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Mark Maloney

District Governor 9675
Dianne North

Club President
Mel Gray



ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY INC.

CHARTERED 16TH NOVEMBER 1961 INCORPORATED 25TH JUNE 1991

Meetings held Tuesday Nights. 6 for 6.30 in the Marana Room at the Blacktown Workers Club, Campbell Street Blacktown.



DUTIES FOR THE 2nd. JULY

Meet & Greet	Dinner Fees	Grace & Loyal Toast	International Club Recognition	Program Chair	Note Taker
Scotty McInally	Dick White	Ivan Kelly	Geetha Eruvatt	Mel Gray	Keith Waller

UPCOMING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	9th. July	16th. July 2019	23rd. July 2019
DINNER FEES	Tony Orr	Ray Stanwell	Dick White
GRACE & LOYAL TOAST	Len Winter	Ivan Kelly	Ted Powell
INTERNATIONAL CLUB RECOGNITION	Ken Fairfax	Mel Gray	Len Winter
PROGRAM CHAIR	Mel Gray	Mel Gray	Mel Gray
NOTE TAKER	Michael Stublely	Pam Carne	Russell Ashley

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

DATE	JULY - AUGUST
2nd, July 2019	President Mel will update us with our next trip to Forbes + more
9th. July 2019	PDG - Keith Roffey, Council on Legislation
16th. July 2019	Manie will give us an update on the RYPEN weekend attended
23rd. July 2019	Janice Hall - Rotary Convention in Hamburg

30th. July	Bernie Hannelly - Stroke Foundation
13th. August 2019	Geetha Eruvatt - The National Day of India
Citizenship Ceremonies for Blacktown Council	1st. August & 31st. October. Please confirm with David if you are able to assist

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord & giver of all good
 We thank thee for our daily food
 May Rotary friends & Rotary 8th.ways
 Help us to serve thee all our days.

THE 4 WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?
 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 Will it build GOODWILL &
 BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all?

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Date joined our Club - Dick White 18th July.

Birthdays for July. Dick White 9th. Marideth Laquin 16th. Michael Stubley 16th.
 Spiro Constantinou 31st.

Partners Birthdays for July. Jan Gray 14th. Robyn White 14th.

Wedding Anniversary's in July. Keith & Julie Waller 5th. Chetan & Sangeeta Patel 20th.

CLOSEST MAKE UP CLUBS

Holroyd - Mondays 6.00pm for 6.30 Merrylands Bowling Club
Mt. Druitt - Wednesdays in the Bistro 6pm for 6.30 before heading to the meeting rooms.
St. Mary's - Tuesdays 6.00pm - 7pm & then for a meal 7.00 to 8pm a meeting room in the St. Mary's Band Club. 1st; 2nd. & Tuesday of the month.

A REMINDER FROM PAM

APOLOGIES & OR GUESTS NAMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED BY MID-DAY MONDAY. PLEASE TEXT OR PHONE PAM ON 0414764604 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 ASK ANOTHER MEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE FOR THAT NIGHT.

THE 2019 -2020 ANNUAL CHANGEOVER EVENING

Michael welcomed our guests who included Michelle Rowland, member for Greenway, A/Supt. Tamara Kirby from the Blacktown LAC, Kay Kelly & Board members of the Workers Club, Rotarians wives & friends.

Peter Filmer PHF responded to Michaels welcome, PDG Dick White lead the toast to Rotary International.

President Michael then invited Sargent Gary to escort Paul & Julia Reed to come forward whereupon Michael inducted Paul to our club by presenting him with his lapel pin & dinner badge. Paul then presented Julia with her dinner badge.

Michael then asked all to stand in remembrance of Roselyn Smith. Peter Garske & Zena Shedden who passed away during the last Rotary year.

President Michael then gave his report for the year.

Just as many hands make light work; many hands make a Rotary wheel turn. Throughout the year, I have stood on the shoulders of giants; the giants of the board of this great club; The late Zena

Shedden, David Bamford, Mel Grey, Joan Idugboe, Rob Smith, Pam Carne & Russel Ashley. And further all of the members of the club that have assisted me at every turn in our pursuit of service above self. We truly have had a great year, we, Raised much needed funds via BBQs, gift wrapping, selling raffle tickets and other activities. Held the eagle's wraps awards night, giving many students their first educational award. We had a trip to Forbes and donated much needed and appreciated gift boxes to struggling farmers. Organised the Police Officer of the year awards. The Blacktown TAFE Awards. The Pride of Workmanship Awards. Distributed Bowel Care Kits. Changed the lives of many underprivileged and under resourced overseas students via the Teacher in a Box program.

Ran a community book fair and Participated in the Blacktown local Business Awards

The club has made a terrific impact on the local community and further to many people outside of the Blacktown area. It feels like it was only yesterday that I was stepping into the big shoes left behind by our great legacy of presidents and today I step out of them to pass on the batten to one of our most loved members, Mel Gray. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving as President, particularly for the mentorship and support I have received from everyone in this club and greater community. Mel, I wish you nothing but the best as you take this club from strength to strength. I'm pleased to be handing over the club to you with a growing membership ready to serve and take on the next challenge. Your previous tenure as President is a testament to why the club was so eager to have you back. Your positive can-do attitude makes nothing seem impossible and I look forward to working with you mate. Once again, thank you for the opportunity over the past year and I hope that I have made you as members proud of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City. In closing, I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for someone close to my heart that gave me the strength and wisdom to step forward and tonight, I dedicate my speech to, Zena Shedden.

Secretary David then spoke about our Service Above Self Award that we hold every year to thank one of our members for their service to our club over the last Rotary year. David then introduced the recipient for this years award **Pam Carne**. Pam was presented with the Perpetual Plaque & Replica & thanked members for the honour that she had received.

President Michael read the Handover of the Clubs Charter & reads the Installation of President Elect & places the Chain of Office on incoming President Mel.

Mel then responded with his address

Ladies Guests and Fellows welcome to the commencement of the 2019 – 2020 Rotary year, which sees Mark Daniel Maloney, of the Rotary Club of Decatur in Alabama USA become our Rotary International President, with "Rotary Connects the World" as his theme. A new year dawns, me humbly standing before you; possibly wondering "does he get warranty with his spare parts". I think I must be to Orthopaedics as Eddie the Eagle was to Ski jumping; not real good, but willing to give anything a go. Some of you may feel it is Deja-vu, I even thought so myself, until I attended the PETS Weekend; now for non-Rotarians I should explain that's not a weekend where the club sends me away to play with animals, it's the Presidents Elect Training Seminar, which was this year held at Shell Harbour. I came back with a few new ideas in the back of my mind, culminating tonight, with taking over the reins from Past President Michael, whom may I say has done an outstanding job. Tonight we wipe the slate clean and start anew. I would like to suggest this year that we also go back to basics, a year to re- group our thoughts. This is something I need to do myself also, some of you know me quite well, and that my mind can at times go at warp speed, in varying tangents and I need to pull the reins in and start again.

At the district training weekend we had so many new concepts and ideas thrown at us I started to wonder whether we were at PETS or a networking seminar.

Some of these ideals could alter the way we operate as a clubs, so we needed to put them into the mix for this year.

We were told that 'If we are to remain a viable product, then Rotary needs to change its ways'.

Really, do we have to re-invent the Wheel?

On 23 February 1905, four gentlemen got together in an office in downtown Chicago. This meeting was the embryo of Rotary, with the concept of Fellowship and Vocation as its foundation; if Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey were alive today and saw the formula they designed that had worked so successfully for 114 years was to be altered, would be saddened to think someone would attempt change for change sake.

Membership retention was discussed, as was the need to attract younger people to join Rotary in an electronic way. And finally we discussed where clubs are now able to meet once a fortnight or even monthly.

The two latter subjects although vibrant in discussion were thought to be more individual in discussion. However one idea that was interesting regarded membership. It allowed for the construction of the ideal club.

It would be where people will want to join without us having to ask them;

It should have wonderful fellowship, an available venue, tremendous meal, great guest speakers, exciting projects both at home and afar that stimulate enthusiasm, giving a reason for wanting to join.

Why? because THEY WILL GET SOMETHING OUT OF ROTARY.

But when I looked back over the last 26 years that I've belonged to this great club, isn't that what ours is?

Maybe we just don't advertise it enough.

As I looked at other clubs, listened to commentary, I got a feeling of pride, as I thought of our club in comparison to others.

We have the ideal club, we have the potential to invite new members, what we need to do if anything is offer people not just the opportunity to serve, but give them the opportunity to see what Rotary can give them.

I read recently a quote by Max de Pree, "We need to give each other the space to grow, to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity.

We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion". Isn't that a great word, INCLUSION.

You each joined Rotary for a reason, whatever that was; we all have an inherent belief that we want to help in some way, otherwise what is the purpose.

Rotary in itself has its own way of giving us each that opportunity, we don't always realise it but it's there in the background, waiting for us to take up the challenge; believe me I speak from experience when I say challenge because anything worth doing has an effort, it's the end result that is the reward, you just have to seek the path.

If we are to look towards this year filled with a sense of belonging, enthusiasm, and service with compassion, we need to not just let Rotary connect the world, but also connect our community. We have many times said we will give back to our community, only to find at the end of the year we have connected programs worldwide and throughout Australia, that don't get me wrong are all wonderful, and yes we do numerous community projects now but wish we could have had more. I was asked recently if this year, we could combine with our own Inner Wheel Club to help supply a much needed piece of equipment for the Neo-natal wing of Blacktown Hospital; whilst hospitals are funded by government, it's sad to see certain pieces of life saving equipment are lacking; But this is one way we can start to help our community.

A bud is to a flower as a twig is to a tree. Both are the extremities; possibly the weakest point and yet neither a flower nor a tree could exist without them each in their final form.

Rotary is in itself a word, an organisation; but without its members that is all it is, A word.

When was the last time you looked at a plant without a flower and thought now how great does that look. Similarly when was the last time you looked at a tree without twigs? Yet saw leaves or foliage growing from its trunk or boughs? You didn't.

We ourselves are too Rotary as that bud and twig are to themselves.

You ladies have all received a flower bud, symbolising the complete flower.

You gentlemen have all received a notepad and twig pencil which symbolise a tree and its twig.

Yes, they may appear to be silly gimmicks, but if you stop and think of that connotation, can't our ideas be our buds, to blossom and go forth. Can't we pencil those ideas into our notebooks and let them become the basis of our tree.

The Rotary Club of Blacktown City has survived for 57 years on the ideas, dreams and beliefs of such great men and women that have gone before us.

Why not take our motivation from these predecessors to our community, and yes our members as well and ask what can we do for you”?

Let’s make this a year where we welcome these ideas; welcome many new faces; and give value to all Rotarians, thus re-invigorating our sense of purpose that may in some way lay dormant.

I would like to finish with a quote from; Amy Poehler
“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life forever.”

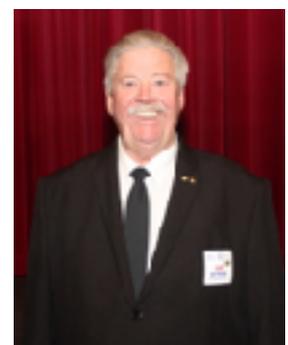
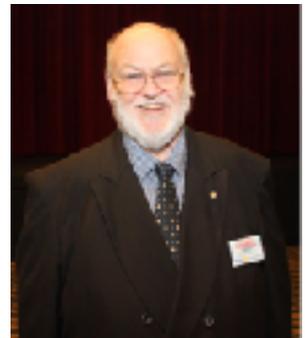
Ladies guests and fellows welcome to 2019-2020;
A year where I know I’ll value every moment of time with all of you;
And I know I’ll value every moment of time I spend with you Jan and the family
A year where Rotary Connects the world.
A year where. “Our inclusion is based on service”. Thank you.

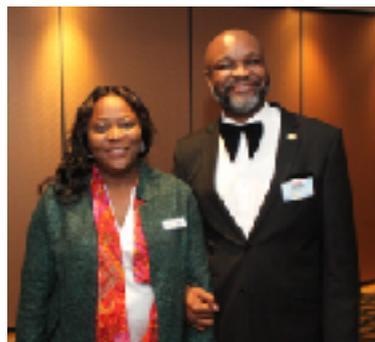
It’s now time to welcome your board to which we are blessed to have you select a mix of both experienced as well as first time Board members. What is that old saying, “a new broom sweeps clean”, yes it does, but if we have the experience of our previous broom; add some newer commentary, then that strength and its inherent commitment are a great basis on which to build.

Immediate Past President Club Service Director / President Elect Michael Stuble
Secretary David Bamford OAM Treasurer Russell Ashley Community Service Rob Smith
International Director Joan Idugboe New Generations Marideth Laquian
The Rotary Foundation Tess Sayas Vocational Service Keith Waller
New Membership Committee Gary Raymond.

Ladies guests and fellows your board for 2019-2020

PICTURES FROM LAST WEEKS CHANGEOVER.







THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2019 / 2020



Mark Maloney

Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models.

RI President Mark Daniel Maloney announces the 2019-20 presidential theme, *Rotary Connects the World*, to incoming district governors in San Diego, California, USA.

Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, unveiled the 2019-20 presidential theme, *Rotary Connects the World*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's annual training event, the International Assembly, in San Diego,

California, USA, on Monday.

"The first emphasis is to grow Rotary — to grow our service, to grow the impact of our projects, but most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more," Maloney said.

Maloney believes that connection is at the heart of the Rotary experience.

"(Rotary) allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences," Maloney said. "It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help."

Maloney also called on every Rotary and Rotaract club to identify segments of their community not represented in their club by creating a membership committee with diverse members.

“Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal,” he added. “In this ever more divided world, Rotary connects us all.”

Maloney urged leaders to offer alternative meeting experiences and service opportunities to make it easier for busy professionals and people with many family obligations to serve in leadership roles.

“We need to foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with the family, but rather complements it,” Maloney said. “That means taking real, practical steps to change the existing culture: being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.”

Maloney said many of the barriers that prevent people from serving as leaders in Rotary are based on expectations that are no longer relevant.

“It is time to adapt, to change our culture, and to convey the message that you can be a great district governor without visiting every club individually, and a great president without doing everything yourself.”

DISTRICT SECRETARIES REPORT

Dear President and Secretary,

D9675 Changeover is on Sunday to commemorate the year of DG Sue and to introduce the year of DGE Dianne. We all look forward to celebrating with many Rotarians and friends, remembering the highlights of the past year and anticipating the programs and projects of the coming year.

In January 2019, DG Sue and DGN Warwick led a very productive contingent of Rotarians and Friends to India to take part in the Polio Plus Campaign in Agra. You have heard from many of the participants how incredibly successful and moving the entire trip was, and how that Rotary experience, really did change lives. There is another trip advertised in January 2020 hosted by the same Rotarians and the same travel company.

RC Corrimal has a news story about *Rotary in Action : Solving the Plastics Crisis*. Plastic Free Oceans for Rotary project was launched in June and the engagement with the platform has 2 purposes: a) reduce the amount of plastic in the environment and b) engage more community members in Rotary. For more information call Kay Mireylees on 0403 732 505.

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