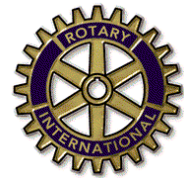




## Club Bulletin



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### Charge and Grace

Nigel recited the **Charge** and Rob said **Grace**.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Cheryl, George, Joe, John, Keith, Mark, Mo, Roy, Sharron and Steve.

### Pres Sam

PE Rob had the honour of introducing Pres Sam who then made everyone welcome before mentioning that he had received a letter of thanks from the Western Australian Assistance Dogs expressing their pleasure in speaking at our last meeting.

Pres Sam advised that Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the RC of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13. Tanaka will become the president-nominee on 1st October if there are no challenging candidates.

Also, Sam mentioned that RI Pres Ray Klingensmith will be



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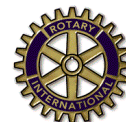
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in Perth speaking at the SPYC on 2nd December 2010.

### PE Rob

PE Rob mentioned the apologies received and reminded Rotarians of the DG visit on 1st September. Rob called on members to keep in mind that our meeting commences 6.30pm sharp with fellowship from 6.00 to 6.30pm.



**"August is Membership and Extension Month"**

### Secretary Ron

Ron remarked about a recent polio eradication article in the local Examiner publication before raising the possibility of the Club providing an 'Aquabox' to Pakistan for humanitarian relief after their worst floods in 80 years that has affected more than 13 million people. The members voted in favour of immediately providing the necessary funds for an Aquabox. Ron then went on to outline the work required to ensure a successful Quiz night on 8th October 2010 and called on volunteers after handing out a Quiz Night check list to all members.

### New Generations - Andrew

Andrew advised that Craig McNamara is our nominee for RYPEN then went on to say we have sponsored two children from Beckenham Primary School to go to their school camp. Also we need two volunteers to sell Raffle tickets at Carousel between the hours of 11 - 1 and 1 - 3 on Saturday 28th August.

### Vocational - Bob

Bob reminded Rotarians that we will be holding presentation of the Pride of Workmanship Awards on 3 November. Rotarians are reminded to collect application forms from Bob for distribution to the business community. Bob asked us to keep our diaries open for the District Conference "THE JOURNEY CONTINUES" which involves both Districts at Burswood on 25-27 March 2011. Bob reiterated that each Rotarian still needs to get on with selling their Raffle tickets. The Club stands to make 50% of the total received.

### International - Neal

Neal confirmed the International Committee will provided the funds for the Aquabox from it contingency budget allowance and went on to ask that stamped envelopes now be passed to P E Rob who will coordinate the collections.

Neal asked Rotarians to note that the Board has set the annual membership fee at \$260 for the 2010- 11 Rotary year. *The fee is now due and payable.* If desired it may be paid in two amounts - \$130 now and \$130 in January 2011.

### Powerball

Neal was exuberant in his announcement that the winning Powerball number belongs to the Club.

### Membership—Brian

Brian announced that John and Mo are about to become members the RC of Kenwick having now signed the necessary documentation A very warm welcome to both gentleman.

Brian also mentioned Bryan Woods was delighted to donate a supply of combs and brushes to the Club.

### Sergeant

In the absence of Sgt Joe, PE Rob enthusiastically took to the role with a cost penalty to all members over 30yo, all the supporters of teams above Eagles on ladder, those who did not pickup Bulletin error, Geoff for admitting making error on purpose to see who reads Bulletin, all for cost of running election, Sam for providing a number of election vote counters, Peter and Marguerite being late.

## Program

### August 25

Lynette Sneddon  
Thornlie Primary School  
Intensive Centre for English

A Partners Committee cheque presentation will be made and partners, as always, are most welcome to attend.

## Attendance

Rotarians	12
Apologies	10

## Chocolate Wheel Roster

### Saturday September 4

Ron, Cheryl, Murray, Roy

### Saturday September 18

Wendy, Brian, Ken, Peter,  
Andrew, Joe

### Saturday October 2

Bob, Geoff, George, Neal, Sam

## Club Duties

### August 25

Attendance	Murray
Host	Cheryl
Chair	Andrew
Property	Bob

## Celebrations

### Birthday

August 31 Kay Phipps

### Club Anniversary

August 29 Ron Mildenhall

## Brian Guest - Life & Times

Pres Sam clearly took some pleasure in introducing our very own PDG and long time member Brian Guest and inviting him to tell us of his 'life & times'.

Brian began with his birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1951. Brian was the youngest of four children to parents Gertrude and Frank Guest. Sadly both parents have now passed as has one of his siblings. Brian had a very happy childhood with some of his earliest memories at about 3 years old. The family had lived in Dublin, where his dad was a motor mechanic and a member of the Masonic Lodge, and later they moved from the big city.

Brian started work as a 15 year old costing clerk with British Leyland before going on to complete an auto electrician apprenticeship after which he began the first of a series of business ventures. This included auto electrical then later an auto parts business before selling up to become a publican.

Brian and his family holidayed in Australia before moving permanently to Perth. Initially Brian became a salesman with Melville Motors, where he met Steve Weychan, and then on to become the top salesman with Tandy before becoming a store manager. Tandy was jettisoned after a poor senior management decision over a trivial expense payment and Brian took a senior role with the Blarney Castle Theatre Restaurant which included a hospitality industry teaching appointment. A glass engraving business followed which was later sold before moving into retail and wholesale of baby clothing products. This business remained with the family whilst Brian took a senior role with a company operated by former Kenwick Rotarian and

PDG Arthur Baker. Brian later returned to the family wholesale business, now Guest Distributors, specialising in baby and children products. He also owns a small specialist chemical supply business.

Brian met Marie when he was 15 years old and later married in 1971, has five children and presently four grandchildren. Brian became a Rotarian on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1989 and worked in many Club and District roles before becoming 9470 District Governor in 2000 – 01.

Brian's life and times was most entertaining, sprinkled with anecdotes and humorous events during his life. Regrettably your scribe became a bit too attentive at times and forgot to note many of the interesting remarks Brian made.

Pres Sam thanked Brian for his great presentation.

#### **Why I am thankful to be a Rotarian.**

*By Past RI President Frank Devlyn*

I would like to share some thoughts on why I am thankful to be a Rotarian.

- I am thankful for the many good works of The Rotary Foundation that each and every day changes lives around the world.
- I am thankful for and proud of Rotary's extraordinary effort to eradicate polio worldwide and know that we will soon see the end to this crippling disease.
- I am thankful for the countless water projects that are being completed. Water is the source of life and bringing clean water to every corner of the globe will do more to eradicate hunger, disease, and death than anything else.
- I am thankful that in spite of the world economic crisis, Rotarians continue to support

the Rotary Foundation and its programs with their time, their talent, and their treasure.

- I am thankful that we understand the importance of bringing literacy to every child in order that they may not just survive but thrive and have a real chance at a life worth living.
- I am thankful for the many Rotarians who respond at a moments notice to help those who have been impacted by disasters. They are on the front lines and their actions save countless lives.
- I am thankful for our Ambassadorial Scholars and Peace Scholars who are helping to change the world and bring about peace. Their contributions to humanity and the peace building process are immeasurable.
- I am thankful for the countless young professionals who participate in our Group Study Exchange program and help build relationships between countries of different cultures. They, too, are peace builders.
- I'm thankful for the tens of thousands of Rotary volunteers who work tirelessly on projects to make this a better world for everyone. They, too, are peace builders.

There is much more I am thankful for but most of all I am thankful for the fellowship and many friendships that I have made because of Rotary

#### **After Thought**

**R**eflect upon  
 your present blessings -  
 of which every person has many  
 - not on  
 your past misfortunes  
 of which everyone  
 has some.

*Charles Dickens*