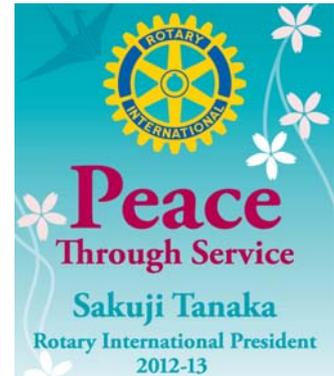


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22 August 2012



Rotary Club of Alice Springs - Meeting #2,547.
Alice In The Territory. 18.30 for 19.00 Start

Directors – 2012-13

President: Andrew Lelliott **Vice president:** Neil Ross **Secretary:** Bruce Clough **Treasurer:** Catherine Maughan
President Elect: Mike Smith **Club Administration:** Mike Smith **IPP:** Eli Melky **Membership:** Jill Jansons
International service: Dennis Bielby **Sergeant:** J D Belanger **New generation:** Miranda Daniels **Community services:** Greg Teakle. **Foundation:** Argun Bagadur

PRESIDENTS WORD

Welcome Rotarians to Meeting Number 2547.

At the time of writing this 'Presidents Word' we have just completed our 51st Henley on Todd event. The event was a huge success and in most cases ran very smoothly. A big thank-you to those Rotarians that were able to assist on the day and at the clean up on Sunday. And of course congratulations to OUR Vikings who once again triumphed in the battle finale' - all the more satisfying after all the good natured sledging that preceded the event. Our share of the proceeds of the event goes to our project account.

Our next big event is of course the Melbourne Cup Sweep, which Miranda and her committee are currently working on. It is of course is one of our biggest fundraisers and requires full club support. This year we seem to have many memorable moments, first Mike Smith's talk and then Mardi Cotterill's question to our top uniformed cop last week - in a style that only Mardi could deliver. So if you are missing meetings you are missing many magic moments.

At our last meeting I reported on some of the Board discussions and one I would highlight is our preparation for the hosting of our incoming exchange Student (either January or July). Hosting exchange students can be very rewarding experience for Rotarians and their families so I urge all Rotarians to get behind their Directors to ensure that we are prepared well in advance for this hosting. It is a club commitment.

Lastly, I have included a list of Directors and their teams and encourage Directors to discuss and develop their annual program with their teams and which will be the format of our next Club assembly.

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Andrew Lelliott
President

DIRECTORS' COMMITTEES (Updated 19/8/12)

Club Service	Community Service	International Service	Vocational Service	New Generations
M Smith-Director)	G Teakle-Director	D Beilby-Director	J Jansons-Director	M Daniels-Director
JD Bellanger (Sargent) G Brown (Club Historian) D Dupuy (Programs) P Schaefer L Wright (Bulletin) W McAinsh S Treagust (Attendance) A Wong D Sheedy	B Caire B Davenport E Hebert D Mortimer D Millar C Schmidt N Towner C Johnson	N Bowey M Khumalo B Neck J Lillis S Peers E Richards V Price R Ahwah P Conradie	L Adams M Beilby J Capper W Gibson M Johnson A Wissman	C Boyd D Cooke P Taylor M Cotterill R Sellar R Selleck D Ryan

CLUB ROSTER

Duties	This Week	Next Week	Week After
	22 August 12	30 August 12	5 September 12
Corporal	Lindsay Wright	? combined meeting	Craig Johnson
Introductions	Di Sheedy	? combined meeting	Coralie Boyd
International toast	Mary Bielby	? combined meeting	Pieter Conradie
Chairperson	Barry Caire	? combined meeting	Nancy Towner
Greeter	Albert Wong	? combined meeting	Damian Ryan
Attendance	Steve Treagust	? combined meeting	Albert Wong
Guest speaker	Virginia Price	? combined meeting	?

If you are on the roster and cannot attend, please arrange with another member to fill in for you.
If you want to be on the roster for any duty, please just contact the editor.

If you have any special topic you would like to hear a talk on, or you can assist by arranging an interesting speaker, please contact Dalton Dupuy or Peter Schaeffer or Wilma Gibson.

LAST WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

GUESTS

Mark Shield

ATTENDANCE

23 out of 47.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Neil Bowey gave an impromptu speech addressing the Rotary club of Rio de Janeiro.

His notes indicate that this is just 1 of 55 clubs in Rio. Rio de Janeiro means "River of January".

The club was chartered in 1922. There are 16 members on the board. The secretary general is Julio Isnard and he has 2 assistant secretaries. The presidente is Julio Carlos Schmidt Murta Riberio. They meet on a Wednesday at 12.15.

The last note just says "Copacabana designer dogs and favelas." Is that a new flavour of hot dog?

LAST WEEK'S RAFFLE

George Brown

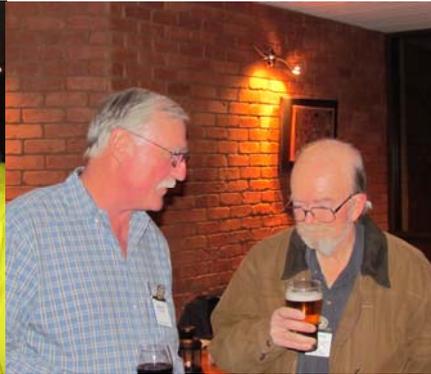
LAST WEEK'S HEADS AND TAILS

Mark Shield

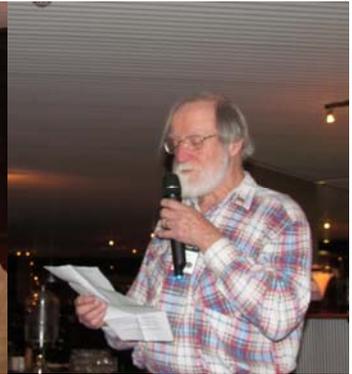
LAST WEEK IN PHOTOS.....



A bit of Viking aggression does not scare visitor Ben Shield



Our newest American gets some tips from our longest serving one



Our serene guest speaker number 2

GUEST SPEAKER



Catherine Bennett is one of four superintendents at the local police station with approximately 150 policemen under their command.

Catherine may look like she is just out of school but has 20 years' service in many police stations, in many roles, including CSI.

She believes that the NT police force offers above average opportunities for training, experience and promotion.

She told us about operation Marathon from April 2012 which aimed to coordinate many of the actions and bodies targeting youth.

Just out of interest, the Australia wide average number of police per 100,000 people in 2005 was around 220.

BOARD REPORT

The board has approved the following donations:

\$2,000 to the Central Australian Education program

\$2,400 to Riding for the Disabled

\$2,000 for the maths camp

And a prize to the Multicultural Association of Central Australia for their efforts at the Bangtail Muster.

UPCOMING EVENTS

When	What	How
Every week	Send the Sergeant a fine at jdbelanger1@gmail.com or bring a witty cross fine	Think about it
Wed 29 August	No meeting	Do not attend
Thur 30 Aug	Combined Rotary Clubs dinner at Desert Lantern. Fundraising for the Alice Springs Student Traineeship Foundation. Cost: \$35.00 per head Dress is Territory Formal. Choice of entrees, mains and desserts. Beer, wine and spirits can be purchased. Please RSVP by 31st July to rbruceclo@bigpond.com	RSVP Bruce
19 September	Membership drive night	Bring a guest
10 October	Vocational night at School of the Air	Come along

EDITORIAL

I recently read an HBR article entitled “**Why (almost) all of us cheat and steal**”. Unfortunately it did not even attempt to address the title. However, it did provide a set of rationalisations that struck me as true to life.

Firstly it suggested that 1% of people never steal, 1% will always steal and 98% are honest as long as they are not tempted. Statistically that means that in a Rotary club of say 50 members, just don’t tempt 49 of us!

The article suggested that the most important factor in expanding dishonesty is the ability of the perpetrator to be able to maintain their self image as a good person. Example “I am still a good person if I help someone else cheat and do not benefit myself”, maybe by helping them fudge their tax return.

A factor in being able to retain a self image of honesty is keeping a psychological step away from cash. For example: “I am still a good person if I don’t steal anything of value”: I can take home my \$1 pen from work, but I would never take even 50 cents from petty cash.

How many people return the excess when they are given too much change? Does it make a difference whether it is \$1 or \$20? Does it make a difference if it is a small family business or a national chain? Does it make a difference if you notice at the till, or after you get home?

The observation that “one dishonest thing leads to another” is borne out by my, limited, experiences of fraud. Often the first occurrence can arise by accident. A loan is not repaid, or a travel advance not spent or a short banking not questioned. Then the justification that the employer does not appropriately recognise their efforts. And so the fraud grows.

Apparently most efforts to control dishonesty focus on making the consequences after being caught so severe, that it will deter dishonesty. The article suggests that it would be better to help people stay honest. For example by removing temptation and reminding people of what they are doing. For example, moving the certification of accuracy from the end to the beginning of an insurance claim form, supposedly improves the honesty of the claims.

The article concluded by stating that honesty is a state of mind and that reminding people of ethical standards can reduce dishonesty. This fits neatly into our Rotary culture, where we have the four way test. If we truly appreciate what the four way test says, we can hardly be anything else but honest.

Contributions to the Bulletin are always wanted. Surely someone wants to share something with some of us? Don’t be shy, give it a go.

Email to wrightlindsay@msn.com (by COB Monday if you want it in the current week).

KNOW YOUR MEMBER

Each week we profile one member of the club. With over 40 members, we should have about a years' worth of "Know Your Member".

1. Name: Roger Selleck
2. Nickname: Slick
3. Occupation: Amateur golfer
4. How many children: two
5. Why do you remain in Rotary: I enjoy the meetings and fellowship through service
6. Person you would most like to meet: My mother (but I am not in a hurry to see her as I have been down the long white elevator before)
7. If you had to donate \$10,000 to charity, who would you give it to: Canteen
8. Place you would most like to visit: Scandinavia and Russia
9. Favourite book/author: Vince Flynn
10. Favourite drink: Sav Blanc
11. Favourite meal: Mexican schnitzel
12. Favourite movie: Don't know
13. Favourite music: Beach Boys
14. Sports team you support: Melbourne football club
15. Sell yourself to us in 20 words: I do not like blowing my own trumpet. A quiet achiever.

Do we have an aspiring cartoonist in the club? The reason that I ask, is that a caricature or a portrait of the relevant member, would be the perfect accompaniment to the "know your member" details.

I could not resist this one:

Last night I reached for my liquid Viagra and accidentally swigged from a bottle of Liquid Paper. I woke up this morning with a huge correction.



Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned

ROTARY GRACE

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks, O Lord.

APOLOGIES

Please be aware that by not registering an apology you leave the club liable for extra dinner fees. Our attendance officers are required to provide Alice in the Territory with accurate figures of how many will be attending our meeting at 10 am on the morning of our meeting. Please extend your courtesy to our attendance officers by emailing an apology if you will not be in attendance.

Please do it via our website www.alicespringsrotary.org

Please do this before 9.00 am day of meeting.

Rotary Club of Alice Springs - District 9500 Awards:

Jack Turner Weekly Bulletin Award 2001

Colin Brideson History Award 2003

Bob Perryman RI Foundation Award 2005 & 2006

ARHRF Perpetual Trophy 2006

Merv Croxton Award for Best Overall Rotary Club 2006 & 2007

Roly Day Best Project Award 2009 (and we still have the trophy in 2012).