michel

Grace

John Stuhmcke

Toast

Henk Tobbe

Meet and Greet

Mike Jenkins
Arja Levonpera

Introduce speaker

Chris Bartlett

Thank speaker

John de Ridder

Bulletin editor

Chris Bartlett

Next week: Annelise Bissett.

Annelise is a “Rotary Global Grants Scholar” and completed her Masters degree in 2014 at Oxford University (UK). She is going to speak to us about ‘The Sustainability Benefits of the Oxford Food Bank’. The Oxford Food Bank is a volunteer-run charity (similar to OzHarvest) working to save edible food from ending up in landfill. Annelise’s research investigated the role of the organisation from a sustainability perspective; focussing on the environmental, social and economic benefits of and barriers to food waste redistribution’.

Annelise is from Newcastle and studied Earth Science/Geology before working in contaminated land consulting for about 2 years before going to Oxford.



Who is our District Governor



Steve Jackson was born in Wellington on the Central Slopes of NSW. During his final primary school year his family moved to Manilla and he attended Tamworth High School where he obtained the Leaving Certificate. He commenced work in the Petty Sessions Branch of the Department of the Attorney General and of Justice, seeing service in Gosford, Maitland and the relieving staff before spending a number of years working in various metropolitan Courts, the research branch of the Justice Department and the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel. He obtained legal qualifications in 1969 and a post-graduate diploma in 1971. In 1980 he commenced work in a private legal practice in Cessnock concentrating on family law and criminal law. He joined the Rotary Club of Cessnock in mid-1981.

Steve and Janette married in 1965. Children of their own did not eventuate but after Steve joined Rotary they have hosted many youth exchange students, and continue to have reasonably regular contact with most. They have visited many of the students in their own countries and have attended weddings in the United States of America, Canada, South Africa, Belgium, Germany and Poland and are welcoming “grandchildren” some of whom are now in their teens. During his Rotary career, Steve has held directorships

of many club Boards and has been Treasurer, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, Youth Director and public officer. He was President of the Rotary Club of Cessnock in 1989-90 and of the Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise in 2001-02. He was given a Paul Harris Award by the latter club. He is a member of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians. At District level, he was a member of the Youth Exchange Committee for many years and Deputy Chairman for 2 years. He was District Legal Officer and Resolutions Session Chair for 4 years before leaving the District, but resumed those roles in 2006 and is currently the District Public Officer. He was a member of selection committees for short-term overseas teaching scholarships for a couple of years. He was an Assistant Governor for 3 years. He is a supporter of youth programs and has attended short and long-term exchange student briefings, RYPEN, RELAYID, RYLA and RYCAGS camps and is currently the Secretary-General of the District MUNA. He has assisted at Science and Engineering Challenge days in Newcastle, Muswellbrook, Dubbo and Cobar. He has been a session leader at RYLA. Support for Rotary Health Programs - Australian Rotary Health, ROMAC, Bowelscan and the District’s own MHERV project - are on his agenda.

Clans on the Coast



Our past member and well known local identity, Ron Swan visited us to promote the annual "Clans on the Coast" event. The weekend of 17 and 18 September Nelson Bay will be transformed into a Celtic Centre with people of Celtic descent celebrating their heritage. The festival will take place around three major locations: Saturday from 8:30 am onwards at the Tomaree Sports Oval. Then Saturday night from 6:30 pm a dinner dance at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club, followed by the Blessing of the Tartan on Sunday morning (10:30 am) at d'Albora Marina.

Lots of singing, dancing, pipe bands, haggis, kilts, sporrans and the Celtic spirits with medieval fighting, strong men and mini jeeps over that weekend. - all to raise funds for the Cancer Appeal, Cancer Care and palliative support. The event is organised by the Port Stephens Celtic Association Inc.

For more information and pre-bookings contact Ron Swan (0418 495 336) or visit the web site: www.clansonthecoast.com!

History Corner

Our club historian - Richard Turner - this week referred to his long standing relationship with our visiting District Governor, Steve Jackson. They have known each other for over 35 years. Steve warned Richard that he was going to talk about rejuvenating Rotary and asked for some support from his old friend. Richard - taking this seriously - kept his presentation short but mentioned the following in the hope it would provide the introduction the DG was looking for: "Last month two elderly Nelson Bay Rotarians were sitting under a tree at Little Beach when one turned to the other and said: "Slim, I am eighty three years old now and I am full of aches and pains. I know you are about my age... how do you feel?"

His mate answered: "I feel like a newborn baby!", which his friend questioned with: "Really? Like a newborn baby...???"

"Yep", the other replied, "No hair, no teeth and I think I just wet my pants".



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In the weeks to come....

- 1 September Annelise Bissett (for more info see page 2 of this bulletin).
- 8 September TBA
- 15 September Club Information.
- 17 September South American Fiesta (Club Maitland - Rutherford) Book your seat at www.trybooking.com/214479
- 22 September Science Discovery Day at Tomaree High School - volunteers wanted!
- 22 September Ian Woodhill of the Tomaree Prostate Cancer Support Group.
- 7 October Charity Golf Day - Nelson Bay Golf Club.
- 29 October The Rotary Long Lunch - Book your seat at www.trybooking.com/MOQM

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Rip van Winkle Award



This important award was overlooked at the most recent "change over" but this night Bob Mitchell was able to hand the tankard over to Dieter Greiter, in recognition of his extended Rotary hours.

Rumour has it that in the distant past this recognition was awarded to the member that consistently after every weekly meeting was the most pissed. But after our Historian recently reminded us of the alcoholic moderation of members through the years this cannot be true.

Sick Bay

"Our" Assistant DG **Earl Heckman** was unable to attend our meeting to assist the DG as he was unwell and has a brief stay in hospital. **Glennys Parker** was recovering from a broken arm when she got problems with her back and is now in hospital with fractured vertebrae. **Anjes Tobbe** is slowly getting better from her broken arm. The X-rays need to show a bit more "white" near the fracture and that takes time.

DG Partner Project

PDG Janette Jackson reminded us of the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation this year; a foundation that started in 1916 with the enormous amount of \$US26.50, surplus of a successful district conference. One of the major projects through the years has been the polio eradication project in conjunction with the WHO: "Polio +" or "End Polio Now". The "Partner project" for her year will be an **extra** contribution by each member to the Rotary Foundation, earmarked for End Polio of 35 Australian dollars (the equivalent of \$US 26.50). As the Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation will contribute \$2 for each dollar raised by Rotary this would give an extra boost to End Polio Now. It is not the vaccine that is expensive but getting it distributed in remote locations and the infrastructure that goes with it where the money is needed.



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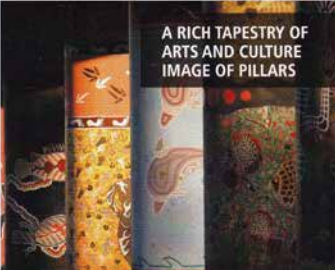


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