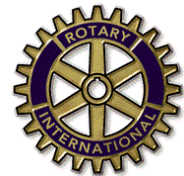




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Charge and Grace

Andrew read the **Charge** and Brian said **Grace**.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Geoff, Nigel, Roy, Sam and Sharron

PE Rob

PE Rob, standing in for Pres Sam, welcomed 11 other KRC Members, plus visiting Kwinana Rotarians, James Sharkey and Ian Critchley and guest speaker, Byford Rotarian Alf Alerson.

Sec Ron

Sec Ron reminded all present that the joint 2010/11 and 2011/12 Board meeting would be held on the 20th June.

Ron also reminded members that the meeting of the 22nd June has been reserved for a discussion on the Club's three year plan.



Please remember to send your apologies for non attendance to
PE Rob
 0429 615 360
 or
potter_r_m@westnet.com.au

Whilst on this subject Ron reminded those members who have not yet submitted their ideas of where the club will be in the next three years, and what they hope the club will accomplish in that time, to submit their ideas as soon as possible.



Sleeping Kits



"June is Rotary Fellowship Month"

Reports

There were no Directors reports, possibly because Committees have completed the activities/projects for this year.

Powerball

Neal advised that last week's winner was number 45, a Club Number.

Neal then reminded all members that it is essential that Power Ball contributions are up to date by end of June, to obtain the benefit of the \$50 discount off the Change-over Dinner cost for each Power Ball number held.

Sergeant

Sgt Joe started by reporting our Partners Committee had only one Entertainment Book left to sell, but this was immediately snapped up – so all sold.

Congratulation Sheila.

Fines included - Rob forgetting he was in the Chair tonight and losing his mobile phone; Neal for shortchanging members at Registration, and Essendon's loss spoiling Joe's otherwise perfect tipping contest result; Mark being late.

Box Buyers - Steve on Brian for piking out on early morning swims; Neal on all those of European descent with some thing to do with the "Ecoli" in Europe – I think!; Ron on Mark for thinking New Zealand is an Australian State when using only a sixty cent stamp.



East Timor

Abyly introduced by Joe, was Alf Alerson, a member of the Byford Club.

Alf is involved with projects in East Timor, mainly in supplying water to outlying mountain villages, one project of which is now being funded by the RC Kwinana, hence our two Kwinana visitors.

Alf began by showing a five minute video of East Timor and the projects and people he has been involved with. Alf pointed out that East Timor is only 400 kilometers from Darwin.

However he then advised that he was not going to speak on those projects, but on the history of East Timor, and how the Australian People have "let down" the East Timorese people.

Due to his recent association with East Timor Alf has become very aware of their history, and the sad, unusual and embarrassing involvement Australia has with that history.

Originally "settled" by the Portuguese in the 1550's, Timor remained as a Portuguese Colony without much outside contact/influence until World War Two. Australia became "involved" in 1941 when the Japanese invaded south East Asia, and stationed 1,200 troops on Timor. Five weeks prior to this Australia had sent 260 soldiers to Timor to train for jungle warfare, and these troops retreated to the mountains where they carried out guerilla warfare against the Japanese for eighteen months. They were assisted by the Timorese people, who had provided "Credos" to help the Australian troops. The "Credos" were something similar

to the New Guinea “Fuzzy Wuzzy’s”, and provided the Australian troops with shelter, food and assistance in their forays against the Japanese. They were so successful that over 1,500 Japanese soldiers were killed and the Japanese eventually stationed 20,000 troops on the island; troops that could have been used in the other Pacific WW2 battles.

In 1943 the Australian Government withdrew their troops, so they could use their experience and knowledge in the other Pacific campaigns, leaving their Credos behind, but promising to come back.

This they never did. Meantime the Japanese took revenge on the Timorese people, killing over 40,000 of their people, for their support and assistance to the Australian soldiers. In addition Australian Bomber aircraft killed many more Timorese in their bombing raids on the Japanese occupation forces.

After the war ended the Portuguese returned to the Island until 1974 when they withdrew. The East Timorese declared their independence in 1975, but later that year were invaded by the Indonesian Government, who took over the country.

During their 25 year occupation a strong resistance movement sought self Government for their portion of the Island, with several East Timorese in Exile, including the present President and Prime Minister, travelling the world seeking assistance for their people,. During that time the Indonesians killed over 60,000 East Timorese.

In 1992 President Bill Clinton initiated procedures that saw Indonesia agree to leave the

country. The United Nations established a peace force to oversee the running of the country, allowing a referendum to be held to determine if self government should be initiated. In 1999 over 92% of the population voted for East Timor becoming a separate sovereign nation. The sovereign state of Timor-L’este was declared a country in 2002.

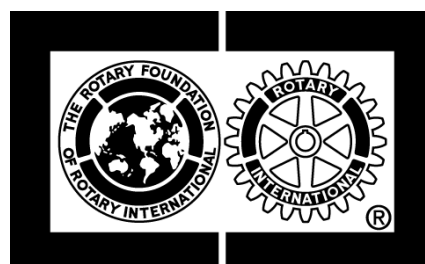
Timor is a country without a lot of money, although some income from their oil and gas supplies is now coming through, very little infrastructure, and not a lot of experience. There are very few people over 50 yo. Their biggest problem is lack of water, whilst there are still tribal differences causing delays to the country’s progress.

Their present biggest international supporter is China, whilst the Australian Government provides military and policing support.

I suspect Alf’s reason for deciding to provide assistance to the East Timorese people is because he feels that the Australian people let them down so badly in 1943, and this in some way helps to offset that occurrence.

Joe thanked Alf for his summary of Timorese history, and presented him with the usual KRC mug.

I wish to pass my thanks to Andrew for his fine summary of the Meeting. You will see that I have taken the best option and more or less cut and pasted Andrews words into this Bulletin. Ed.



Chocolate Wheel Roster

Saturday June 25
Andrew, Brian, Joe, Ken,
Peter, Wendy

Saturday July 9
Bob, George, Neal, Paul,
Sam, Geoff

Saturday July 23
Cheryl, Murray, Ron,
Sandy, Sharron



Program

June 15
Judy Saunders
Glaucoma Australia
6.30 for 7.00pm

June 22
Club's three year plan
6.30 for 7.00pm

Attendance

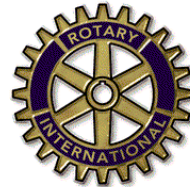
Members	22
Present	12
Apologies	5
Percentage	59.06%



Club Duties

June 15

Chair	Gavin
Host	Cheryl
Property	Mark & Bob
Attendance	Murray



Rotary 4 way test



After Thought

Great occasions
do not
make heroes
or
cowards;
they simply
unveil them
to the eyes
of others.

Silently and imperceptibly
as we wake
or sleep,
we grow
strong or weak;
and at last
some crisis shows
what we have become.

Brook Foss Westcott