



Bulletin 36 - 10 March 2016

War and Peace in 40 Minutes

A special night with many guests to let our friends and neighbours learn about the Rotary Peace Fellowships. Judith Mitchell gave a brief introduction of the program - funded by the Rotary Foundation - followed by contributions from various speakers that covered aspects of war and peace.

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of the Rotary peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank.

Two types of peace fellowships are available.



Professional Development Certificate:

For experienced professionals working in peace-related fields who want to enhance their professional skills, Rotary offers a three-month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. This program incorporates two to three weeks of field study. Up to 50 certificates each year are awarded.

Dr Sam Wills - who visited us some months ago - had a brief but very interesting talk about the relationship between hardship and conflicts: the poorer a country the greater the chances of civil war or a conflict with neighbouring countries. "If you got nothing to lose you might as well fight for something to gain".

Next speaker was Associate Professor Graham Brewer from Newcastle University who is at the helm of one of the world wide training centres of UNITAR (UN Institute for Training and Research) and specialises in areas such as disaster preparedness and reconstruction, sustainable development and urban resilience. (cont. page 2)



Masters Degree:

Rotary offers master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Programs last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break. Each year, we award up to 50 master's degree fellowships at these institutions:

Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA, International Christian University, Japan, University of Bradford, England, University of Queensland, Australia. Uppsala University, Sweden.



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Congratulations

Members birthdays

- 12 Mar. - Don Whatham
- 18 Mar. - Peter McBean
- 23 Mar. - Tricia Parnell

Partners birthdays

- 21 mar. - Maggie Jenkins

Lady Luck

There was a "Lucky door" raffle for 2 Coles gift cards (\$20). The winners were Bob Mitchell and John Shaw

Next Week

BBQ at Oasis

Door

- Doug Craike
- Bart Richardson

Meet and Greet

- Dieter Greiter
- Mike Mobbs

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- Phill Smith

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Ros Cribb (0401 450 239) before Wednesday noon!**

One of the jobs of Prof. Brewer is the matching of donors with groups of beneficiaries in disaster and other areas. He has been actively involved in the Philippines and in "post tsunami" Sri Lanka.

To round things off PDG Peter Raynor - Chair of the Rotary Foundation Committee in District 9670 - introduced his fellow (RC Warners Bay) club member Paul Hardwick, after reminding us of the value of 86400! That is the number of seconds in a day: we can waste them or use them. As conflicts waste time and money it is better to prevent them. One of the six major goals of the Rotary Foundation is Peace, Conflict Resolution and Prevention. That is where this scholarship program fits in and will hopefully take the Rotary Foundation out in the wider world.

Paul Hardwick - lawyer and accredited mediator - told us about some of his cases in conflict resolution - some in remote areas in India where he had to be prepared to get away safely if the resolution did not succeed....



One of our guests was Captain Steve o'Keefe, recently retired from the training centre at Williamtown RAAF base for Peace keeping forces. Australia is one of the leading nations in Peacekeeping internationally.

Why this night?

Rotary members are vital to recruiting qualified candidates. You can help advance peace in troubled areas around the world by promoting peace fellowships and supporting peace fellow candidates through the application process.

Some of the best candidates for Rotary Peace Fellowships are in your community. Here are some ways you can promote fellowships in your area:

We are looking for applicants whose commitment to peace and conflict resolution is demonstrated through academic, volunteer, and professional experience, as well as outstanding leadership abilities and high academic achievement. See more about eligibility in the [Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide for Rotarians.](#)

Vale Geoffrey Richardson

With much sadness we have to inform you of the death of Geoffrey Richardson. Geoff was a former member of our club, resigning due to work commitments away from the area with the NSW Police force in December 2012.

Geoffrey was married to Margaret also a police officer. They had two young children. Geoffrey was 43 years old and was accidentally killed whilst on duty on Saturday night. He attended the Nelson Bay Australia Day Celebration at Fly Point in January whilst on duty and was able to talk with several of our members and visit our food service area.

He was an outstanding worker and friend during his short time as a Rotarian. He was an excellent Police Officer and had a bright future with the force which has been cut sadly short.

Our sympathy is extended to Margaret, their children and Family members.

The funeral service will be held on **Monday 14th March 2016 at 11.30am at Newcastle Cathedral.** Club members may wear club dinner shirts.

An appeal has been established by NSW Police Legacy to assist Margaret and the children. At our most recent board meeting it was resolved that members and friends be encouraged to support this appeal. Individual donations may be made by using the link below:

<http://geoffreyrichardson.gofundraise.com.au/>



District Conference in Mudgee.



From the 4th till the 7th of March Rotary district 9670 had its annual conference - this year in country NSW Mudgee in the Parklands Resort & Conference Centre. The Rotary Club of Nelson Bay was well represented with 15 members - most of them with partners - attending.

Friday night we enjoyed a spit roast dinner during which DG Adrian Roach announced that the District Governor for 2018 - 2019 will be Brian Coffey of the RC East Maitland.

The Saturday session kicked off with an inspiring talk by Michael McQueen with the theme "Shift Happens": be prepared for change or you won't survive!

Well known former Newcastle Knights player Mark Hughes told us about his "downs" (brain cancer) and "ups": his Mark Hughes Foundation initiative after he got well again.

In various break out sessions we could learn more about various aspects of Rotary. One of the break-out speakers was "our" Chris Bartlett who gave a presentation about the pitfalls overcome during the realisation of our various local projects, like the Gan Gan Lookout and the Exercise Trail.

This was followed by a nourishing lunch. Last speaker on the Saturday was Richard Go who told his story about "if there is a will there is a way" and illustrated it with a beautiful flower arrangement.

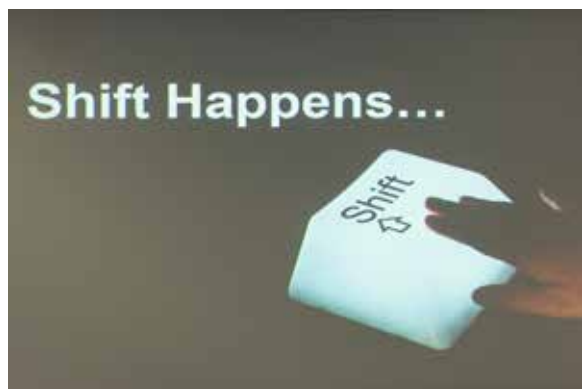
Saturday Night - after a good meal - we were entertained by the band "Supergroove" that brought young and old on the dance floor.



Sunday morning - after an "in memoriam" for the Rotary friends that passed away during the last year we listened with attention to Rotary Superman Evan Burrell.

We got to get rid of the dust that suffocates some of our clubs and let the world know we are who we are: a Super club.

Last but not least the MC for the weekend Andrew Hughes had his own powerful presentation that got us off our chairs and talking to our neighbours.



DG Elect Steve Jackson announced the location for the next district conference:

surprisingly not in the Hunter as the chosen location is not big enough. We go all the way to Dubbo next year to enjoy the new conference centre there.

Thanks DG Adrian, Committee Chair Trevor Lynch and his crew for a very enjoyable and informative weekend.

This year Phill Smith assisted Henk during the conference with the photography job. The result of their joint effort is [on Flickr](#) and they hope the album gives a good impression of this successful event.



Pay your dues and special dinner fees by EFT:
Account name: Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc. - BSB: 637000 Account #: 781017418
(please, mention your name and what you are paying for.)

Vale Marian Page

Born in Tamworth, NSW on 22 December 1932, Marion Page, wife of our club member Peter, passed away on 8th March 2016.

A funeral service was held on Friday 11 March 2016 at the PS Uniting Church, Salamander Bay and was attended by friends and family and a number of members of our club.



For your Diary!

- 17/3/16** ***Club Assembly Venue, Oasis, One Mile Beach. Dinner to be Rotary BBQ.***
“Oasis” is located in Koala Close just off the Boat Harbour roundabout. A BBQ dinner will be provided but BYO drinks, cutlery and plate!!!! Program for the night is Club Information and fun.
- 24/3/16** ***Helen Ryan. Rotary Reading program update.***
- 20/4 – 1/5** ***PETS at Singleton (Presidents Elect Training Seminar)***
- 10/5** ***RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) at Nelson Bay***
- 13-15/5** ***RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) 14-17 years***
- 9/6** ***Our 60th Birthday***
- 24-30/6** ***RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at Tocal 18-25 years***
- 15/5, 29/5
& 19/6** ***RLI (Rotary Learning/leadership Institute) Training***



PEACE PROFILE: MARIA EFFENDI

Maria is a former peace fellow now working as an assistant professor in peace and conflict studies at National Defense University (NDU) in Islamabad: “I teach courses on conflict analysis, applied conflict resolution, conflict transformation, and peace-building in the master’s program. NDU is the pioneer institution that introduced peace studies and conflict resolution as a discipline to Pakistan’s education system in 2008, and I joined the NDU team in early 2009 to further establish the department and curriculum.”

May they grow up in Peace!

