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Report on Changeover Meeting Saturday 2nd July 2011

Rotary Theme for 2011/12 Reach Within to Embrace Rotary

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Welcome.

MC Geoff welcomed all present to the Castle Hotel in York. Before introducing **Pres. Sam**, **Geoff** congratulated him on his year as President, observing that **Sam**, by introducing new ideas and customs to the club, had changed and extended the club's culture.

Outgoing **President Sam**, for the final time as President, welcomed sixteen other members, thirteen partners, and PP, and Friend of Rotary, **Pat Morris** to the Annual Change Over meeting of Rotary Club of Kenwick.

A total of thirty one attendees.

Charge from **Joe**, Grace from **Ron**.

Apologies; Geoff advised apologies had been received from Cheryl, Sharron, Paul, Nigel, Gavin and Sandy.

Toast to Past Members and Absent Friends. **Geoff** proposed the Toast, commenting in particular on Past members Jim King and Keith van der Linden. Both are still sadly missed.

Toast to Rotary International. **International Director Neal** proposed the toast, commenting that RI now comprises over 1.2 Million members in 34,000 clubs internationally. **PDG Brian** responded, observing that Rotary is about many things, not the least of which is

Friendship and fellowship, which is what all present were enjoying this evening.

Venue Preparation; Andrew drew to all attendees attention to how well our Venue had been prepared, considerable time and effort being required to transport the Flags, Banners etc to York, and time and effort taken to set it all up. All in all the venue's presentation was first class, so thank you to all those who contributed.

Chocolate Wheel. **Andrew** reported that on the previous Saturday, Joe, Brian, Peter, Ken and himself has seven spins, fourteen unsold tickets for a profit of \$377.00. The Chocolate Wheel roster is set out on Page 4.

Toast to Members' Partners. **Andrew** proposed the toast to KRC Members' Partners, noting that over the years our Partners have made significant inputs and contributions to the success and considerable achievements of KRC, and that during the past year our Partners had maintained that tradition. In addition they have their own fund raising projects, raising reasonable amounts which they distribute to local charities. This year Amal was able to introduce a new fund raiser – a sausage sizzle at the Annual Caravan Show in March, for NLV customers. The funds raised were 'Shared' by KRC and by our Partners. Other activities included packing over 20

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Shoebboxes for distribution to needy children for Christmas.

Andrew also noted that KRC partners are more attractive and better looking than those of other Rotary Clubs, and all present, especially the Partners, agreed.

Partners Committee. **Amal** responded on behalf of the Partners' Committee, thanking all present for their acknowledgement of what the Partners have achieved, and noting that whilst most partners have contributed, several had made exceptional efforts. In particular she thanked **Margaret, Jill, Barbara, Marie, Sue, and Sheila** for their efforts, presenting each of those partners with a small gift of appreciation.

Margaret then, on behalf of all the Partners Committee, presented **Amal** with a bouquet of Flowers, being an acknowledgement of the work she has done as Chairperson this year. Thank you **Amal** for a job – very well done.

Entertainment Books. are the main annual fund raising project of the Partners' Committee, and **Sheila** then reported that this year they had sold 110 books for a profit of \$1,430.00. **Sheila** thanked all those who had sold books, then reminded all present that it will be on again next year, so please maintain those contacts.

Attendance Certificate Presentation. **Pres Sam**, assisted by Secretary **Ron**, then passed out 100% attendance certificates to all members as per annual report.

Rotary International Four Avenues of Service Award. Each year each Rotary Club can present only one member with this award. **Pres Sam** advised that this year the club had decided to present an award this year, signed by the 2010/2011 World President Ray Klinginsmith, to a

Member who has served our Club well in all Four Avenues of Service, who is an example of commitment to the Principles of Rotary and to Service Above Self. That person was **PP Ron Mildenhall**. The announcement was received with a standing ovation. Congratulations **Ron** on an acknowledgement of your contribution to KRC and to Rotary Districts 9470 and 9465, in particular to your involvement with RYLA and RYPEN at District level. A rather embarrassed **Ron** accepted his award with good grace, stating that to succeed in Rotary you have to have the courage to ask, and then things "just happen".

Special Presentation. **Ron** advised that in every Rotary Club there is a member who is "always there" and does that little bit extra to ensure that the Club runs smoothly. This means that that member volunteers to "run around" collecting things for functions, projects etc. Recently our "Always there" Rotarian, **PP Joe Byl**, was running around" for the KRC'S Senior Citizens' Tea Party when he discovered his car was not where he had left it in the Car Park of the Riverton Forum. **Joe** reported the loss of his vehicle to the proper Authorities, and called on a fellow club member to pick up the goodies etc for the Tea Party. It was subsequently discovered that when you go in through one Shopping Centre Entrance, but leave through another, your vehicle may not be where you thought you had left it. So to assist **Joe** on the future occasions that similar occurrences may happen **Ron**, on behalf of the club, presented **Joe** with a small car in a glass case, with a hammer attached– so in case of a similar emergency in an "always there" situation all **Joe** has to do is "Break the Glass". May save Police a bit of "running around" too.

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Appreciation Certificates. **Pres Sam** presented PP's **Andrew** and **Murray** with a Certificate each, in appreciation of their successful New Generation project of presenting three local Primary Schools with Magnifying Microscopes; obtaining a "Specialised Grant" to pay for them.

Special Award. **Pres Sam** presented PP **Marguerite** with an award for her personal donation of \$1,000.00 to the "Sustainable Cambodia" project.

Sergeants Session. Sergeant **Joe's** final session covered many indiscretions, including

Pres Sam: Too wet to go to RYDA.

Amal: Raising Joe's hopes with a silent mobile phone call.

Rob. Not knowing RWP's national flag.

Peter: Not knowing RWPE's national flag

Steve: Paid **Peter's** fine - with **Barbara's** money

Steve: Drinking 1.5 litres water for Prostate test – then Doctor's delay in carrying out test – then dropping phone in toilet when seeking relief – phone written off – but made \$100.00 profit on new phone with successful Insurance claim.

Box Buyers. Roy on Joe: Wrong District on Annual Report

Murray on Geoff; Could not send Bulletin to Apple PC.

Ron on Roy: Hurt elbow at RYLA - but drove truck home – got flat tyre but too proud to accept help to change it even though it took two hours with only one arm.

Andrew on Joe: Reported stolen Car to avoid taking crockery etc back after Senior's Tea Party.

Change Over – PP Sam to Pres Rob.

MC Geoff began the actual change over ceremony by asking **Pres Sam** to present his 2010/2011 report.

Pres Sam's report is on Page 5.

At the end of his presentation **Pres Sam** made mention of Directors and Club Officials deserving special mention, and presented Appreciation Plaques to Directors and Club Officials, **Rob, Cheryl, Joe, Andrew, Neal, Ron, Brian, Bob, Geoff, Murray** and **Mark** in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of Club Members during the year

With M.C. **Geoff's** assistance **Pres Sam** then proceeded to hand over "control" of KRC to **Pres Elect Rob. Sam** passed over the Presidential Chain of Office to **Rob**, Past Presidents Pin to **Sam**, a Presidents Pin to **Rob**, and **Pres Rob's** Name Board for the "Head Table" podium.

Down came PWP **Ray Klinginsmith's** Theme, and up went RWP **Kalyan Banerjee** 2011/2012 Theme

"Reach within to Embrace Rotary"

Finally **Sam** passed to **Rob** our Certificate of Charter as a Rotary Club, for **Rob** to keep safely for the next year. **Pres Sam** then became **PP Sam**,

Pres Rob and **MC Geoff** then presented **PP Sam** and **Amal** with well deserved Paul Harris Fellow awards for their commitment to the club during the past year, Congratulations to both **Amal** and **Sam**, Your PHF's are very well earned and well deserved, and all Club Members are very appreciative of the efforts of you both during the year to promote and advance KRC and its members.

Well done and thank you.

Pres Rob then took the podium, and advised his plans and objectives for 2011/2012, and **Pres Rob's** speech is on pages 6 and 7, whilst Committee details are on page 8.

I feel sure all members and partners wish **Pres Rob** and **Margaret** every success

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during the forthcoming Rotary year. We feel certain you both will rise to the challenge, and lead the club well during another successful year.

Partners' Raffle.

Winners were Sylvie, Steve and Pat (Harrison)

CLOSURE. Pres Rob closed the meeting at 2215 hours.

DG's Visit; Set down for the 3rd August. Please can all members make an effort to attend this Partners night, and meet our DG. Jodie Sparks

D 9465 Conference.

Please mark in your Diary the 2012 D9465 Conference to be held in Kalgoorlie in March 2012. This should be a must for all Rotarians in our District.

Point to Ponder.

"A friendship founded on business is better than a business founded on friendship"

John D Rockefeller 1874 - 1960

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS 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 Meeting Duties

Wednesday July 6th

Keith George-Crazy Aviation Globe Trotter
Property –Peter & Gavin
Host – Sandy
Chairman – Bob
Attendance – Neal

Wednesday July 13th

David Pankhurst - RYDA
Property –Andrew & Steve
Host –Paul
Chairman –Sandy
Attendance – Neal

Wednesday July 20th

Club Plans and Objectives
Property –Nigel and Peter
Host – Sam
Chairman – Peter
Attendance – Neal

Wednesday July 28th

TBA
Property –Sandy & Andrew
Host – Mark
Chairman – TBA
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.

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

Good judgement comes from experience –experience comes from bad judgement.

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Past president Salim's Changeover Speech

I welcome you all tonight and thank you once again for being here on such a special occasion.

What a bizarre feeling today, to stand here as the President of the Rotary Club of Kenwick for the last time.

I find it hard to believe how fast this year has gone by.

At this time last year, I was standing here making my acceptance speech feeling scared and nervous, being uncertain if I would make a good President.

I'm sure many of you were probably feeling the same way.

But as the year progressed, I became more comfortable in the role and received tremendous support from both my Board of Directors and from you the members.

Together we have made it a memorable one.

It has been a real privilege for me to have had the opportunity to hold the position of President for such a great Club.

However I don't want to stand here tonight and give a historical report of the year that's been.

Rather I want to express what we at Rotary Club of Kenwick stand for - what the spirit of (RCK) is about.

In preparing this speech I looked back on the year and have seen that there have been some real highlights and some disappointments.

But the true essence of our Club is not so much about what has been successful and what hasn't, it's that we are family and like a family, we share our successes and learn from our disappointments. We may not always agree with one another, and let's face it, there are probably times when we wish we could be anywhere but at a meeting, standing in the cold serving a bbq, or working as a volunteer - but the glue that holds us together is one of a strong pull to serve others and to make a contribution to the world so that it can be a better place in which the human spirit can shine

Our vision and culture is something we all must live and breathe everyday, taking pride in our role as Rotarians and members of RCK.

If we look at our community there are many difficult issues such as ageing population, troubled youth, education, environment, dysfunctional families, changing circumstances. For Rotary the challenge is to enhance our image and build on our relevance to the community in a modern way.

We as a Club have it within us to make a very real difference to both the community and Rotary international and when I look back on this year I can honestly say that I am proud to be part of this Club and the family of Rotary.

I want to extend my thanks to you all for being a great team, for uniting together and creating a culture of leadership through compassion, action and fun.

My thanks go to my wife Amal for her help and support through the year. It makes things a lot easier when you have a good support team at home base

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President Rob's Changeover Speech

Thanks P.P. Salim and congratulations on an outstanding year at the Kenwick Rotary Club.

Your Directors managed to complete the majority of their projects in spite of the Global Financial Crisis.

You have certainly set me a challenge in following such a successful year.

Good evening fellow Rotarians, Partners and Guests

I am honoured to have been elected President of Kenwick Rotary Club and look forward to a successful year ahead with your help.

Two Wednesdays ago we met to try to set our direction for the next 3 years.

Membership growth was seen as one of our greatest threats.

Membership is the be all end all for all clubs

Public awareness, I believe, is the key to attracting new members.

We should be looking for every opportunity to advertise the fantastic work we do.

I ask my Directors to look at how they can best promote their projects when formulating their program for this year.

Publish or Perish

Accordingly it is my intention to put together a PR committee so that we can capitalise on every event or project we undertake in the Local Community. Any volunteers?

As club members and partners we are our best promoters.

Word of mouth and personal recommendations are very powerful tools

I am a member of Kenwick Rotary Club and proud of it.

I take every opportunity to tell people that I am and talk them about projects that we are undertaking.

They are always impressed with the work we do.

I have had some success with this method and we will inducting a lady into the club hopefully when DG Jodie visits on the 3rd of August.

When I joined this club we had 25 members and it is my goal to regain this number.

Retention of existing members is another major issue.

We need to make being a member of our club as easy as possible.

New members must be made to feel welcomed, valued and informed.

Often we forget that new members don't understand Rotary acronyms and don't have a basic knowledge of our projects and processes.

Mentors should introduce themselves to their protégés and make sure that those issues are addressed.

Regular committee meetings will also ensure that new members gain an understanding of the projects within their group.

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They should also be encouraged to actively participate in or manage some projects.

Our quarterly forums will contain a stoplight style report from all Directors indicating the progress of all their projects.

This will allow all members to see all projects undertaken by KRC and their progress.

Attendance

I have made it a personal goal to achieve 100% attendance this year and I encourage all members to aim for the same result.

100% attendance seems like a daunting task but it is not that difficult.

Board meetings, club outings, most fund raising events and visits to other clubs are considered to be make-ups.

You can even do a make-up on line if you wish.

For those who don't know a make-up is a club meeting attendance equivalent.

Of course nothing beats attending meetings at your own club.

The more people at a meeting the better the meeting.

Steve is compiling an exciting program for the year ahead and Sergeant Nigel Parker will come up with some innovative and taxing ways to apply his fines.

Unfortunately we can't register as an E Club yet but I am sure we can find an alternative method to allow those that cannot attend a meeting to contribute – if they wish.

For example SKYPE could allow those that cannot attend due to work pressures to have our meeting running in the background on their computer.

Maybe we should also investigate other ways of conducting our meetings such as

a Wine and Cheese or Beer and Biscuits or Coffee and Cake nights .

Informal meetings to break any perceived monotony and boost our greatest strength our fellowship..

Health

For us to help our local community we need to be happy and healthy ourselves.

We lost Keith Van der Linden to a disease that he may have survived if it had been detected earlier enough. Bowel Cancer is one of the biggest killers in Australia.

I have asked Joe to take on Bowel Scan as a project this year.

He has also advised me that he intends to run a Mental Health Forum.

I encourage members and partners to participate in these programs.

Steve will also include Speaker on Health subjects in the program.

Recognition

It is strange that as volunteers we happily get involved in activities that we would not do for an income.

Many of our Members and Partners are doing outstanding work for our club and Rotary and most of us are unaware of it.

Accordingly I want to introduce a recognition program so that we can acknowledge teams or individuals for achieving major goals or for outstanding personal effort.

It's OK Mark I am not proposing to spend money on prizes, gifts or certificates just to give verbal recognition at Partner's Nights.

Some months we may have multiple recipients and other months we may have none.

I do not want to cheapen it by recognising people or teams for the sake of it.

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I also want this included as an agenda item at our Board meetings.
So start thinking about nominations.

RYDA

Last Tuesday, in the rain, I attended a RYDA session.

I stayed for 2 x 35 minute presentations and that was enough for me to realise that it is a very worthwhile program to be involved in.

The young speaker in 1 session crashed his car with 4 mates on board and very nearly died.

His connection with the Yr 11 students had to be seen to be believed.

I have asked Sam to include RYDA in his list of projects and Steve has arranged for David Pankhurst Chair of RYDA to visit us on 13th of July.

This should be a very good presentation so I urge you all to attend.

I must add that due to Schools having to plan outings a year ahead this project may end up being run in Peter's Presidency year.

Change

Having attended several District sessions this year I have noticed that the recurrent theme is change.

Not change for changes sake but change to make Rotary more relevant and appealing to attract new members and retain existing members.

Change is nothing to be feared as it opens up opportunities. I have always welcomed change.

If you have any ideas that will make our club more appealing to members, guests and potential members please let me know and I will present them to the board.

Gosnells Fair

Earlier this year our club entered into planning sessions with Gosnells RC to host a Gosnells Community Fair.

Progress has stalled however I have spoken to Jeff Lewis incoming President of Gosnells RC and we have re-confirmed our commitment to make it happen. As with RYDA we may be doing all the work in my Presidency so that the project can come to fruition in Peter's year. This is fine with me because the Club will be a winner in the longer term. This project will lift the profile of both our clubs

Conclusion

In conclusion we can either continue the way we are going, reducing membership, reducing attendance, failing to take opportunities and minor in-fighting or we can move forward and correct these problems that threaten to destroy our club I can't do it by myself.

We do what we do for our own reasons not mine or anyone else's.

All of us want our club to thrive so I urge you help me make this year a growth year for membership, fund raising and fellowship activities.

Are you willing to help?

Thankyou.

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Details hereunder of KRC Committees and Directors 2011/2012

Community Service

Director – Joe Byl

Members – Cheryl Murphy; Geoff Herron; Nigel Parker; Steve Weychan; Paul Kavuma-Labowa.

New Generations

Director – Salim Youssef

Members – Roy Philbin; Andrew Heddle; Sandy Baraiolo

Vocational

Director – Murray Hill

Members – George Harrison; Bob Phipps; Brian Guest; Peter Williams; Neal Edwards

International

Director – Ron Mildenhall

Members – Mark Addison; Marguerite Carruthers Gavin Smyth

Club Service

Director - Peter Williams

Membership

Director – Brain Guest

Secretary Bob Phipps

Treasurer – Mark Addison.

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