



President Graeme Aspinall makes his first address (for the third time around!)

Fellowship, and Camaraderie
Service to the Community
Support of Each Other
Peace Through Service

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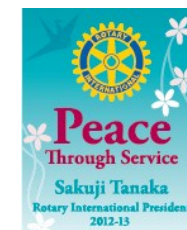
WEEKLY BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY 50TH ANNIVERSARY 2013

President, Rotary International - **SAKUJI TANAKA & Kyoko,**
Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan

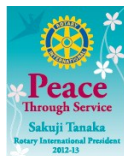
District Governor, Dist. 9810 – **BRIAN MARTIN & Sue,**
Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

President, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **GRAEME ASPINALL**
Benefactor, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **IVAN GIGOVIC, Vale: August 2003**





THE ROTARY CLUB OF FERN TREE GULLY INC., 2012-2013



The Board

PRESIDENT	-	Graeme Aspinall
PRESIDENT ELECT	-	Mike Spark
SECRETARY	-	John Flemming
TREASURER	-	Enid Hughes
PAST PRESIDENT	-	Enid Hughes
COMMUNITY	-	Julie Goodchild
VOCATIONAL	-	Phil Walters
INTERNATIONAL	-	Paul McAloney
NEW GENERATIONS	-	Greg Downes

Office Bearers

FOUNDATION	-	Robert Dawson
MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING		Graeme Aspinall
FELLOWSHIP	-	Fran Mandergheddes/Helen Lingard
PROGRAM	-	Mike Spark
BULLETIN EDITOR	-	Enid Hughes
Aus. Rotary Health	-	Graham Faulkner

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

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?



PAST PRESIDENTS :

1963-64	HALL Frank	1989-90	FREGON John
1964-65	THOMSON Ken	1990-91	VIZE Stuart
1965-66	CLARKE * Harold	1991-92	ADAMS Brian
1966-67	MARTIN Laurie	1992-93	WYLIE * Peter
1967-68	ELDRIDGE Jeff	1993-94	ASPINALL Graeme
1968-69	RUSSELL Harry	1994-95	MOORE Robert
1969-70	CHAPPILL Geoff	1995-96	WILLINGHAM Ed
1970-71	COOK Duncan	1996-97	EDMUNDS Hilton
1971-72	CASTRICUM * John and MILLER Ken	1997-98	SPARK Mike
1972-73	LANGFORD * Greg	1998-99	FLEMMING John
1973-74	de JONGE Lawrence	1999-2000	OGLE Tony
1974-75	CRANE * Reeve	2000-01	YEATS Sandy
1975-76	BROWN John	2001-02	HALL Marilyn (First Woman President).
1976-77	FOSTER Ken	2002-03	McALONEY Paul
1977-78	CALLAHAN * Jack	2003-04	DAWSON Rob
1978-79	MILLER Ken	2004-05	MANDERGEDDES Fran
1979-80	RICHARDS John	2005-06	WALTERS Phil
1980-81	BEASLEY * Royce	2006-07	GOODCHILD Julie
1981-82	SHORTER Barry	2007-08	ASPINALL Graeme
1982-83	BOSCOTT Bob	2008-09	FAULKNER Graham
1983-84	BARUDAY George and DASBOROUGH Don	2009-10	LINCOLN Merv.
1984-85	MITCHELL * Ron	2010-11	LINCOLN Merv
1985-86	HURST Robert	2011-12	HUGHES Enid
1986-87	GLADWIN Bill	* Have "Passed on to meet Paul HARRIS".	
1987-88	ELLIOTT John		
1988-89	GUINEY * David		

PETER SMITH—Captain of Upper Ferntree Gully Fire Brigade
Receives his PHF award, presented by President Enid



MORE CHANGEOVER PICTURES



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 2nd July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 9th July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 16th July [6:30 for 7:00] Knox Tavern	Monday 23rd July [7:00 for 7:30]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Committee Meeting	YEP - Final Presentation	Bridges Con- necting Com- munities	TBA
Speaker:	Graeme A	Isabela Zatti	Joe Femino	TBA
Committee Subject	TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chairman:	Mike S	Rob D	Greg D	Graham F
Cashiers:	Rob D & Greg D	Graham F & Julie G	Angela L & Fran M	Bob H & Helen L
Grace & Toast:	Ian McF	Helen L	Julie G	Mike S
Rotary Knowledge	Fran M	Paul W	Enid H	Graeme A
Sergeant-At- Arms:	Bob H	Bob H	Bob H	Rob D
Scribe:	John F	Greg D	Julie G	Phil W



<i>Birthdays:</i>	2nd—Kay McAloney
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to R.C. of F.T.G</i>	2nd—Bob Hurst '81

"CHANGEOVER NIGHT" MONDAY 25 JUNE 2012

Meeting Opened: at 7.30 pm with **President Enid** (for the last time) welcoming all members & guests amongst whom were Immediate Past President Merv Lincoln now a Member of the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast Club and our local member of the lower house of Parliament Nick Wakeling MP. There were also representatives from the Upper Fern Tree Gully Fire Brigade present.

Chairman : PP Phil Walters: called on PP John Flemming for 'Grace and Toast' and on Rtn Paul Wilson for the 'Toast to Rotary International' (which was news to him)

Apologies: The only apologies received were from Cass and Mick Bench who unfortunately had been delayed in returning from the Maroochydhore in Queensland in time for the changeover night

President's award : President Enid was pleased to announce a special award to be made at our change over night,, she called on the Captain Of the Upper Fern Tree Gully Fire Brigade Peter Smith to come forward and accept a Paul Harris Fellowship award for his services to the local community. (This was a special award as it was made to a non-Rotarian)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Most of the Reports were contained in 2011/12 annual report presented to members on the evening with the exception of a special report from the treasurer Rtn Paul Wilson who announced that from the income generated by members during the last financial year \$1000 per head was donated to the community.

Special announcement: by very proud grandparents PP Graham Faulkner and Lindy advising the club that their daughter who lives on the Gold Coast had provided them with a grandson weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. this very day.

Changeover: President Enid gave a report on her year of office in which she outlined her experiences most of which were enjoyable and will not be forgotten.

How They Forecast a Cold Winter

One day in early September the chief of a Native American tribe was asked by his tribal elders if the winter of 2011/12 was going to be cold or mild. The chief asked his medicine man, but he too had lost touch with the reading signs from the natural world around the Great Lakes.

In truth, neither of them had idea about how to predict the coming winter. However, the chief decided to take a modern approach, and the chief rang the National Weather Service in Gaylord Michigan.

'Yes, it is going to be a cold winter,' the meteorological officer told the chief. Consequently, he went back to his tribe and told the men to collect plenty of firewood.

A fortnight later the chief called the Weather Service and asked for an update. 'Are you still forecasting a cold winter?' he asked.

'Yes, very cold', the weather officer told him.

As a result of this brief conversation the chief went back to the tribe and told his people to collect every bit of wood they could find.

A month later the chief called the National Weather Service once more and asked about the coming winter. 'Yes,' he was told, 'it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.'

'How can you be so sure?' the chief asked.

The weatherman replied: 'Because the Native Americans of the Great Lakes are collecting wood like crazy.'



New Recruit Joke

A few weeks after a young man had been employed; he was called into the Human Resources administrator's office. 'What is the meaning of this?' the personnel officer asked. 'When you applied for this job, you told us you had three years experience. Now I have discovered this is the first position You've ever held.'

'True', the young man answered with a smile, 'in your advertisement you said you wanted a person with imagination.'

Bird Flu Update:



BIRD FLU!...THANK GOD, - I THOUGHT I HAD
MAD COW DISEASE!



Community Kitchen Roster - 2012

Guide Hall
Underwood Rd
Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)
Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
11 th July	Paul McAloney
25 th July	Graeme Aspinall
8 th August	Paul Wilson
22 nd August	Enid Hughes
5 th September	John Fleming
19 th September	TBA
3 rd October	TBA
17 th October	TBA

Dinner provided

Contact Ian McFarlane for more information. 0428 500 815 or 9754 1878



COMING UP:

Sausage Sizzle—Bunnings
7th July, 2012

If you can't be there to help—come and buy a sausage!!

She said her year as President had given her opportunities to be involved in activities that would never have been possible had she not been in Rotary.

Induction of Incoming President Graeme Aspinall:

We then came to the highlight of the evening the “Passing of the Collar of office” to incoming President Graeme who won't need any training for the job as it's his 3rd time in the chair. (As they say 3rd time lucky).

Graham gave us an outline of his hopes and aspirations for the year and in particular the fact that 16th of May 2013 marks the 50 year anniversary of the incorporation of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully on the 16 May, 1963.

It is Graeme's intention that the club has a special celebration to mark the occasion.

Fellowship:

Fun and fellowship was had throughout the night some of it provided by a question-and-answer session run by the chairman of the evening PP Phil Walters, a raffle with 3 prizewinners and topped off by a special treat for members and guests:-

A performance by the “GULLY TRAPS” (otherwise known and advertised as “The Top Knots”—Ed.)(Fran, Julie Graham, Helen, Ian & and Isabella) doing a Black-and-White Minstrel Tap Dance complete with Canes and Top Hats.

Meeting closed some time

Scribe: Robert Hurst





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's Saturday morning and I now have a new task each week to prepare a piece for the bulletin; I hope I'm not alone as I would encourage our members to make contributions throughout the year.

Our changeover last week I feel went over very well as I enjoyed it very much. The buffet meal was a different approach for the evening and if anyone had a second serving of the chicken curry I hope you have fully recovered. A rather informal evening with lots of fellowship discussion around the tables. I think I forgot to thank Fran and her group for performing their little soft shoe shuffle act, no doubt many hours of practice was under taken.

To all those who had a part in organising the night thank very much.

On Monday night we get down to the business of setting up our year ahead. It will be a busy year:

- a year of membership growth,
- a greater awareness of FTG Rotary within our community,
- involvement and support of all members,
- fun and fellowship and in May 2013— our 50th anniversary celebration.

As Membership Chair I will be forming a small group to identify and pursue prospects I will be discussing this further at our meeting. I hope to see other Club Chairs presenting their outlook for the coming year also. I look forward to seeing as many as possible at our next meeting ready to start the planning process.

Next Saturday we have a sausage sizzle at Bunning's, I will remind members on Monday what hours you have nominated. Bunning's have advised us they are having a family fun day and to expect higher sales. The new Masters store across the road will be open that weekend and have booked a local group to have a sausage sizzle; let's hope it doesn't detract from Bunning's too much.

Please remember our meeting on 9th July will be a farewell presentation from our exchange student Isabela. This will be a partners night and I hope many will attend to say farewell.

Graeme Aspinall
President

CHANGEOVER—25th June, 2012 President Enid hands over to President Graeme

