

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

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Club President
Geoff Royal

District Governor
Neville Parsons

RI President
John Kenny



TONIGHT- Public Speaking deferred to October 19

Take two - Acting President Sel welcomes back President Geoff from his visit to South Africa. We look forward to hearing of Geoff's visit there. Thanks again Sel - much appreciated. Not a Partners' night but partners very welcome - call the club if attending.



Meeting Place
Woolgoolga Diggers (RSL)
Monday Evenings
6.00pm for 6.15pm
Apologies to
6654 1234

LAST WEEK



GUEST SPEAKER

Rob White - Chairman RAWCS D9650 made a detailed presentation of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) and what it actually achieves, much appreciated by the four newer members of the club present who have been struggling to understand the endless stream of Rotary acronyms.



Rob explained the history of RAWCS and its predecessor, which in the 1960's was often still repairing WW II infrastructure damage in the Pacific Island countries. His slide show demonstrated examples of the SWSL (Safe Water Saves Lives) work; RAM (Rotarians against Malaria); DIK (Donations in Kind); PTA (Pacific Training Aid); AAS (Adopt a School) and Project Volunteers. An amazing amount of practical benefit results from these programs which have been and are being carried out in many countries including PNG, Sri Lanka, East Timor, Solomons, Vanuatu, Tanzania, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Rob downplayed some of the difficult bureaucratic hurdles involved but amazed us with his persistence and that of other Rotarians that they could overcome any obstacles in order to make things happen for people in need. He detailed the club's involvement in sending education kits to Vanuatu (with grateful thanks to Geoff Rogers); explained the need for baby kits for new mothers and how it was also an incentive for them to deliver in the hospital; spoke of new directions in the fight against malaria focusing less on bed-nets and more on early diagnosis and prevention and explained how some of the building projects not only provide much need infrastructure but also had spin-offs in sharing skills with locals and providing practical experience for local Technical students.

Rob left us with an awareness of the great need that continues in many of these project areas, often compounded by natural disasters such as tsunamis, earthquakes and cyclones and often recurring due to poor maintenance.

Finally for "show and tell" Rob brought along a portable solar light and explained the impact such as a simple piece of equipment can make for first-aid stations which don't have electricity or for students to be able to read after sunset. Much food for thought.

Thanks Rob for giving us an enlightening window into RAWCS .

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Guests, friends & partners:
Nil

Apologies: Geoff, Ray, Peter, Brian, Patty, John, Clive, Mark, Merv, David E, Clive, George

Attendance: 11/22 (50%)

Lucky Draw: Echah

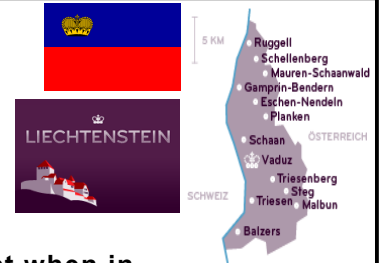
Birthdays/Anniversaries:
Susan Edwards 28;

(Friends) Geoff & Irene Rogers 28;

Rod 4 Oct and Clive 6 Oct

CLUB SPEAKER

In the absence of David Edwards as club speaker, David Fayle stepped in and spoke of a long term connection with a Rotarian from Liechtenstein (Harold Buehler) who first came to Australia in 1965 on a group study and stayed at the Fayle household in Armidale during the visit. David was 14yrs old at the time but the families stayed in touch via Christmas cards and various members of the Fayle family made contact when in Europe. When Pam became ambassador to Liechtenstein the connection (was firmly re-established and made for a much deeper and personal interaction with this tiny country of 34,000 people - all thanks to Rotary connections.



SERGEANT'S SESSION

Norm began with a trifling joke and paid a fine because it was deemed jelly good!! As President Geoff's return was thwarted by illness, Sel was fined for coming back to the chair more times than Lazarus. A frenzy of fining followed (no-one escaped) and it's a long story but women and motor bike riders came in for particular attention. Finally, Trish and Rob showed immaculate timing by walking in the door just in time to pay late tax.



RI President - John Kenny October message 2009 (excerpt)

"There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so old or so successful as Rotary. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is one of them. This year, I wish you to place a special emphasis on Vocational Service, which is sometimes the forgotten Avenue of Service in Rotary. High ethical standards in business and personal life are still as important today as they were in 1905. Indeed, many of the problems our world is facing today have been caused by the failure to observe such standards in business affairs.

Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary. Many service organizations are open to anyone who wishes to join. That has never been the case in Rotary. Rotarians only seek out as members those who are qualified – those who have the character, the ability, and the resolve to make a real contribution to their club.

If we wish to see our organization grow and prosper, we must keep Vocational Service front and centre in our minds and actions. We must seek out skilled and determined men and women of character. We must do what is right, even when it is inconvenient. And we must always, always, put Service Above Self".....

Full message go to <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/RIPresident/Pages/Messages.aspx>

CLUB NOTICES		DISTRICT NOTICES	
Sept 30	GOTD Woolgoolga High	OCTOBER	Vocation Month
Oct 3	Auction: Help YEP Outbounders	NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation Month
Oct 19	Public Speaking - Note New Date	March 12 -14	District Conference Port Macquarie
Oct 27	Coffs Club (formally Catholic Club) 6.30 for 7.00pm Public Speaking Cluster Final TBC	April 10-17	RYLA 2010 at Bonny Hills
Nov 7	Auction: Help Corindi Red Rock RFS?	June 2010	International Convention Montreal Canada

MEETING DUTY ROSTER			
Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	28 September	5 October	12 October
Attendance	David Edwards	No Meeting	Patty Delaney
Welcome/Speaker Introduction	Keith Minhinnett	Public Holiday	Merv Richardson
Club Speaker	Laura Hohrein		Peter Lacy
Vote of Thanks	Geoff Royal		Dick Matthews
Guest Speaker	???		Vicki Dover (Woolgoolga Retirement Village)

**The future of Rotary
Woolgoolga
IS IN YOUR HANDS**

Directors required
(Assistant Treasurer too!)

Help with
AUCTION PICK-UPS
(see Dick or Sel)

AUCTIONEERS required
for 1st Sat of the month
(see Sel & Keith)