



Bulletin 45 – 11th June 2015

URGENT

Nadine's farewell breakfast is this Sunday. Although you need only bring a chair, you must let John Stuhmcke know you are coming! Call 0414 811 681

Closing date for Rotary Changeover Dinner Is Tuesday (16 June). Details below.



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Congratulations

Members' birthdays &

Other anniversaries:

Nothing before 25 June

Lady Luck

Heads/Tails – Ian McIver

Raffle - Nadine

Duties next Meeting

Door – Bart Richardson/
Ros Cribb

Greeters – Peter Page/
Trisha Parnell

Loyal Toast – Ann Evans

Grace – Henk Tobbe

Introduce Speaker -
Judy Mitchell

Thank Speaker - Judy
Priestley

Photos – Henk Tobbe

Bulletin: Dieter Greiter

Rotary Changeover Night Thursday 25th June 2015

Cost is \$40 per person



Includes:

- a two course meal and table wines and soft drink

Payment:

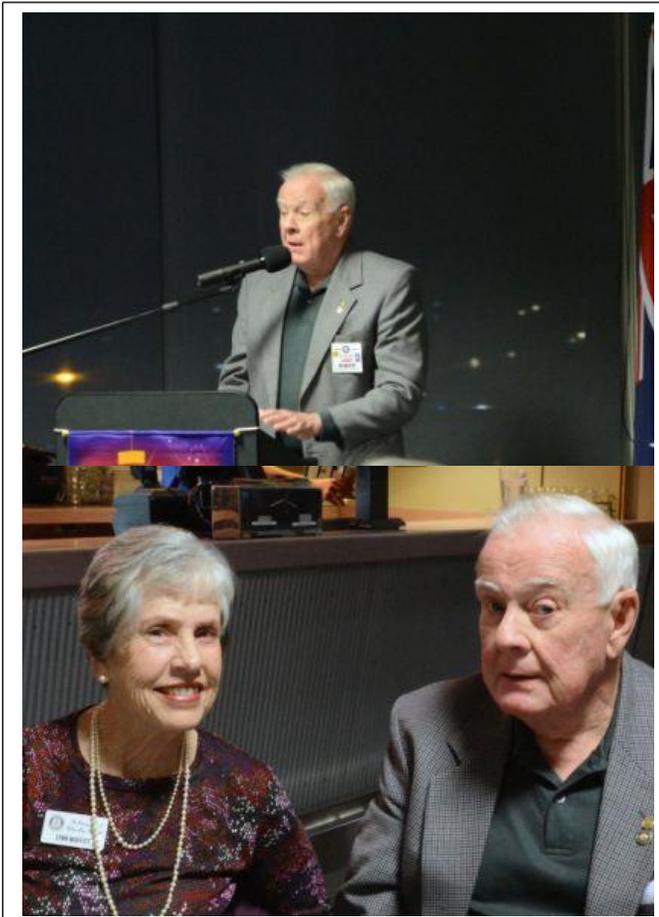
- Payment can be made by 16th June in the following ways :
 - Paid into the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Bank account and the details are :
 - Greater Building Society-Nelson Bay
 - BSB : 637000
 - Account number: 781017418
 - Reference: Changeover Dinner and your name

OR

- Cheque in favour of Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc

**Apologies/Extras: to Ros Cribb by noon on
Wednesday**

Phone or Text : 0401 450 239



Speaker – Larry McGrath: “43 Years in Rotary”

Larry started with the sad news that he is on borrowed time with terminal cancer. He is now writing his memoirs and he shared some highlights with us.

When he was 17 he and some friends went to Canada to sign-up for the French Foreign Legion (1953). But when they were told they would have to wait a couple of months before they could go to Paris, they went home and signed up for the US Marines; to be sent to Paris Island – not what they expected at all. But, he stuck it out where others could not.

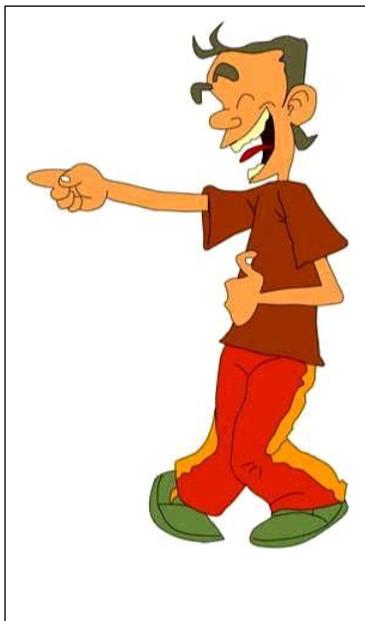
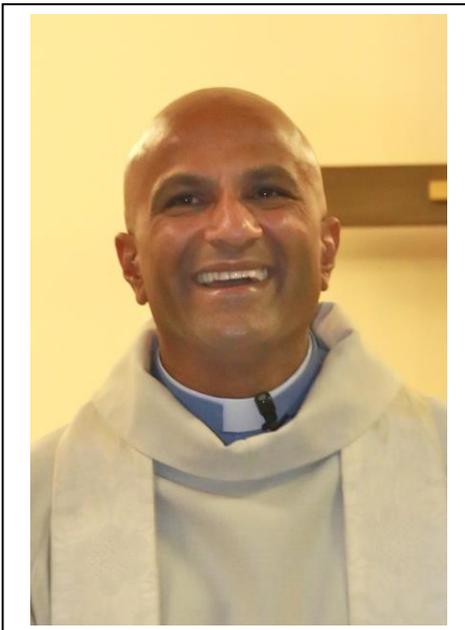
Larry was first introduced to Rotary at Pine Gap in Alice Springs (as a regular visitor to sample the excellent dining); a year after the club was chartered in 1971. This club has made the Henley-on-Todd Regatta an Australian tradition (and raised a lot of money for Rotary).

Larry has belonged to eight different Rotary Clubs (joining our club in 2005) and was the second president of the Williamtown club which he helped charter. He has also visited over 100 Rotary clubs around the world.

In June 2006, he went to Pakistan and nearly got kicked to death by an unknown assailant. His blood pressure in recovery was dangerously high and only brought down by an experimental drug called Viagra – which raises other issues.

Lynn (pictured) is the “best partner ever” and there are 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Larry expects his biography to run to two volumes of around 500 pages each; which will keep him going!



Next week: Reverend Kesh

His spiritual journey through many faiths in many countries.

Kesh Govan is not like your usual church pastor. Come and hear his story as he takes you on a journey of tears and laughter.

Kesh is married to Catherine and they have four children and a Guinea Pig, Oh, and two Goldfish which were left on the doorstep with a note. As well as a church pastor, Kesh was a regular performer on the comedy circuit in Staffordshire, England.

Polio Update: The eradication of polio is the Rotary Foundation’s signature project and progress is good:

(Source: <http://public-image-action.blogspot.com.au/2015/05/polio-update.html>)

| <i>Country</i> | <i>2014 (calendar year)</i> | <i>2015 (to date)</i> | <i>Date of last case</i> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Pakistan | 306 | 20 | 17 Mar 15 |
| Afghanistan | 28 | 1 | 21Jan 15 |
| Somalia | 5 | 0 | 11 Aug 14 |
| Nigeria | 6 | 0 | 24 July 14 |
| Cameroon | 5 | 0 | 9 July 14 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 5 | 0 | 3 May 14 |
| Iraq | 2 | 0 | 7 April14 |
| Syria | 1 | 0 | 21 Jan 14 |
| Ethiopia | 1 | 0 | 4 Jan 14 |
| Total | 359 | 21 | |

Australian Membership Update

Membership data for the year to May 2015 shows that the number of Rotarians in Australia is currently 30,730, up by 346 from July 2014.

The recently released data also shows that female membership rates are on the increase. The proportion of female Rotarians in Australia now stands at 24.45%, well above the global average of 20%.

An important driver of recent membership growth has been improvements in retention. More clubs are working hard to ensure that Rotary membership delivers value for its members, particularly for members who are new to Rotary.

Source: RC PDG Jesse Harman, Rotary on the Move, June 2015

<http://www.d9550rotary.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015-06-Rotary-on-the-Move-Newsletter-Zone-7B-and-8.pdf>

Activities & Events

| | <i>Activity and location</i> |
|-------------|--|
| June | |
| 11 | Club Meeting + Larry McGrath |
| 14 | Nadine’s farewell - Fly Point at 10am |
| 18 | Reverend Kesh – Refugee Reverend |
| 25 | Changeover Meeting |
| July | |
| 2 | Laura Turner - dietician |
| 9 | Club meeting + Christine (Bart’s daughter) |
| 16 | Visit from DG |
| 23 | Dennis Corr – Port Stephens Historical Society |
| 30 | Annelise Bissett – Rotary Scholar |