



Zac Johnson—before he left for Sweden

Fellowship, and Camaraderie
 Service to the Community
 Support of Each Other
 Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Rotary's early emblem was a simple wagon wheel (in motion with dust). It was designed in 1905 by Montague M. Bear, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago who was an engraver. He designed the emblem to represent both civilization and movement. Most of the early Rotary clubs adopted the wheel in one form or another.

The present emblem, 24 cogs and six spokes, was adopted in 1924. A keyway was added to signify usefulness. An official description of the emblem was adopted at the 1929 International Convention.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

President, Rotary International - **KALYAN BANERJEE**, & Binota, Rotary Club of Vapi, India
 District Governor, Dist. 9810 – **JULIET RISELEY** & Ian, Rotary Club of Hampton
 President, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **ENID HUGHES**
 Benefactor, Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully – **IVAN GIGOVIC**, Vale: August 2003

ROTARY GRACE:

**For good food, fellowship and the opportunity of service through Rotary.
 We thank Thee O Lord.**

A ROTARY TOAST:

Rotarians and friends please join me in a toast—"Rotary and Australia".



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF
FERN TREE GULLY INC.,
2010-2011**



The Board

PRESIDENT	-	Enid Hughes
PRESIDENT ELECT	-	Ian McFarlane
SECRETARY	-	John Flemming
TREASURER	-	Paul Wilson
PAST PRESIDENT	-	Merv Lincoln
COMMUNITY	-	Ian McFarlane
VOCATIONAL	-	Merv Lincoln
INTERNATIONAL	-	Paul McAloney
NEW GENERATIONS	-	Julie Goodchild

Office Bearers

FOUNDATION	-	Paul McAloney
MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING	-	Graeme Aspinall
FELLOWSHIP	-	Fran Mandergeddes
PROGRAM	-	Mike Spark
BULLETIN EDITOR	-	Enid Hughes
BOWEL SCAN (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?



Ferntree Gully North Primary School Students—Community Kitchen

Community Kitchen Roster

Guide Hall, Underwood Road, Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car-park) (Contact Ian McFarlane for more information. 0428 500 815 or 9754 1878)

27th July	Paul Wilson
10th August	Paul McAloney
24th August	Ian McFarlane
7th September	Enid Hughes
21st September	John Flemming
5th October	Paul Wilson
19th October	Paul McAloney
2nd November	TBA
16th November	Ian McFarlane
30th November	John Flemming
14th December	Paul Wilson

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday, 18th July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 25th July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 1st August (6:30 for 7:00)	Monday 8th August (6:30 for 7:00)
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Vision Australia	Avatars in Higher Education	Committee Meeting	Educating with real world projects
Speaker:	Carolyn Moorshead	Doc Wallace SUT Lilydale	Ian McFarlane	Karen Pomeranz, Swinburn
Committee-Subject	N/A	N/A	Community Service	N/A
Chairman:	Graeme A	Mike S	Ian McF	Helen L
Cashiers:	Merv L & Mike S	Helen L & Fran M	Graeme A & Rob D	Mike S & Phil W
Grace & Toast:	Julie G	Bob H	Stuart V	Merv L
Rotary Knowledge	Julie G Construction/ Admin	Rob D Furniture Removals	Bob H Business Broking	Fran M Conveyancing
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Rob D	Graham F	Graham F	Graham F
Scribe:	Graham F	Phil W	Julie G	Bob H

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to R.C. of F.I.C</i>	None

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday, 4th July, 2011

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

President Enid Hughes opened the meeting by welcoming all members and guests John Kumnick (Guest speaker) Malcolm Chiverton and Greg Downes.
Opening comments- Would like to introduce a new style dinner badge, firstly for new members. A style sample was distributed.

Chairman: Helen Lingard

Secretary: (acting Graeme Aspinall)
Read the mail
Apologies- John Flemming, Fran Mandergeddes, Mike Spark, and Ken Thomson

Treasurer: Paul Wilson-
Reminded members Club dues are now due.

Community: Ian McFarlane-
Seeking to involve the club in a monthly Community project.

Vocational: Merv Lincoln-
Our nominated applicant has been accepted to Attend the upcoming RYLA camp.

New Generations: Julie Goodchild -
Our incoming exchange student now not Expected to arrive in Australia until August.

Vocational Talk- Merv Lincoln.
Outlined a typical week in dealing with local people requiring assistance from the Salvation Army.

The fines session was conducted by Rob Dawson who extracted a gold coin from all members for his words of wisdom.
Swindle - Graeme Aspinall drew a 9 of Clubs

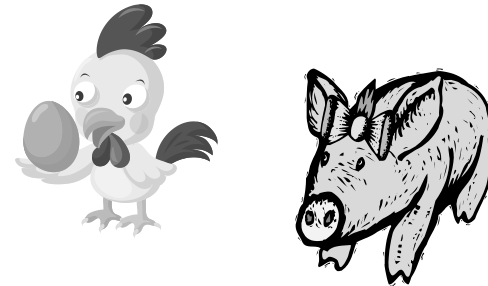
TIPS.....HINTS.....JOKES.....



Contribution vs Total Commitment

A pig and a chicken are walking down the street discussing inflation. One notices a sign which read "Ham and Eggs, \$5.00 per serve.

The chicken commented that this was very good value for money but the pig replied "You think that because for you it's only a contribution – for me it's total commitment!



Pedro protested angrily when the judge fined him \$200 for parking his car illegally. The judge asked why Pedro he was so upset to which Pedro replied...

"Your honour, I read the sign carefully and it said, Fine for parking here!"

**Smile!
There's no arguing with this one -- research has shown that smiling has both psychological and physiological effects. So, put a smile on your face and you'll be on your way to a change in attitude!**



Thought for the week...

*Take time to be friendly...it is the road to happiness
Take time to dream...it is hitching your wagon to a star
Take time to love and be loved...it is the privilege of the gods
Take time to look around...the day is too short to be selfish
Take time to laugh...it is the music of the soul.*

Old English

"If you are seeking big opportunities, seek big challenges".

The following was shown at PETS (as a video). It's very good and worth repeating...

The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Beers

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 Beers .

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions—and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else—the small stuff. 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

'Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend.'

LIFE ISN'T ABOUT WAITING FOR THE STORM TO PASS..... IT'S LEARNING HOW TO DANCE IN THE RAIN

Guest Speaker – John Kumnick “ Our Club Our Future”

John Kumnick and Malcolm Chiverton talked about “Our Club, Our Future”. District 9810 decided to launch OCOF in 2008-09. A team of five Rotarians, each skilled and experienced in facilitating, working alone or in various combinations, conduct the workshops for clubs throughout the District. John outlined the purpose of this program which addresses the question *Does the Club have a Strategic Plan?*

Formulating a Strategic Plan answers the following questions:

- Where Are We Now?
- Where Do We Want To Go?
- How Will We Get There?

Addressing the above questions creates a Vision. Why do we need to create a “Vision”? Creating a future vision specific to our club personalises what we plan for the future. The “Our Club– Our Future” visioning workshop will help the Club design its own Vision, and then sets out the steps necessary to achieve that vision.

Feedback from other workshops conducted so far are

- **The outcomes are typically**
 - Sense of direction
 - Clear set of priorities
 - Commitment through involvement
 - Action Plans
 - Renewed Energy & enthusiasm
- **Recurring Themes:**
 - Increase membership
 - Younger members
 - Community Awareness
 - Diversity
 - Innovation & creativity
 - Service & action
 - Fun & Fellowship

Meeting Closed at 8:30 p.m.

Scribe: Graeme Aspinall

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's early days yet of course but the feedback I'm getting regarding the Bulletin going out by email has been very positive. Thank you to all those people who have made comments.

Thanks also to Merv who has not only nominated Greg Downes as a new member but has yet another person in mind. Hopefully we will see her soon at one of our meetings. Well done Merv! We're off to a good start in achieving my main goal for the year—substantially increasing our membership and establishing community awareness of our club and its activities. Raising community awareness is maybe something we can address at the proposed “Our Club—Our Future” workshop, should we decide to go ahead with it. I hope we do because if nothing else, it will help us to build on the plans we've already made for the next year and give us some goals to work towards in the next two or three years.

I've received an email from Isabela to say that two girls from her District are due to fly to Australia on 29th July and she is hoping to be with them. Her visa has been applied for but is yet to come through. No doubt we'll hear more from her shortly.

Enid Hughes
President

CLUB NOTICES:

Please note that Mr **Greg Downes**, of Le Pine Funerals has been nominated by PP Merv Lincoln as a member of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully. If any current member has any objection to this nomination please advise the Secretary, John Flemming as soon as possible.

Cass Bench has taken a turn for the better. She is now walking albeit with a frame and is hopeful that she can leave hospital fairly soon. Mick is planning some alterations to the house to accommodate Cass's wheelchair and may need some assistance in the way of a working bee. More information on that later.

Sadly, we must advise that **Ken Thomson** has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and is now resident at the Peter James Centre. Ken is no longer able to contribute to the Club as an active member and won't be joining us again in any of our activities.

ORIGINS OF ROTARY'S FISCAL YEAR

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, “The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently.”

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.



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