

My name is Keith Bartholomew. As a past president of the Rotary Club of Timaru I have been asked to speak on behalf of the Club.

Roy joined our Rotary Club way back in 1972. He quickly became an active member fully participating in meetings and project activities. In 1978 he accepted his first chairmanship – that of the Community Service Committee whose major project that year was the erection of a paling fence around the Glenwood Home. Our records don't show just how long the fence was but it required 144 posts so it was certainly a large project.

It was around this time that Roy and Brenda hosted their first overseas student- Tracy Timmings from Washington, USA - a role they were to carry out several times in subsequent years.

Roy went on to chair many of the Club's committees including Fellowship and Social, fund raising for the Rotary International Foundation, arranging the Programme of Speakers for weekly meetings, producing the Club Bulletin and chairing the Eric Hall Charitable Trust. He served as one of the four Directors of the club, then Vice President and in 1985 was elected club President. At this time membership of the club was close to 100 and with many varied activities to oversee. Perhaps the most notable achievement during Roy's year as President was the club assisting the Cancer Society to organise a Radiothon Appeal which raised \$90,000 toward its new cancer support building in Christchurch.

In the years following his presidency Roy continued serving the Club with activities such as Assistant Bulletin Editor, Co-ordinator of grants from the Mackenzie Trust, the Programme of Speakers, Chairing the Eric Hall Charitable Trust for several years and hosting other exchange students.

In 1996 Roy had the honour of being presented with a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellowship Award in recognition of his service to our club, to Rotary International, to his church and our community plus his involvement in organising and / or hosting several overseas youth exchanges.

Roy was not the demonstrative, extrovert type but a quiet, genial person who regularly attended meetings and projects, working diligently in the background for any activity he was assigned and sharing his practical and business experience.

The President and members of the Rotary Club of Timaru extend their sincere condolences to Brenda and all the Evans family members. We wish to express

our grateful thanks for Roy's outstanding contribution to our club, to Rotary International and the Timaru community over his 48 years of membership.