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THE BULLETIN

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BE THE INSPIRATION

President - John Glen
Secretary - George Austin
Treasurer - David Bennett
Bulletin Editor - Jim Forsyth

Invocation

For good food, for good fellowship, may the
giver of all our blessings make us truly thankful.

ROTARY MONTH FEBRUARY:

PEACE and CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION

Duty Roster

FEBRUARY 2019:

Ian Guest – Allan Jamieson – Paul Kearney

Apologies - If you are unable to attend for any reason please notify Carolynne at BRL (6431 6333; or email carolyne.sullivan@alsglobal.com) by midday on Monday. Failure to do so will mean you are responsible for the cost of the meal.

PROGRAM: Elizabeth Kinneir-Tarte

Date	Speaker	Topic	Venue
11 TH FEB	PARKSIDE FUNERALS		RSL
18 TH FEB	BOWLS NIGHT		GREENS
25 TH FEB	WINGS WILDLIFE		
TBA	PIZZA, PLONK & POETRY		
Any ideas for speakers then please call Elizabeth on 0427 376 747			

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY 2019

Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Rotary Anniversary	
8	Sue-Ellen LICHT	8	Bruce/Marie CLARK	2	Paul KEARNEY
23	Kaye FORSYTH			19	James FORSYTH
27	Kathy BENTLEY			28	Barrie CRAWFORD

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Bruce Clark/Doug Forrest

Date	#1 - PICK UP GEAR	#2 - PICK UP MEAT	LOCATION
16 th Feb	Nigel Morgan	David Bennett	HN
23 rd Feb	Ian Guest	Steph Prendergast	HN
2 nd March	David McCarthy	Robyn McCarthy	HN
9 th March	Wayne Licht	TBA	HN

RAFFLE WINNERS	Our guest Renee O'Connell
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Apologies	Paul Kearney, Barrie Crawford, Roopa Mulik, Steph Prendergast and Graeme Muir	
Make ups		
Visiting Rotarian		
Guests	Tony and Renee O'Connell	
Sick Leave		
Leave of Absence		
Present	17	
Excused	1	
Total (%)	18	71%

President – John Glen

- Welcome to our guests, Tony and Renee O'Connell from Parkside Funerals.
- Please get your 'Working with Vulnerable People' card numbers to George for our records, some are due for renewal so please get them done.
- The Sausage Sizzle profits are going to the Queensland flood relief appeal, people are noticing this and placing donations in the box at the SS.
- Donations that the board are also looking at are: Defribulator at the Point and "10 Days on the Island". We are also looking at costs for our website upgrade.
- We need to find boost our revenue in the next 6 months, we need some fundraising ideas from our members.

Secretary – PP George Austin

- Some additional attendees for bowls night on Feb 18th were noted.
- The Pizza night will be pushed out to a later date.
- The Golf day will be on Sunday 3rd March at the Seabrook Golf Club. It is an Ambrose foursome and teams of 4 are welcome from all Rotary Clubs. Letters have been sent out to possible sponsors.

Directors Reports

Treasurer -	PP David Bennett
Membership -	PP Paul Kearney
Youth Service –	Stephanie Prendergast
International Service –	Dr Roopa Mulik
Community Service –	Dr Themba Bulle
Vocational Service –	PP Barry Crawford
Sausage Sizzle -	PP Bruce Clarke
Program Director -	Elizabeth Kinneir-Tarte
Social Committee-	PP Nigel Morgan

PDG Ken Moore is wearing his **RAWCS** hat and is organising to have 15 electric beds picked up from the Eliza Purton home in Ulverstone and have them shipped to Melbourne. Volunteers have been organised. Thanks to all involved.

Rotary Information

PP Graeme Wood

Graeme spoke to us this about the merits of the 'Rotary Down Under' magazine and how it keeps us Rotarians informed of what is going on around the Australia and South Pacific area. This week Graeme related to a huge Motorcycle show in New Zealand. This show is run by the Rotary Club of Papakura, it is the largest motorcycle show in New Zealand and has been running for 6 years.

The show covers 10,000 sqm of indoor displays, it is also a good money spinner raising \$170,000.00 in 2017. The funds from 2018 are still being tallied and will no doubt be a great success.

Date	DISTRICT 9380 EVENTS	VENUE	TIME
FEB 15 TH	ROTARY TAS YOUTH FORUM	RSL HALL LONGFORD	9.45AM
Feb 16 th	COCKTAIL PARTY ULVERSTONE	GAWLER ROOM \$30PP	7.30PM
FEB 23 RD	A DAY AT THE CREEK	MOLE CREEK	
FEB 24 TH	WINGS & THINGS	GEORGE TOWN AIRPORT	10.00AM
MAR 3 RD	ROTARY GOLF DAY	SEABROOKE GOLF CLUB	10.00AM
MAR 16 TH	PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING	ROTARY PAVILLION DEL	9.30AM
Apr 12 th	DISTRICT CONFERENCE	ELWICK FUNCTION CENTRE	
12 TH MAY	DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY	ROTARY PAVILLION	DELORAINÉ

The second story from Allan's list

What it's like to Heal your war wounds

Larry Chambers, Rotary Club of Phnom Penh, Cambodia

From 1969 to 1970, I fought in Vietnam's A Shau Valley with the 101st Airborne's "lurps" (long-range reconnaissance patrols) – let's just say one of the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. Army was gathering intelligence behind enemy lines. I was lucky. I returned home, earned an M.A. from the University of Utah, and had a successful career as a stockbroker and writer.

In 2008, the financial markets crashed. I was making about \$400,000 a year as a ghost-writer and overnight my income disintegrated. Sometimes when you lose everything, you start to become very insightful. The motto for Rotary is Service Above Self. I realized I was the opposite: Self Above Service.

My financial crisis led to a personal crisis. Eventually, I asked a therapist friend of mine, "What do you do when you're depressed?" He said, "Help somebody else, somebody in worse shape than you are." I said, "I don't know anybody in worse shape than I am!" Then I thought, "I'll go help endangered elephants in Thailand."

I was still very defensive about the Vietnam War, but in Chiang Mai, I met a Canadian history professor who asked me what did I think about the former Secretary of

Defence saying the Vietnam War was a terrible mistake? This time I just listened and shook my head. Then she added, “You know, it’s not that far to Hanoi. Maybe you should go there and find out for yourself.”

I went to Hanoi and spent the next month traveling throughout the country. I saw the Vietnamese people from a different perspective - as happy families and beautiful children, not as an evil enemy to fear. I came to the conclusion that practically everything I once believed to be true was not.

Returning to Thailand, I stopped in Cambodia, where Pol Pot’s Khmer Rouge army had killed about 2 million Cambodians after the Vietnam War ended. At the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, there stands one of the trees called Chankiri that they once bashed babies against to kill them. I stood there frozen, then started weeping. It moved me beyond belief. What I had experienced is what Buddhists call tonglen — the awakening of one’s compassion for others, no matter how cruel or cold they might have been. In order to truly feel compassion for another, you first have to feel compassion for yourself. I realized I had a part in this. It was my government that bombed this country and pushed it over the brink. And then I thought, “I just found somebody in worse shape than I am — the people who lived through this.”

Soon after, at a restaurant in Phnom Penh, I met a woman who was divorced with four kids. I said, “You’re not going to understand this, but I’m going to take care of your family.” I paid for her kids’ school fees. Then I started a publishing company to publish children’s books in both English and Khmer. I started more projects, spent a ton of my own money, but seemed to get nowhere.

Back in California for a visit, a Rotarian friend said, “The problem is that your programs are missing structure. You really need to join a Rotary club in Cambodia.”

When I got back, I joined the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh — and Rotary already had a structure in place for helping people. Now instead of inventing new projects, I’m part of a team that gets things done. We’ve got 10 Global Grants going. Malaria and dengue fever are prevalent in many parts of Cambodia, so we distribute mosquito nets.

Our flagship project is one we do with the Children’s Surgical Centre to treat meningoencephalocele (MEC), which is a birth defect rarely seen outside of Southeast Asia. It’s terribly disfiguring. We find these people and bring them in. Everything is 100 percent free to the patients and their families.

What I love about this project is, when we go back and check up on people, their lives are changed – literally – in six months. Suddenly they’ve got a normal face. They can get married and be a part of the community. For me, it was tangible: I am helping, and I get to see it. Being a Rotarian has added a new meaning and larger purpose to my life.

Last Meeting

PDG Ken Moore introduced Tony and Renee O’Connell to the meeting. Ken asked Renee what made he take on funeral directing as a business? Renee related the story of her 5week old baby dying from SIDS and the profound effect it had on her. This trauma needed to be followed up by compassionate, understanding people that were able to

take people through their grief without any lasting mental scars. Twenty-two years ago moved into the field and now has eleven people employed in the business.

Many people do not give any thought to who they would call if an untimely death occurred to someone they love. As a result, when death happens, many people are unprepared for the important decisions and arrangements that need to be made, we believe that the funeral director that you choose, will have an enormous impact on your long-term emotional health, and will affect the way in which you grieve. We therefore do what the families of the deceased person cannot do for themselves and bring them through their emotional stress and make the grieving process easier and shorter.

These days 70% of people are cremated and 30% prefer burial, Cremations start at \$6,000 while burials are usually around \$10,000.

The trend is also away from churches and over to Celebrants and are also trending away from being sombre affairs to a more light-hearted affair of celebrating the deceased's life.

Weakly Jokes

1). It was raining and all the prostitutes were standing under awnings.

"Mom," said the boy, "what are all those women doing?"

"They're waiting for their husbands to get off work," she replied

The taxi driver turns around and says, "Geez lady, why don't you tell him the truth? They're hookers, boy! They have sex with men for money."

The little boy's eyes get wide and he says, "Is that true Mom?"

His mother, glaring hard at the driver, answers "Yes"

After a few minutes the kid asks, "Mom, if those women have babies, what happens to them?"

She said, "Most of them become taxi drivers."

2). An elderly, but hardy cattleman from Texas once told a young female neighbor that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on her oatmeal each morning.

She did this religiously and lived to the ripe old age of 103.

She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and a 40-foot HOLE where the crematorium used to be.

3). A man was driving down the road, a woman was driving up the same road and they pass each other.

The woman yells out the window, PIG.

The man yells out the window, you old cow.

The man drives around the curve and crashes into a huge pig in the middle of the road and dies I the crash.

Thought for the day: If men would only listen.