Agenda

Change Over Dinner Meeting 25th June 2013
6.30 Call to Order: Sergeant: Matt. Dixon
“Rotarians and guests welcome to tonight’s changeover dinner meeting of the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West.”

Grace:
“Grace will be said by Rotarian ........ PP Cyril Blackmore

Toast:
“The toast will be proposed by ........ Jenna Rowley

Introduction: Sergeant: Matt. Dixon
“Rotarians and guests it is my pleasure to introduce the President of the Club - Chris Taylor”

6.35 Welcome: President: Chris
“Good evening, the Honourable member for Mount Gambier Don Pegler and his wife Anne, Mayor of the District Council of Grant, Mr. Richard Sage, District Governor Elect, Mr. Ken Mclnerney, Rotarians and their partners and special guests (Response)”
Welcome to meeting # 2251 of the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West”

Visiting Rotarians: refer guest list President: Chris
Rotarians with Guests: refer guest list President: Chris
Club Guests: refer guest list President: Chris


6.45 Toast to guests & Absent friends President: Chris
"Rotarians! - Please join me in a toast to our visitors and guests"

6.45 Toast to Rotary International PP Bob Chapman

6.50 Presentation of donation to Generation in Jazz President: Chris
Presentation of Sponsorship to Luke Andresen
Towards USA Scholarship President: Chris
Presentation PHF – Karyn Roberts President: Chris
Presentation: PHF – Dale Cleves President: Chris

Soup

7.05 Announcements:

7.15 100% Attendance 2012/2013: Chris Klassens
- Barrie Whennan
- Chris Taylor
- Bob Furner
7.20 Luke Andresen and Laura – Two songs

Main Course

7.55 Sergeant Session: Sergeant: Matthew Dixon

8.05 Fellowship:

Coffee & Sweets

8.30 Presidents Report: President: Chris

8.40 Induction of Incoming President Lisa Rowley President: Chris

8.50 New Presidents Address: President: Lisa Rowley

9.05 Introduction of new Board 2013/2014 President: Lisa
   Past President Chris Taylor
   President Elect David Burt
   Vice President Brian Shanahan
   Secretary Bob Furner
   Treasurer Peter Braithwaite
   Director Community Ray Herbert
   Director Youth Max Dalrymple
   Director International Ian Sanderson
   Director Vocational Frank Monger
   Director Fellowship Brian Shanahan

9.10 Raffle Draw:
9.15 Notices & Thanks: President: Lisa

I wish to thank everyone for coming along to this evenings meeting. It is really lovely to see so many people who obviously care about Rotary and/or care for a Rotarian. Thank you all for taking the time to be engaged in Rotary this evening. If tonight was your first engagement, I trust that it has been a pleasant experience and I welcome you to come back very soon. In fact many of us will be here again next Tuesday at 6.00 for 6.30pm, come join us.

Particular thanks are warranted for those that have travelled some distance to be with us this evening:
• District Governor Elect Ken McInerney from the RC of Bordertown,
• President Elect Sue Kilsby & Don from the RC of Casterton
• President Elect Edwin Hann & Ros from the RC of Millicent, and
• My mother-in-law Beverley Rowley, who travelled from Adelaide yesterday just to be here for me this evening, Thanks Mum.

A special thank you to Aunty Kylie, for her help in setting the scene to make this a Magical Rotary night.

As is always deserving, I thank the owners and staff of the Commodore on the Park, for accommodating our weekly meetings and the extra attention to detail they provide for our special meetings like this evening.

I wish to remind all members of the RC of Mt Gambier West, that next Tuesday’s meeting will be Committee Meetings, I look forward to all members taking this opportunity to Engage Rotary and Change Lives.
Luke Andresen Presentation
After attending a jazz camp in Sydney, talented musician Luke Andresen is here tonight having successfully being one of 18 people chosen from 110 to play drums for the Jazz Big Band Touring America.
This will enable Luke to attend workshops with well established musicians, record a CD and gig from New York to New Orleans. Luke just loves playing and would love to become a professional musician after he finishes university. Luke is a local lad who was also a member of the GIJ Academy in 2012. He has one catch to achieving this goal – raising $10,000. Whilst we understand that Luke has already obtained great local support already he has still got some way to go. It is therefore with great pleasure that our Club is providing financial support of $1,000 to help Luke achieve his goals.
I call Luke to the podium to accept his cheque.
Our club wishes you every success in your future endeavors Luke and looks forward to you playing a couple of tunes later in the evening.

Paul Harris Fellow Presentation
Paul Harris Fellow
The Paul Harris Fellow is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. Each award represents donations of US$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund, Polio Plus, or the Humanitarian Grants Program. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate and a pin.
For some years our Club has nominated Rotarians, family, spouses, and colleagues who make so many valuable contributions to our community.
Our club has been associated with the GIJ for some years now. As mentioned earlier this annual event puts Mount Gambier on the map and is a world-wide recognised jazz event attracting such artists as James Morrison, Daryl Somers and Gordon Goodwin’s Big Phat Band.
On a personal note, I have also been impressed by the entrepreneurial leadership that initially thought of starting an Academy at Tenison Woods College. The best young students coming from all around Australia to study in Mount Gambier! I have been impressed by the networking and support within the music industry which is afforded to both Dale Cleves and Karyn Roberts due to a deep respect for what they have achieved with GIJ.
Dale is the visionary with the music industry connections to the determination to make it happen and Karyn the administrator, the ship steadier to make sure everything goes to plan. What a team amongst many other fine contributors. It was no accident that the GIJ event in 2013 attracted over 3,000 participants and some 161 stage bands and ensembles from throughout Australia. It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication.
I therefore call both Dale Cleves and Karyn Roberts forward to each accept a PHF commemorative certificate and a pin in recognition of individual and team achievements over many years and key instigators and leaders of GIJ.
Dale and Karyn, each of your certificates states that you have been named a Paul Harris Fellow, “in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance of our community and between peoples of the world”. We urge you to wear the PHF pin to all Rotary events, as a symbol of your appreciation for and the support of the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Generation in Jazz Presentation
In the words of Patron Daryl Somers, Generations is so unique in the world, every time I paint a picture of it for people, their first comment is “At Mount Gambier????” Yes, Mount Gambier!
You might expect to find 108 big bands and vocal ensembles in a major city competition in the USA, but in a small city in South Australia it’s extraordinary. How do you feed over 2000 kids breakfast, lunch and dinner? Where do they sleep?

Well it all happens through the positive community spirit of the people of the ‘Mount’ and the result for those involved is a magical musical weekend.

Our club has been honoured to participate with GIJ. It is professionally managed in all respects and of course the entertainment and opportunities afforded to young musicians is first class. It is with great pleasure that I ask the Treasurer for GIJ, Mr. John Barratt to come forward so I can present GIJ with a cheque for $750 which was raised from our catering at the event.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am proud to have served as President of the Rotary Club of Mount West for the 2012-2013 year.

This is a position where initially I felt out of my comfort zone but I believe I have grown during the year with the support of the club members. Our successes have far outweighed the disappointments and I feel that the club is definitely moving in the right direction. It is exciting that our younger members are taking on these challenges on our Board and as future Presidents.

Obviously the first objective was the sale of our house which was achieved early in my term and with a good result. This has given the club a sound financial footing moving forward. Our function at the Main Corner to celebrate the sale and contributions of our members, partners and the greater community, was a great night and a good promotion for Rotary and our club. It was also a great opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of Lambert Verhoeven, PP Morven Hutchesson and PP Ary Vanden Hurk, by presenting them with a Presidential Excellence Award.

My hope for a growth in membership was almost achieved – sustaining our membership numbers. We welcomed Chris Sheldon whilst sadly accepting the resignation of Grant Pearce due to other community commitments. Sadly however our “Before Work” Program has failed to make the impact we had hoped for but this is not for the want of trying from Rotarian Karen Leslie whose commitment to this format was exceptional.

My big hope was for Rotarians to enjoy being Rotarians and to enjoy each other’s company. The variety of club meetings has been exceptional and I thank the efforts of our Program Director, Greg Appleyard and Vocational Director, Frank Monger for arranging many of these meetings. The monthly Friday social nights introduced recently have also been an outstanding success thanks to the efforts of our Fellowship Director, Brian Shanahan and his team. The Pizza Night at PP Bill and Lynn Degaris’ home on a balmy April night was extremely well attended – and how about those Pizza’s!
With a focus on families, PE Lisa Rowley initiated our first Children’s Xmas Party at the Valley Lakes. It was a great opportunity for Rotarians to be present with their children or grandchildren.

It is always a pleasure to have Rotarian Joe Baptiste visit us monthly from the Warrnambool East Club. It was extra special that he gave us a talk on his time in India.

Another exceptional evening was our “Pride of Workmanship” presentation, with special guest speaker Ernie Sigley. There was a full house with seven very grateful recipients of Awards that focused on the media and entertainment. This was impeccably coordinated and hosted by PP Don Dyson. A showcase for Rotary!

We have also enjoyed joint meetings with our fellow Mount Gambier clubs including DG Helen Trigg’s visit, Susan Carew the Peace Clown, and the annual Sports Challenge where our club won back the title at the Gun Club. The Group 1 annual joint meeting at Strathdownie was well attended by our members although overall attendance was down.

I also felt it was important to acknowledge the significance of our more senior members who have developed a tremendous club culture. One of the highlights of the year for me and a great initiative from the Vocational Committee was listening to these members talking about their lives. It was also very special to have PP Peter Drake come from afar to attend two meetings this year and also to have a meeting at Basil Mewitt’s home. Significantly, DG Helen Trigg officially opened the cubby house (which was produced by our Kennel Club members) at the Mount Gambier Children’s Centre.

We had 11 members and most of their partners attend the District Conference at Ocean Grove – a great result considering the distance. This would not have been achieved without the continued promotion of the Conference by PP Max Dalrymple. The Conference and company was brilliant and I encourage as many members to participate in this coming year’s Conference at Bordertown. It truly is a great Rotary experience!

We continue to be a very busy club supporting, maintaining and coordinating many excellent community projects such as Careers Expo, Party in the Park, Generations in Jazz, New Year’s Eve Celebrations, the Dictionary & Books for Babies programs, the Trailer Raffle, Bowell Scan Program, Junction Garden and our numerous catering activities including the Show and the Lucindale Field Day. These activities provide us with a great opportunity to get together and raise funds for the community and Rotary projects while providing a service to the community at the same time. I must acknowledge the significant contributions respectively of Frank Monger, PP Barry Whennan, PP Neville Gilbertson, Kevin Scott, Judith Whitehead, PP Peter Braithwaite, Matthew Dixon and Adrian Jameson for coordinating these activities.

A decision was made during the year to continue using both catering vans and reform the Catering Committee to provide future direction. Housing of the vans is currently being reviewed.
Foundation was supported by a Dutch Auction meeting at Tenison Woods College with supreme Auctioneer PP Bill Degaris managing to extract significant funds from our members for World Polio Day. We also conducted the annual Film Night and Pie Drive. Thank you to Michael Hillstone for coordinating these activities and providing a focus on Rotary Foundation.

Our Rotary Youth Exchange student, Kirra McDonald returned home from Switzerland in January and by all accounts this was an exceptional year of experiences, growth and making life time friendships. Disappointingly from my perspective we do not have enough hosts to support an inbound student at this time, but we are hopeful that this may change in the coming years. The mini Safari for inbound RYE students was well supported by our club.

Our club, through the New Generations committee continues to support excellent programs such as RYLA, RYPEN and NYSF in addition to some individual sponsorship’s for very talented young adults.

At a district level our club is very well represented by AG Ray Herbert (Group 1), AG Libby Furner (Membership) and PP Barry Clarke (Chairman RYLA). Rotary is very fortunate to have such committed Rotarians.

Thank you to Matthew Dixon for being Sergeant again this year and to VP David Burt and Adrian Jameson for covering when needed. Also to PP Barrie Whennan in his role as Club Almoner and for the thankless task of setting up the club regalia for our meetings, as well as keeping us up to date with our absent friends.

Conratulation also goes to PDG Bob Furner in his role as President for Shelter Box Australia. What a commitment he has given to Rotary in conjunction with his Bulletin and Club Secretary duties. I have certainly appreciated your support Bob and your Rotary knowledge that has been provided to me throughout the year.

Again I would like to thank all the members and their partner’s for their contributions throughout the year. In particular, I thank the Board members for their support to me personally and the hard work that they have directed to their committees.

Finally, PE Lisa I thank you for your efforts as Treasurer whilst also undertaking President Elect duties. Having been in a similar position last year, I know this has been hard to juggle and I appreciate your additional unplanned commitment. I know that Lisa Rowley will be an exceptional President, and I wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Chris Taylor
President (2012-2013)
Immediate Past President Chris
- thank you for leadership and guidance
- left the club in a happy and healthy state
- accept Pin and Certificate small token of appreciation

Karen Taylor – thank you supporting Chris as President

At PETS – RI Theme for 2013-14
- RI President Ron Burton
- Engage Rotary Change Lives

Past Rotary International Director Stuart Heal
- He is passionate about change in Rotary
  - No meals
  - Participation not attendance
  - Meetings of an hour or less
  - Clubs that do business only on line
- No Rotary Police
- Joked - Engage Lives Change Rotary
- All except our core values
  - Service
  - Fellowship
  - Diversity
  - Integrity, and
  - Leadership

Whilst I was excited about having a rotary year of change
- Engage Rotary - Change Lives
- Engage Lives – Change Rotary
- More excited by words of
- Past Rotary International Vice-President Tom Thorfinnson
- The Magic of Rotary

Who isn’t intrigued by Magic
- Oxford Dictionary definition - The power of influencing events by using mysterious or supernatural forces

Every one of us here, possibly as a child, may recall
- Pretending to be a magician, making things disappear
- Wishing they were a princess with a magic wand
- Perhaps you danced around like a fairy sprinkling fairy dust
- Wishing the world was like a fairy-tale always ending with …….and they all lived happily ever after

In 1988 – 350,000 cases of polio mainly young children
- worldwide in 125 countries
- Many were wishing for a magical cure
- Polio eradication priority to Rotarians since 1985
• PP Bob Chapman $355 million from Bill & Melinda Gates
• With combined efforts from
  • From Rotarians
  • Government, and other
  • Partnerships, including Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
• Today there are fewer than 250 cases
• India declared polio free in 2012
• Polio remains endemic in only 3 countries
  • Afghanistan
  • Nigeria, and
  • Pakistan
• **This is The Magic of Rotary**

• Just as important are the personal stories:

• Read from the Purple book – Story by Past Rotary International Vice-President Tom Thorfinnson – about his fathers funeral, all 80 plus members attended, no surprise – That’s **The Magic of Rotary**

• I invite you to record in your own time
  • even just 1 of your Magical Rotary Moments
  • With the years of service in this room
  • We could easily fill a library

• Those non Rotarians amongst us
  • STOP looking confused and thinking of doodling in their book
  • as one day you will need to write down

• Read from the Pink book – in years to come, they will learn that Polio was eradicated and then they would understand **The Magic of Rotary**

• I invite you all to join me for the next 12 months as we
  • Engage Rotary, and Change Lives
  • But more importantly
  • Let us have a great time
  • Waving our fairy wands
  • Sprinkling fairy dust
  • And living the Magic of Rotary

• I will now introduce you to the Board that will assist with this fun year ahead.

  The Evil Queen President Lisa Rowley
  Merlin the Magician Past President Chris Taylor
  The Good Fairy – To follow President Elect David Burt
  The Court Jester Vice President & Fellow Brian Shanahan
  The Magic Mirror - Truth Secretary Bob Furner
  Rupenstiltskin –Straw/Gold Treasurer Peter Braithwaite
  Pied Piper – Lead Children Director Youth Max Dalrymple
  Captain Hook – Ship to Neverland Director International Ian Sanderson
  Doc – 7 dwarfs – Hi Ho to work Director Vocational Frank Monger
  Robin Hood – Rich to Poor Director Community Ray Herbert
  Knights in Shining Armour Sergeants Arthur Birks
  Bob Chapman
  Jim Galpin
  Barrie Whennan