



THORNIE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Meeting: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm Tuesday at the Gosnells Golf Club, Warton Road, Canning Vale, WA 6155

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2009 - 2010

8th September 2009

Next Week Duties 15th September 09

Attendance

Ross Evans
Ted Evans

Property and Fellowship

Phil Hinwood

Chairman

Andy Hopper

Vote of Thanks

Frank Keays

Rotary Information

John Mitchell

Bring-N-Buy 6th September 09

Ray & Lois Smith
Geoff and Lorraine
Wiltshire
John Mitchell

Bulletin Editor

Chris Ralph

Program

Ron Thatcher

Bede Water Project

What a gathering of Rotarians with the visit of the District Governor and Assistant District Governor. The cheerful sounds of happy voices mingling together. **Sergeant Lloyd** introduced **President Mike** who then formerly welcomed District Governor **Ian Jones** and his wife **Robyn**, Assistant District Governor **Ken Cockman** and his wife **Beryl** and visiting Rotarian **Eddie Lee** from the Rotary Club of Kalamunda and his wife **Hilary**.



All club members introduced their wives with inducements on their beauty and how lucky they were to be married to them, each trying to outdo the other. A cheerful banter ensued.



President Mike then unveiled the 2009-2010 Rotary Banner, "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" and placed it on display.

Wishes were sent to **Margaret Evans** post surgery and to **Chris Brouwer** for impending surgery.

Condolences extended to **Lois** and **Ray Smith** on the sad passing of Lois's father.

President Mike then stated that it was terrific to see the partners tonight especially **Beth Sloan**.

**Following Weeks Duties
22nd September 09**

Attendance

Doug Parker
Colin Ralph

**Property and
Fellowship**

Vin Rogers
Ron Sloan

Chairman

Ray Smith

Vote of Thanks

John Stockbridge

Rotary Information

Geoff Wiltshire

**Bring-N-Buy
13th September 09**

Wayne & Chris Brouwer
Ross & Margaret Evans

Bulletin Editor

Chris Ralph

Program

Melpo Economou
Burundi Peace Choir

REMEMBER

**MEAL NUMBERS MUST
BE ADVISED**

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR
FEES?**

He then reminded everyone of the conference and that there were no resolutions to be raised as the club's wishes to reduce down to two districts had already been met.

If anyone is interested in **Waist Disposal** then see Mike for details.

John Mitchell then spoke as acting Vocational Director and advised that the committee was setting up a new scholarship with the Australian College and that there would be six, \$500 scholarships' available. The agreement is being set up and currently will only be looking at the 1st year but may look at offering into the 2nd year.

President Mike introduced the special guest **Hilary Lee** from the Spark of Life Programme as the club is supporting the programme to \$15,000 to get publicity material for Dementia Care Australia. Hilary could not express her self more than by reiterating how ecstatic she was with the donation and how much it is deeply appreciated.

Aged care tries but struggle to achieve. The research has shown that there have been fantastic results, one example being in alcohol related dementia where the programme ran and within two months, the residents started to come out of their shells.

Their programme is the best of the best as they are the winners of the 2009 International Homes and Hostels award.



Sgts Session

To follow on from that **Sgt Lloyd** and stand-in **Cpl Colin Ralph** then took centre stage and the Sgt reminded everyone that all fines were a \$1.

- **Louise Raspa** for calmly eating her meal when her husband was getting a kiss and a cuddle.
- **Vin** for getting a hug without wiggling his ears.
- **Andy** for knowing that the 1st submarine base was Pearl Harbour and foe not convincing the other team members that Fremantle was the second.
- **Mike, Louise, Chris** and **Colin** for not listening to Andy who had the right answer.
- **Ron Bradock** for going to become a grandfather again in March 2010.
- **Yvonne** for going to become a grandmother again in March 2010.
- **Andy** for having many hats, acting Vocational Director, Fund Raiser and Snitch and for not performing in the latter role.
- **All Eagles supporters** on their feet and the **lonely Docker Doug**. If Doug fails to answer the question, all Eagles supporters pay up and the question was how many games did David Wirrapunda play and without hesitation Doug answered 227, much to the moans and groans from the Eagles fans that all had to dig deep and pay.
- **Ted** for receiving an invitation to dinner in South Perth, arrived at breakfast time as he didn't know the address. He needed the mobile, which had been left at home, so had to return home to get it.

DIARY

SEPTEMBER

1st

Committee Meetings

3rd

Faye's Birthday

4th

Frank & Sylvia's Anniversary

8th

Special Board Meeting for DG
District Governors Visit – **Partners
Night**

23rd

Mikes Birthday

29th

Club Forum

Lois E's Birthday

30th

Sylvia R's Birthday

OCTOBER

4th

Wayne & Chris's Anniversary

6th

Committee Meetings

10th

Faye S's Birthday

12th

Geoff & Lorraine's Anniversary

Board meeting

23rd

Louise R's Birthday

24th

Rotary Muster at the Sheraton Hotel

31st

Ted's Birthday

NOVEMBER

2nd

Meeting Cancelled – Melb Cup

9th

Board meeting

10th

Committee Meetings

24th

Lloyd's Birthday

DECEMBER

1st

Committee Meetings

Phil's Birthday

4th

Wayne's Birthday

- **Phil** for telling Chris that Kay would be coming tonight and she didn't show up.
- **John Mitchell** for getting a complimentary hot chocolate at Royal Perth Hospital.
- **Colin Ralph** for shaking the Sgt's hand not as a greeting but because he didn't want to get fined for not shaking hands.
- **Mike** for sending an email out to get everyone to wear hats (reminded that you cannot wear a hat in the Golf Club).
- **DG Ian** for having a bumper crop, getting in before the prices drop.
- **Sylvia** for hiding when the Sgt was introducing people.
- **Ken and Eddie** for not knowing that Hot Dogs were invented on this day in 1884.
- **Joker John Stockbridge** then did a rendition that amused everyone especially Hilary.

BOX BUYS

- **Wayne** on Chris and Colin Ralph, Lloyd, Andy and Mike and Louise to pay for winning at the quiz night.
- **Wayne** on Doug and Anet for being bribed but not allowing Wayne's table to cheat.
- **Chris Brouwer** on Wayne as she had had a new carpet laid and Wayne dropped a box of red wine on it which meant that it had to be replaced.
- **Geoff** on Wayne for dropping 8 bottles of good red wine. (what a waste)

Sgt Lloyd then handed back to President Mike who explained that the support for the Spark of Life programme is \$15,000 to get the publicity up and running and that the money would be rolled out in stages based on a variation order. Once again thanks to Hilary for sharing the programme with the club.

President Mike then introduced **DG Ian** who took the floor and acknowledged **PDG Ron Sloan** and his wife Beth, **PDG Frank Keays** and his wife Sylvia, **ADG Ken Cockman** and his wife Beryl and President Mike Raspa and his wife Louise, all Rotarians and partners and Hilary and Eddie. He then did his level best to flummox the Bulletin Editor with unpronounceable names and expect her to spell them correctly. Robyn and he live in Cowcowing which is a relatively short distance to Wyalkatchem which has a population of 600.

He joined Rotary in 1994 after he had hosted a Mexican exchange student Ali Cortez. After 56 years of living in Cowcowing he and Robyn have moved to Coogee and his brother Brian has leased the property for two years. He then spoke about John Kenny a passionate Scotsman that us confident about Rotary and its future direction in providing hope to those in need. There is the need to join the future to the past with a continuous chain and each link must be strong.

We need to fulfil the Rotary promise of a polio free world with currently only four countries still having the endemic virus. The four goals being water, health, hunger and literacy. In the world today there are 1.2 million people without potable water. There are 500 million unable to read or write and most of these are women. Rotary must retain its goals but not lose sight of the local community. John Kenny is asking for the growth of one new member per club.

There has been a substantial amount over 5 million raised for the Cord Blood Bank with \$480,00 outstanding to reach the target. The Rotary Club of Thornlie is to be congratulated on its donation of \$10,000.

DG Ian extended the challenge to the club to Climb for a Smile on 4th October and if not able to climb then sponsor instead. The funds raised will go to the Cord Blood Bank, Interplast and Foundation. The Rotary Club of Thornlie has donated \$238 per Rotarian. It is a great club offering mentoring processes and keeps active with Sunday Bring and Buy which

provides great exposure for Rotary. The club has pledged \$4500 to Rotary Health and the DG is impressed by the Indigenous Scholarship programme, participation in RYDA, Academic Community scholarships, support for the Victorian Bushfire victims, Kanyana Wildlife project and the Spark of Life Programme which is a wonderful thing for older people.

He then spoke about the Conference City Muster which is to be held at the Sheraton Perth Hotel and everyone will have a cracking good time. There have already been 90 registrations to date.

GSE is struggling for nominations this year.

Shelter Box programme District 9470 has donated three boxes this year and so far \$1725.10c has been raised.

DG Ian offered thanks to the partners and to ADG Ken and Beryl for their support.

He wished to compliment the Gosnells Golf Club for the meal tonight.

The last words were to state that John Kenny believes that Rotary brings immense benefit and the future of Rotary is in your hands.