



BULLETIN 17th July 2008

Where we meet

Meets Thursdays 12.15 for 12.30
Southern Cross Yacht Club, Mariner
Place, Lotus Bay, Yarralumla

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Apologies

Please contact Pres Bill before 12
noon Thursday of the meeting or
earlier

Last meeting details

Members Present – 17
Attendance – 60%

International Toast

July 17 – Birgitte Moltke
July 24 – Peter Dawson
July 31 – Phil Hawke

Meeting Co-ordinator

July - Mike Purvis
August – Jenny Swanson

Vocational Update

24th July – Juris Jakovics

No Mountain High Enough For Our Guest!

Nevin Agnew delighted and amazed us last week with his tales of his Himalayan mountaineering adventure. Nevin showed us many beautiful photos of his climb and he also brought in some of his equipment.

Nevins' climb up Mt McKinley Alaska (20,320ft) began with a light plane flight (with skis for landing up hill!) and then packing up a 30kg kit on his back and another 50kg in a sled full of everything he would need to live up and down the mountain. The group were tied into harnesses and clipped to each other. Anywhere above 10,000ft altitude sickness effects begin so you must go up the mountain and then back down a little to sleep and so on so you slowly get used to it. The sleds only go up to 14,000ft as it gets too steep for them so they must be buried. An essential this high up is to drink at least 2L of water per day so you don't get dehydrated, which apparently can lead to frost bite.

When asked why he did this to himself and where does the pleasure come from in the journey Nevin answered with; seeing the most beautiful views, sense of achievement, chance to find out about yourself, especially under pressure and as part of a team and the danger of course. Pictured below is Nevin looking dangerous with an ice pick and Tony Waring passing on our vote of thanks.



Door Roster

Thursday 17th July – Michael Rabey and Peter Petkovic
Thursday 24th July – Vera Lipton and John Little
Thursday 31st July – Graeme Howieson and Peter Holley

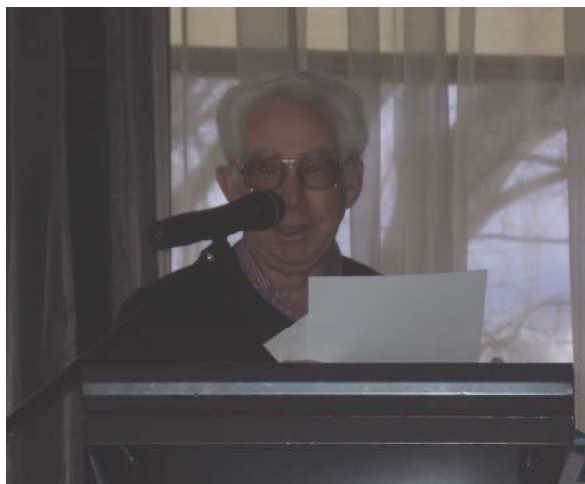
If you can't do the door duties please arrange your own replacement.

The Rotary 4-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Rotary Grace

For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, through Rotary we give thanks.



Vocational Update “What’s Cooking in your Vocation?”

John Little provided us with his vocational update last week. John firstly acknowledged the traditional owners of the land upon which we were meeting to draw our attention to NAIDOC week. NAIDOC celebrates the survival of Indigenous culture and the Indigenous contribution to modern Australia. John then went onto define his job as a Performance Auditor and to show us some photo's of some of the places he was been working in remote places of Australia.



Board Meeting Notes

Highlights from the First Club Board Meeting chaired by Pres Bill include:

- 27 Sept confirmed as date for Candle Festival (C'ttee to be formed)
 - Pegasus Riding school named as a potential beneficiary of Stomp profits - to be investigated by Graeme H
 - A Greenhills garden maintenance Club project will take place in November
 - A \$10 meal discount will apply to Club guests who are identified as potential members
 - A Youth Exchange project will be attempted this year, with background to be presented at our Club mtg on 14 Aug
 - Financial support for the Angus Downs Aboriginal project was agreed, with details to be presented at our Club mtg on 24 July
 - A Club Assembly will be held at our meeting on 31 July, where Club Service Director Ron Rabey will speak on member responsibilities
- Tony Brickwood - Secretary

A Brief Note from Vera to President Bill

Dear Bill, warm greetings from Slovakia. My mum asked me to thank you profusely for the lovely card you sent her. I translated it for her while we were holidaying in Costa Brava in Spain and we laughed a lot. We indeed had a wonderful time together in Prague, then two weeks in Andalusia and Catalonia and a few days in Slovakia. I don't think my mum really understands my motivations but you might agree that parent's love their children unconditionally...

Hope your Rotary year started gloriously. I look forward to seeing you in Canberra on 24 July. I have been collecting jokes and anecdotes on the way - should be a good fine session on the day...

This trip inspired me a lot -- perhaps we could implement some new projects through the club -- for example, bikes available for anybody to rent/drop off at various places in Canberra -- will bring some pictures to the meeting on 24th.

Have a great Sunday! Best regards, VJL

Coming Events and Speakers

Thursday 17th July – Clinton Lough recently sponsored RYPEN attendee

Saturday 19th July – “Titanic Ball” Stomp 14

Thursday 24th July – George Wilson and Lynette Liddle on the Angus Downs Project

Thursday 31st July – Club Assembly

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Pres Bill, Elizabeth, Chris Gray and I attended all or part of this groundbreaking Rotary Conference right here in Canberra last weekend. Our hero of the weekend was Chris Gray who with his team toiled feverishly right through the 3 days and for many days before to provide the audio visual services and equipment so necessary these days.

As an initial report on the weekend's experiences, in the presence of RI President D K Lee and some 600 Rotarians from Australia wide, here are some of the ideas put and discussed over the weekend.

- No more *Fellowship* – we have *Fun* instead.
- Introduce Corporate Rotarians, Associate Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, Partnerships and Junior Rotarians to the Rotary family.
- Form a national Rotary body, have a national Rotary web site
- Support the national 1300 4 ROTARY phone number.
- Variable meeting times, places and formats.
- Why do we have grace, invocations, toasts, sergeant's sessions?
- Cater for episodic volunteering.
- Establish foreign language Clubs.
- Focus on engagement, not attendance.
- Utilise satellite meetings.
- Establish a “my Club needs me” philosophy.
- Membership is not the responsibility of ALL of us but the responsibility of EACH of us.

This is the first time that a national gathering of Australian Rotarians has been held. It was hosted by our District, 9710, and has proved an outstanding success. There will be further such conferences and further reports. Go to www.membership.rotary.org.au for all the details and to YouTube for DK Lee's speeches.

Graeme Howieson.

Last Weeks Guests



Pictured here is our Member Peter Holley with his guest Bob Garwen.

Below is our Member PP Chris Gray with his guest Meg Baldwin who is an ex-Rotarian recently returned to Australia. Also pictured are PP Elizabeth Scrivener and PP Jenny Swanson.

