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Mark Maloney

District Governor 9675

Di North OAM



President

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ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY INC.



Chartered — 16th November 1961 Incorporated — 25th June 1991

Meetings are held at the Marana room, Blacktown Worker's Club,

Campbell street Blacktown; Tuesday nights 6.00 for 6.30 Dinner

This week's duties 8th October 2019

Meet and greet	Dinner fees	Grace and loyal toast	International club recognition	Program chair	Note taker
Scotty McNally	Liz Amper	Gary Raymond	Spiro Constantinou	Mel Gray	Paul Reid

Upcoming duty Roster

	15th October	22nd October	29th October	5th November
Liz Amper				
Dinner Fees	Nanette Belista	Paul Reid	Liz Amper	Keith Waller
Grace/Loyal toast	Liz Amper	Roma Price	Keith Waller	Mannie Stalker
International Club Recognition	Joan Idugboe	Nanette Belista	Gary Raymond	Ray Stanwell
Program Chair				
Note taker	Ken Fairfax	Geetha ERUVATT	Spiro Constantinou	Marideth Laquian

What's on Tonight

Rafaele Joudry how to wake up your Ear and Brain Vitality with Sound therapy.

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all good,
We thank thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve thee all our days.

"Apologies and or guests' names'
are required by mid-day MONDAY.

Text or (if unable to text) Phone Pam Carne

0414764604



*Yeah Tony is back
from holidays*



Birthday's and Anniversaries

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Date joined our Club - Roma A Price 30th

Birthdays - M F Scotty McInally 12th, Bob S Smith 14th, Nanette Belista 27th

Partners Birthdays - Joseph Laquian, Noelene Kelly

Wedding Anniversary's - Dick White OAM & Robyn 20TH,

Information for members

APOLOGIES & OR GUESTS NAMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED BY MID DAY MONDAY.

PLEASE TEXT OR PHONE PAM ON 0414 764 604 IF YOU HAVE A GUEST OR CAN'T ATTEND.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ON THE DUTY ROSTER TO ASSIST FOR THE NIGHT & ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING COULD YOU PLEASE ASK ANOTHER MEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE FOR THAT NIGHT.

Forbes trip

2nd - 3rd November

We are going to Forbes again to spread some good will , spend some money in town and give out some more of our essential filled shoe boxes. Forbes has been hit very hard by the worst drought in years and we hope we can help support the area with our visit by Staying, spending , giving and club support over the weekend. Please read President Mel's report on the conditions in Forbes on Page 6.



Sunday 13th October
Annual Pet Festival Blacktown.
Blacktown Show ground
Please Let Rob Smith know that
you can help out on the day.

National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil; our home is girt by sea;
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
 In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair.
 In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.

Closest Make up clubs

Mt. Druitt Wednesday 6.15 for 6.45pm
 Rooty Hill RSL
 St. Mary's Tuesday 6.30pm
 St. Mary's RSL, Ex Servicemen's club
 Holroyd Monday 6.00 for 6.30pm

The 4-WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all

Variety Night payment arrangements

If you still need to make Payments for the Variety night they can be made via Direct debit

BSB Number 112-879 Account Number **137301859**

use Varietynight & Name as a reference.

Editorial and meeting thanks

This week's Bungarribee ably assisted by Keith and Tony as photographer, and Keith as editor

Thank you to Dick White for the interesting Hero's story



Up Coming Events and Programs

Date	Speaker	Topic
8th October	Rafaele Joudry	how to wake up your Ear and Brain Vitality with Sound therapy.
13 October	Annual Pet Festival Blacktown Please Let Rob Smith know that you can help out on the day.	
19th October	Fairwater BBQ	
31st October	Citizenship ceremony Blacktown Council (Confirm with David Bamford if you can assist)	
2nd-3rd November	Forbes trip	
23rd November	Anitia Coby Fundraising Dinner \$85pp Table of 6 bookings through stickytickets.com.au	
27th November	Seniors Luncheon (setup on 26th)	
7th December	BBQ at Altrove (Schofields)	
8th December	BBQ at Elara (Marsden Park)	
1st -24th Dec	Christmas Gift Wrapping	

Information for our newer Members

Paul Harris history

After setting up his law practice in Chicago, Paul Harris gathered several business associates to discuss the idea of forming an organization for local professionals. On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. "I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it." In February 1907, Harris was elected the third president of the Rotary Club of Chicago, a position he held until the fall of 1908. Toward the end of his club presidency, Harris worked to expand Rotary beyond Chicago. Some club members resisted, not wanting to take on the additional financial burden. But Harris persisted and by 1910 Rotary had expanded to several other major U.S. cities. Paul Harris died on 27 January 1947 in Chicago at age 78 after a prolonged illness. His death prompted an outpouring of contributions from around the world and his name continues to evoke the passion and support of Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

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Rafaele Joudry
AUTHOR, KEYNOTE PRESENTER,
"Founder of Sound Therapy"

Latest On Polio Immunization

You all may have heard but this news is so important it needs to be repeated. Nigeria has an extremely large population part of which much is Islam in faith and it is located in Africa.

It's been three years since health officials last reported a case of polio caused by the wild poliovirus in Nigeria. The milestone, reached on 21 August, means that it's possible for the entire World Health Organization (WHO) African region to be certified wild poliovirus-free next year.

Nigeria's success is the result of several sustained efforts, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of thousands of health workers, and strategies to immunize children who previously couldn't be reached because of a lack of security in the country's northern states.

"Rotary, its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, and the Nigerian government have strengthened immunization and disease detection systems," says Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. He adds: "We are now reaching more children than ever in some of the hardest-to-reach places in Nigeria." McGovern says Rotary members in Nigeria play an important role in ridding the country of the disease."

Nigeria is the last country in Africa where polio is endemic. Once Africa is certified as free of the wild poliovirus, five of the WHO's six regions will be free of wild polio. Polio remains endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which means transmission of the virus there has never been stopped. In Nigeria, it appears, it has been stopped.

Bob Shoemaker, Anderson,

District Governor's Polio Day Train Ride.

DG Di will be doing a Polio train ride Thursday 24th October 2019 from Cronulla and will travel all 195 stops. Di would like to see some of the Blacktown Rotary club members at Blacktown Railway station at 11:47am



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President Mel's report on the drought effect.

From May this year to now

More than 18 months into the worst drought in living memory, for lease signs hang in far too many shopfronts in Forbes.

Shopkeepers are fighting for their futures in the central west NSW town, where agriculture is the largest local industry.

But the much-needed income from local farming families has dried up.

A survey of the region by the NSW Business Chamber found about 45 per cent of businesses were struggling with falling profits and about a third reported cutting staff.

A few shops down, president of the Forbes Business Chamber Marg Duggan, who owns Undercover Sleepwear and Lingerie, said the town was trying hard to bring in more visitors.

"Last Christmas the farmers' wives came in and spent about 25 to 30 per cent of what they normally would, which is a huge hit for the businesses," she said.

"We're trying to innovate and be creative because you can't just keep going as you are or we will lose everything."

Forbes Shire Council mayor Phyllis Miller said the drought was a "shock and a disaster" for the town.

"In 2016 we flooded and then we went straight into a drought so farmers had just reinvested after losing everything in the flood and now they're losing again," she said.

Under the worst-case scenario, the Lachlan River, which runs through the state's central west, is projected to run dry by March 2020, leaving the towns of Forbes, Cowra and Parkes without water supply.

The river is the fourth-longest in Australia and annually receives an average of 1,212GL of water but in the last year recorded inflows of just 107GL.





Photos from Variety Night



Would love to be a fly on the wall at
your next Dr's appointment Mel

The Variety Night.



I wanted to say a sincere thank you to each and every one as a club member for your support and assistance in so many ways for our Variety and Fundraiser evening. A lot of time and effort goes into both putting together and then putting on something like this which couldn't have gone ahead without support. There were a couple of bloopers through the night and a mix up with the raffles, all of which I'll take the blame for and as would be expected pay fines for in coming weeks. To see so many people turn up fill the ballroom and I'm sure assist in some way financially throughout the night was heart-warming.

To those of you that supplied items for both the raffles and silent auction, I am indebted to you for your generosity.

I don't have any figures as yet regarding the night, however as soon as I do I will let you know straight away.

Judging by the comments made to me from visitors on the night, including members from other clubs, from District, from friends and relatives including mine and others and the Workers Board, you all as a Club should feel proud of the way we put ourselves on display and showed just what Blacktown City Rotary Club can achieve.

As an aside, myself and my ankle and leg are back to talking to one another, although my leg did look like it needed to go on a diet if you know what I mean.

Great night.

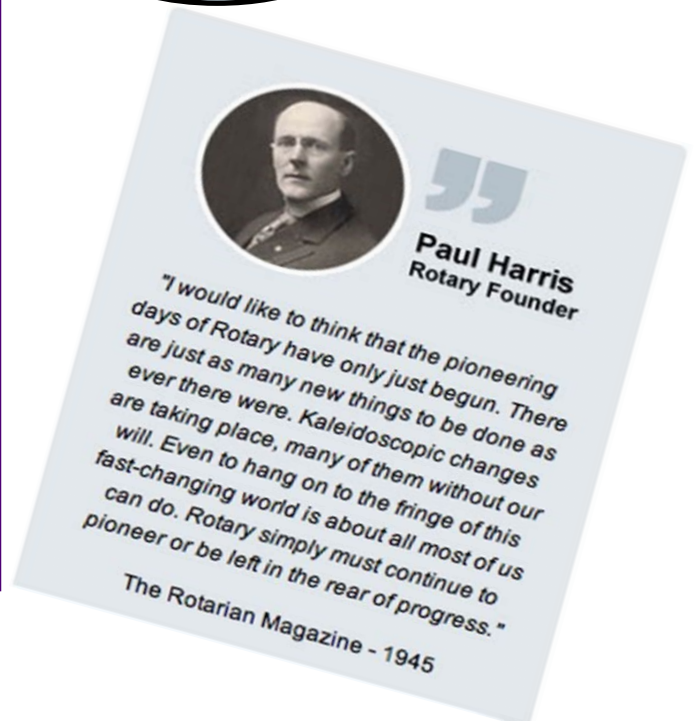
Gary

**Super organized gala dinner. Good
voice Pres. Mel**

**So proud of you President Mel with the
successful fundraising night and to all the
supporters and the whole Rotary Club
officers and members. Great job everyone.**



Photo of the
month



Heroes

There is more than one kind of hero. Some heroes find themselves in a heroic situation and their action on that moment's notice make them heroes. Another kind of hero voluntarily puts themselves in a situation that they know will be hazardous and they act. A few days ago, I learned of the death of Joachim H. Ronneberg a national hero of Norway and, in fact, a hero of all the allies of World War Two. Joachim was the latter sort of hero. He volunteered to put himself in an extremely hazardous situation. I came to know Joachim by chance at the International Assembly of incoming Rotary district governors in 1971 where we and our wives spent an afternoon together. Joachim lived in a town on the west coast of Norway in 1940 when the Nazi's invaded and occupied his country. He was about my age, so I could empathize with him. Empathize, but not really understand. He and some others boarded a fishing boat and under the threat of immediate death, if caught, sailed toward Britain. The Norwegian fishing boat despite two engine failures made it safely to Scotland where the occupants reported to British authorities were given shelter and interviewed. The names of all the Norwegians who fled on that boat may be found in a search of the Internet. Joachim and a few others were taken to London where they were interviewed by British Intelligence which chose to invite Lieutenant Ronneberg and some others to discuss and plan for a very top-secret mission back to their homeland. This mission came to be named Gunnerside and was later called by Prime Minister Winston Churchill "The most important secret mission of World War II." The team of nine Norwegians under the leadership of Ronneberg were to be flown to Norway, parachute down, enter and do vital damage to the German heavy water plant in Vemork, Norway that was key to German nuclear development and was heavily guarded at a mountain site some distance west of Oslo. The British had some exacting information about the equipment that needed damaging and were able to provide that to the team with explosive charges of best size for the purpose. Each team member was to carry a cyanide capsule in case of need. Joachim and the party under his command successfully parachuted into Norway at night, scaled a very difficult cliff to reach the facilities and avoid the guards at the bridge, set their charges, briefed the Norwegian inside guard of current British information so the attack might not be blamed on local partisans, escaped on skis to Sweden where his party was interned and then returned to Great Britain. As Joachim told me, and unlike the two movies made of the incident, one which starred Kirk Douglas. not a shot was fired by anyone. Rønneberg subsequently commanded other raids against the Germans, including the Fieldfare operation in Sunnmøre in preparation for attacks against German supply lines in the Romsdal valley. In January 1945 Rønneberg led a three-man unit of Norwegian forces on a mission to destroy the Stuguflåt railway bridge, blowing up the bridge with a 130-kilogram (290 lb) charge of plastic explosives, putting it out of service for three weeks. The team again escaped without casualties. His service ended with the liberation of Norway in 1945, and soon after his service with Rotary began.

Bob Shoemaker---Anderson Rotary Club

Honours

By the time Ronneberg was enlisted to lead Operation Gunnerside, 41 men had already died in a November 1942 raid when two gliders crashed in bad weather in Norway. The survivors were executed by the Nazis. Following the successful completion of this Operation, Prime Minister Winston Churchill personally thanked the Norwegians, only just out of their teens. In 1993 the surviving members of the team were invited to London where they were publically recognized. In 2013 Joachim returned again to London as the only surviving member of his team. Yet even as Ronneberg's exploits were widely chronicled he resisted being glorified as a war hero. "There were so many things that were a matter of chance." He told the London Times.

The team leader, Joachim Rønneberg, was awarded the:

British Distinguished Service Order

The War Cross with sword from the King of Norway,

The Freedom Medal with silver palm from the United States,

The British Distinguished Service Order,

The French Croix de Guerre, and

Legion of Honour.

And finally a few years later in 1971 he achieved another coveted honour, **Joachim was elected Governor of his Rotary District in Norway.**

Rotarian Joachim died in 2018 at the age of 99.

Joachim took extreme risks for freedom and the independence of his country.

May we always be aware that liberty can be taken away by a foreign enemy or given up a little at a time with our consent.

It is wonderful and remarkable what people will do to regain freedom when it has been lost.

Bob Shoemaker -October 1, 2019

Quiz

According to the CIA factsheets on this list of ten countries, what is each country's official language?

HINT: No two countries have the same official language

1. USA
2. Syria
3. The Azores
4. Nicaragua
5. Netherlands
6. Namibia
7. Liechtenstein
8. Iran
9. Hungary

Answers

1. English
2. Arabic
3. Portuguese
4. Spanish
5. Dutch
6. Afrikaans
7. German
8. Persian
9. Magyar (but will accept Hungarian)
10. French



ROTARY CLUB OF MT. DRUITT, INC.

District 9675

Chartered September 24, 1969

50TH
BIRTHDAY
1969-2019

Happy Birthday
Rotary Club of



"I'm going shopping. I'll be back in a Mercedes or a Jaguar."

Message from David Bamford
We need Members to help on
Graffiti Day Sunday 27th October from
8.30 for a few hours to clean up a property in Seven Hills.
Please let President Mel know if you can help out DRB