

Rotary Club of Kenwick Bulletin

Volume 30 Issue 02
2011/2012

Report on Meeting 6th July 2011

Rotary Theme for 2011/2012
Reach Within to Embrace Rotary

Club Website: <http://www.rotarykenwick.org>

Welcome. Pres Rob welcomed fifteen other Kenwick Rotarians, two potential members Shane van Niekerk and Mark Harrington, besides Lora Cheetham and Johan Maasdan from Gosnells Rotaract and Guest Speaker Keith George; a total of twenty one attendees. Charge from **Murray**, grace from **Ron**

Pres Rob reminded members of his Speech last Saturday, and his desire to set up a P.R. committee. Any volunteers please see **Rob**.

Apologies; Peter advised apologies had been received from **Mark, Cheryl, Gavin** and **Sandy**. **Peter** also advised he is setting up a text message system whereby KRC members can advise if they are attending each week's meeting. **Peter** reminded us about **Amal's** birthday, yesterday 5th July, and that Andrew's 27th year in Rotary started on the 1st July.

District Conference is in Kalgoorlie 16th to 18th March 2012, and he extolled all members to make every effort to attend.

Reports

Secretary. Bob reminded all present that the AGM of the Club would take place at our July 20th Meeting, when we will need to vote on changes to Club's Constitution and By Laws. **Bob** has emailed all members with the proposed amendments, and included draft copies of the "new" Constitution and By Laws. These changes are required to meet RI and WA Govt. Legislative requirements.

Bob also advised that July does not have a special Rotary Theme, as do all other months, however August is Membership Extension Month. So please consider how we might increase membership.

Bob passed out a pamphlet on Rotary's "Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Program" advising this is one of Rotary's six areas of sustainable Rotary Service. The others are
Disease prevention and treatment
Water and sanitation
Maternal and child health
Economic/community development.
Basic education and literacy

Rotary Club of Kenwick Bulletin

Volume 30 Issue 02

2011/2012

Rotary International, and the Rotary Foundation, recognise that focusing service in these six areas will Provide direction to Rotary's 1.2Million members in 34,000 clubs, improve Rotarian's capacity to address needs and show the world that Rotary is a Global Leader in Humanitarian Services. The needs spanning Rotary's six areas of focus are vast, ranging from lack of access to clean water to the need for immunisation that prevents deadly diseases. Each week **Bob**, will bring a separate pamphlet on each of the other five areas, so Members can obtain some idea of the scope of Rotary's work, and the challenges facing us in the future, both internationally and locally.

Guest Speaker. Bob introduced Keith George whose Hobby is seeing how many International Airlines he can fly with, how many International Airports he can visit, how many different types of Aircraft he can fly in, and how many air travel miles he can accumulate. It all started in Birmingham, U.K., over forty years ago, when he was a fifteen year old "Plane spotter" By becoming a travel agent Keith was more able to pursue his hobby. He keeps a log of his flights, also details of the over 25,000 individual aircraft he has sighted, or flown on, in a log book. He aims for one flight per week, and so far has flown over four

million miles. He has flown on 2,650 flights in 231 different aircraft to over 500 airports. He has flown twice on Concorde, and made five flights with Aeroflot, which he described as rather scary. Once he flew 251 Delta Airlines flights in one month, in the USA, up to 13 flights per day.

Keith advised he will fly with any airline, and although there are some "Dicky Ones" they are still all reasonably safe. Over two billion passengers fly per year, the numbers of flights is increasing, whilst the number of accidents is decreasing.

With some airlines Keith is now a minor "Celebrity" and often is invited up to the cockpit during the flight, or on landing, to chat with the crew. Keith has a program on his mobile phone that identifies all flights into and out of Perth, and when he sees a plane overhead he logs in and can get airline/aircraft details, flight number, destination etc.

Whilst he receives a few "freebees" Keith has to fund his hobby out of his own pocket, and so far estimates that he has spent over \$500,000.00 in fares. He usually flies economy class, but on 21 occasions has been upgraded to First Class, and on 251 occasions up to Business Class.

All in all an unusual hobby

After his Presentation Bob thanked Keith on behalf of all members, and presented him with a KRC Mug.

Rotary Club of Kenwick Bulletin

Volume 30 Issue 02

2011/2012

Chocolate Wheel: On again this Saturday with Neal's team. **Joe** made a comment that Jenny, who is always our first Chocolate Wheel Customer every fortnight, spending about \$25.00 on our first spin, dropped by again in the middle of our second last round last week, and in appreciation was given two tickets. She then brought another \$10.00 worth, and won.

Ron mentioned this Saturday Maddington Centro have a special promotion, So expect a larger crowd, and more spins.

Community Service. Director Joe advised that the rules for a Presidential Citation have changed this coming Rotary year; now being based on Foundation and Membership. A new Changemaker Award now covers the five avenues of service. **Joe**, wearing his "ADG Hat" then distributed this year's District Directories, before presenting two Teddy Bears from Beckenham Primary School to the Rotaract representatives present.

International ; Director Ron reminded members that the Rotary Foundation should be all Rotarians' "Charity of Choice", with examples of current grants being Fighting Hunger in Romania. Reducing Child Mortality in Sri Lanka and India Basic education/literacy in Sudan Polio Eradication. **Ron** went on to state that to date RI has spent over

\$2 Billion on Polio Eradication, and so far has raised \$177 Million of the \$200 Million we need to receive Bill and Melinda Gate's \$300Million donation. He gave examples of the many ways Rotarians are raising funds for this, almost completed, project, which began in 1985.

Membership. Director Brian stated that obtaining new members is up to all current members. If we try real hard there is no reason why we could not double Membership this year.

He then advised that RC of Ascot has recently given him a Cheque for \$42,000.00 to sponsor an Interplast team. Note **Steve** promptly reminded members that KRC has raised \$51,000.00 for Interplast this year.

Finally **Brian** advised that PP Pat Morris has recently asked why we could not sponsor Thornlie Primary Extensive English Class the same as we sponsor Parkwood Primary. He advised that there are specialised grants available, and he has applied for two – one for each school.

Program. Steve advised on future program (see Page 4), as well we will be holding a Club Forum each three months to discuss Club Progress in line with our club objectives.. **Steve** also mentioned a potential speaker, an 80 plus year old WW2 Glider Pilot for next Partners night.

Rotary Club of Kenwick Bulletin

Volume 30 Issue 02
2011/2012

POWERBALL. Neal explained to non Rotarians present what Power Ball was, then reported that **Joe**, and the club had won the last two weeks. **Joe** immediately donated his winnings to a Sleeping Kit.

Attendance. Neal reported that of our twenty members, sixteen were present giving us a percentage of 80. **Neal** suggested that every member should maximise their attendance, so we can, once again, be the Districts leading club, as far as attendance is concerned.

Rotaract. Gosnells Rotaract's Johan Maasdan, advised that Gosnells Rotaract Club are sponsoring a preview of the new Harry Potter movie, Deathly Hollow Part two, at the Reading Cinema, Belmont Forum on Saturday 16th July at 1800. Tickets are \$15.00 each, and you can get dressed as a Harry Potter character if you wish.

Sergeant. Nigel, in his new role as full time Sergeant fined All without ties and all visitors **Steve**; Wrong Badge **Sam**; Amal's birthday **Marguerite** and **Paul** for being late. **Geoff** for dragging a Subaru WRX from a Traffic Light – Note Geoff was driving his son's Maserati. **Neal** for that Red and Black Scarf. Was he trying to tell us something?
Closure;
Pres **Rob** closed what was a very good meeting at 1955 hours.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

Club Meeting Duties

Wednesday July 13th

1800 for 1830

David Pankhurst - RYDA

Property –Andrew & Steve

Host –Paul

Chairman –Sandy

Attendance – Neal

Wednesday July 20th

1800 for 1830

Club Plans and Objectives

Property –Nigel and Peter

Host – Sam

Chairman – Peter

Attendance – Neal

Wednesday July 27th

1800 for 1830

Bryn or Jamie - Aspects of a P.I.

Property –Sandy & Andrew

Host – Mark

Chairman – TBA

Attendance – Neal

Wednesday August 3rd

1830 for 1900

D.G. Jodie's Visit.

Property –Paul and Nigel

Host –Joe

Chairman – Rob

Attendance – Neal

We now have a program, and a list of duties for the next three/four weeks, so if, for any reason, you cannot meet your obligation then please arrange with another club member, who is not rostered, to exchange or substitute for you.

Rotary Club of Kenwick Bulletin

Volume 30 Issue 02
2011/2012

Chocolate Wheel

Chocolate Wheel Roster

Saturday July 9th

Neal; George; Geoff; Bob; Sam;

Saturday July 23rd

Ron; Cheryl; Murray; Sharron;

Saturday August 6th

Wendy; Andrew; Brian; Joe;
Peter; Ken

If you agree with another member to change the date/s of your duties/roster please note this is an arrangement between yourselves

Club History of Hatches and Matches

July 5th	Birthday	Amal Youseff
July 25th	Birthday	Sheila Byl
July 25th	Birthday	Marie Guest

A brief early history of Rotary.

(With thanks to Rotary's Global History Fellowship)

The founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, was raised by his New England Grandparents, in the North East of the USA, with values of tolerance and understanding towards all. After a chequered educational career, during which period his Grandfather died, Paul graduated with a Degree in Law in 1891. For the next five years Paul travelled the world, - in 1891 working as a reporter for the San

Francisco Chronicle; a manual labourer on a fruit ranch; in a raisin packing plant. In 1892 as a teacher at the L.A. Business college; in Denver Colorado for the Rocky Mountain News; as an actor; as a reporter in Jacksonville, Florida; as a Night Clerk in the St James Hotel; as a travelling granite salesman. In 1893 as a reporter on the Washington Star; as a cattleman on a ship; in a cannery; as a haymaker. 1893 as a sub-foreman as a gang of cattlemen; as an orange picker, then back to Jacksonville selling granite, where his territory included the Southern USA states, Cuba, the Bahamas and Europe.

In 1896 when he announced to his employer that he was going to Chicago to practice Law he was told – "I am satisfied that if you stay with me you will make much more money than you ever will practicing law" to which Paul Harris replied "I am sure you are right – but I am not going to Chicago for the purpose of making money – I am going for the purpose of living life"

In 1896 Paul Harris moved to Chicago and began what was to become a very successful Law Practice.

In the early 1900's, whilst strolling with a professional friend through a Chicago suburb Paul was impressed by his friend's relationship with local tradesmen and store owners. This reminded him of his Grandparents hometown

Rotary Club of Kenwick Bulletin

Volume 30 Issue 02
2011/2012

in New England. He thought “Why not have a fellowship composed of business men from different occupations, without the restrictions of politics or religion”.

This dream was realised on the 23rd February 1905 when, after having dinner with a close friend, Chicago coal dealer Silvester Schiele, they strolled over to a pre arranged meeting at Room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago, where they met their Host for the evening, Gustavas Lohr, a mining engineer, and another friend Hiram Shorey, a Merchant Tailor.

At the meeting Harris proposed that they form a club based on his original idea. No name was chosen for the club. The next meeting was set down for the 9th March, where they were joined by three other persons, Harry Ruggles, William Jenson and A.L.While. Ruggles was a printer, and created the “name badge” version of the Rotary Wheel, and was also responsible for starting singing in Rotary Clubs. It is reported that his singing kept the group from disbanding on more than one occasion.

Paul Harris later said that the significant occurrence at the second meeting was the introduction of Harry Ruggles.

Two weeks after the second meeting the group met again at the office of Silvester Schiele, in his coal yard at the corner of Twelve and State Streets. Six of the previous seven were present, plus

Charles Newton and Arthur Irwin. From that less than glorious beginning the world wide Rotary International movement began. How did Rotary get its name? Paul Harris explained in his book “The Founder of Rotary” – wrote “During the course of the meeting I suggested several names, one of which was Rotary. This name met with general favour, and was adopted forthwith”.

The significance of the name becomes apparent on examination of the original plan for the club, which provided for rotation of the meeting place, and in the chairmanship, and even in membership - for one year only. The first Rotary President was Silvester Schiele, This was because their first meeting was held in Schiele’s office, and as a courtesy he was made President. When it was time to hold a meeting in A.L. White’s place of Business at Englewood, the location was not convenient, and so they held the meeting in a hotel.

Weekly meetings did not begin until 1909, in Oakland, California.

To be continued!

Thought for Food

Why does a round Pizza come in a square box?

What disease did a cured ham actually have?