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Note: The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Club or its members

On the Cover Paul Harris Fellow

The Rotary movement was founded in February 1905, by Paul Harris, a lawyer from Chicago, who recognized the potential of an association of like-minded professional and business people who could meet and share common interests on a regular basis.

In 1957, the Rotary Foundation launched the Paul Harris Fellowship in memory of the founder as an expression of appreciation for those who have contributed to the Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs.

A contribution of US \$1,000.00 is made to the Rotary Foundation in the name of each individual to be honoured. The recipients receive a pin, medallion and certificates that identify them as advocates of the Foundation's goals of world peace and understanding.

After more than forty years, recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow remains a respected and prestigious honour for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.



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The Club's Paul Harris Fellows

the program/up and coming calendar and who's doin what

22 November 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club AGM with special guest Pierre Andipatin

Attend Builder Greg, Chair de Boss Alan, Beans Greg, Door man SS Roger , Art Work Lucky Phil, Prize Renault Brian

29 November 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club Ass.

Attend Sparkie Ern, Chair de Boss Alan, Beans Greg, Door man Uncle Arthur , Art Work Cheer squad Bevl, Prize Beans Greg

6 December 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club Meeting Hellen Karie—Vanuatu Prevention of blindness

13 December 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club Meeting Maxwell Gratton—Football Federation Victoria

20 December 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Christmas Party Partners welcome

Life events

Nov 20 Maureen Mackenzie—birthday

Nov 25 Judith Pike (Egan)—birthday

Nov 27 Rod Mackenzie—birthday

Nov 28 Glenda Swan—birthday

Dec 9 Ern Wardell—birthday

Dec 12 Rod Mackenzie joined Rotary and this Club 17 years ago

Dec 12 Rob and Lyn Lloyd anniversary

Dec 19 Brian Bowen joined this club 10 years ago

A joke

To the beat of the drum, the slaves rowed the boat across the ocean, and the strain of every stroke showed on their faces. When the first mate appeared on deck, the drum was silent and the oars stilled.

"Men," he announced, "I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is you can stop rowing for today. We've reached an island."

The slaves dropped their oars with a sigh of relief.

"We'll kill a few boars, drink rum and have a feast," he continued.

The slaves whispered among themselves in anticipation of the big event. Except one, who asked, "What's the bad news?"

"Well," replied the first mate, "tomorrow the captain wants to go waterskiing."

from the president keeping up with the joneses!

"The greatest gift you can give to someone is to give your time because when you are giving your time, you are giving some part of your life... which you never get back!" - Prasant Mishra

Tonight's meeting will bring us the AGM, where the Board and Committee Chairs for the next Rotary year are nominated. I would encourage members to put up your hands and take on a role. As a member of Rotary, being involved is one of the most satisfying things you can do.

However, to do the job well (and this is any role within the Club), you need to be committed. Being committed does not mean just coming along to the meetings every Tuesday night. In fact that could be considered the least of it! Being committed means that you are prepared to give up your time and to put in extra effort to make things happen. Whatever the role, it requires dedication and a sense of responsibility. It means contributing effort and enthusiasm. This year we have seen some fine examples when members have organised some of our weekly meetings: - the Pride of Workmanship Night and the Foundation Night last week are just two where the members put in additional time and effort for the club to achieve a great result.

Taking on a role and giving of yourself, also means a commitment from your family. Are they supportive of your Rotary membership and are they prepared to help when needed? Having the backing of your family and their assistance when required can only help you to do a better job.

But believe me, it's not all about giving. Last week on receiving his Paul Harris Fellow recognition, in conversation with someone, Dennis Kerr said, "It's not all

selfless – I get so much more back than I give." I feel the same. Yes, there are a lot of hours to put into the Presidency, but I get so much satisfaction in return.

Which brings me to tonight's Guest Speaker. A couple of months after I joined Rotary in 2006, I gave a commitment to my first Rotary project. I put up my hand for Kerry and I to be Host Counsellors to an Ambassadorial Scholar, not really knowing what the role meant! Being a Host Counsellor has meant devoting a lot of time in taking the Scholar to other Rotary Club meetings, spending time with them and helping to sort out any issues that they may have. But every moment of it is worth it. This project has given me greater fulfilment and pleasure than I could ever have imagined and has brought some very special people into my life. In fact it has extended my family considerably!

I do encourage members to step forward and do something – but remember it's not just a title, it is a lot of hard work, time and effort. But if you put that effort in, I am sure that it is something that you will never regret!

Alan Jones



past presidents

Brian Bowen
1978-1979
Heidelberg North

Bob Eycken
1983-1984
Alperton UK

John McCrohan
1992-1993

Ron Gordon
1993-1994

Chris Doupe
1994-1995

Cliff Wearne
1995-1996

Ern Wardell
1996-1997

Rod Mackenzie
1997-1998

Steve Sampson
1998-1999

Robin Chapple
1999-2000

Peter Marriage
2000-2001

Rob Lloyd
2001-2002

Bev Baker
2002-2003

Joe Di Natale
2003-2004

Geoff Swan
2004-2005

John Gatt
2005-2006

John Arthur
2006-2007

Linda Gidlund
2007-2008

Alan White
2008-2009

Pat Millar
2009-2010

Clyde Hulme
2010-2011

and what happened last week ?

President Alan Jones opened the meeting by welcoming the many guests and visiting Rotarians present.

PP Linda Gidlund summarized Dennis Kerr's full Rotary involvement prior to him being presented with a well deserved Paul Harris Fellow. PP Rod Mackenzie then summarized Barry Henwood's community involvement with the Bendigo Bank, the Hurstbridge Trader's Association and the Diamond Creek Stadium prior to him being presented with an equally well deserved Paul Harris Fellow.

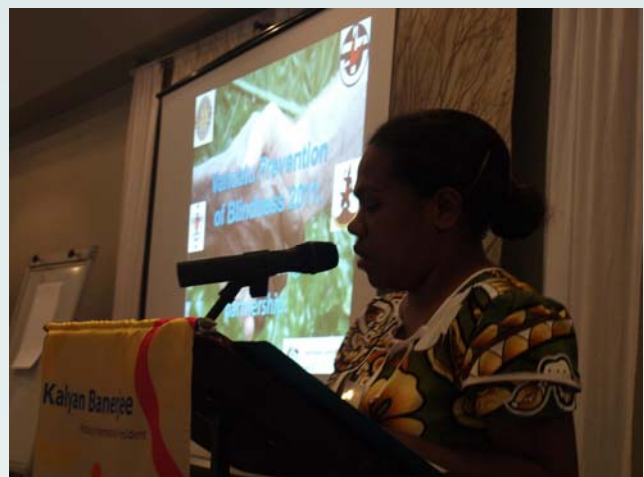
Rotarian Don Mc Raild then introduced Vanuatu Hellen Karie who spoke about the work on Optometry in Port Vila she was doing to prevent blindness. She and Gibson Aru were in Australia to receive more training in optometry and also to participate in RYLA next week. Gibson works on a northern Vanuatu island at a newly established vision clinic, testing eyes, giving out appropriate glasses, and referring cases for surgery. Together they see about 6000 people a year.

PP Linda Gidlund hosted the Foundation evening. The Rotary Foundation was showcased through speeches by Anna Davis a GSE team member who visited District 1950 in central Germany recently and Mariko Igawa, an Ambassadorial Scholar who spoke passionately about her year as a student at Latrobe University and the effect it has had on her perspective of herself and the world.

Linda summarized the aims of The Rotary Foundation as the promotion of world understanding, through international exchanges and conflict resolution, the promotion of health through clean water and sanitation, immunization programs and disease prevention, and literacy. With that in

mind Linda gave a pencil to each person present .

End of meeting.





**GRAND
OPENING**



The Grand gala opening will be 12 noon Tuesday the 29th November 2011.

This will coincide with the Schools Grand Gymkhana event held on the 28, 29 and 30th of November.

All welcome to attend

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Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good
We thank you for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
help us to serve you all our days.

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia fair!
In joyful strains then let us sing,
"Advance Australia fair!"

From the start of tonight's meeting to the start of the Street Parade is

The duration is **290 days, 15 hours, 0 minutes and 0 seconds** or 9 months, 16 days, 15 hours

290 days, 15 hours, 0 minutes and 0 seconds is

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- 418,500 minutes
- 6975 hours
- 41 weeks (rounded down)

