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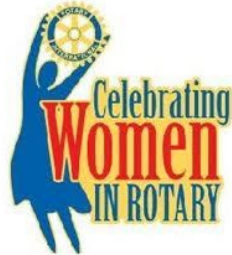
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This week

Lucy Hobgood-Brown Women in Rotary

America-born and Africa-raised, Lucy is founder and principal of Clay International Partners (www.claypartners.com), a communication and social development consultancy that takes her to interesting parts of the globe on a regular basis. Lucy has more than 30 years living and working in nine countries, including 22 years in Asia Pacific. An Australian-American dual citizen, she maintains close connections with her African roots through peace transformation and capacity building projects with Africa's Great Lakes refugee community in Australia. She is also co-founder and co-director of HandUp Congo (www.handupcongo.org), a non-profit organization that facilitates sustainable community-driven business, education, social and health initiatives in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where Lucy grew up.



Lucy is also one of a dynamic group working to develop the number of women actively engaged in Rotary and the range of women-friendly project Rotary supports. In 1989 Rotary International's constitution and bylaws were changed to include women in Rotary. However in 2014 still less than 20% of Rotarians are women. They not only ask why, but are working for change.

Rotary monthly theme: September: New Generations

- What do RIP, DG, DIK, RAWCS and WTHGO* mean?
- What does the club board of directors do?
- Who decides what projects the club undertakes?
- How can I have a say in what the club does?
- Is there a budget for the club's activities and can I see it?
- What club committees are there? Can I be on one?



- I've been a member for # months, but nobody's asked me to do anything substantial. How can I get involved?
- Is there an introductory course for new Rotarians (or refresher course for other members)?
- Where can I find out the answers to all my questions?

The short answer is: read as much as you can, ask lots of questions and volunteer to help as much as you can. You will probably find it easiest if you start by finding out about our club and its projects, then about District 9685 and finally Rotary International, but you don't need to do it strictly in that order.

Sources of information include websites (our club, District 9685, Rotary International), the District Governor's weekly newsletter, Rotary Down Under magazine, our club's board minutes and Koongga.

Who should you direct your questions to? Anyone and everyone: your assigned mentor, the club directors, the service committee chairmen and the person sitting next to you at dinner. Take the opportunity to find out what you want to know, rather than indulging in idle chit-chat.

Volunteering is easy. You'll hear calls for volunteers periodically in our meetings, but you can always approach service committee chairmen and ask how you can help.

WTHGO?*



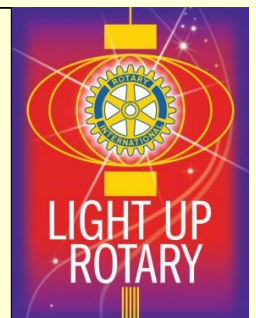
Are you a newcomer to our club, struggling to comprehend Rotary in general and our activities in particular? Or maybe a longer serving member who's wondering what the board and service committees are up to?

Here are a few things that you may want explained:

- How does our club fit in with Rotary International?
- What's this 'District' that I keep hearing about?

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- Trivia Night – Saturday, 25 October
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The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at Killara Golf Club, 556 Pacific Highway, Killara. Visitors welcome (Tel: 9498 2700). www.kuringgairotary.org.au

Rotary International
Theme 2014-2015

You might even discover a need within the local community, volunteer yourself and then ask other club members to join you. (Ask Linda Lam-Rohlf's how she does it.)



Time was when the club had 4 'club forums' each year – roughly quarterly, starting at the beginning of July. At these meetings each club director and service committee chairman would report on what they and their committees planned to do and/or had achieved.

A central feature of each club forum was the Treasurer's presentation of the club and project budgets (at the start of the year) and printed accounts (progressively throughout the year). Members were encouraged to have their say on what was proposed, ask for explanations and come up with fresh ideas for discussion.

Our club seems to have adopted a more informal approach to informing its members about what's going on and the details of its financial management. Who, for example, has looked at the club's strategic plan and has questioned whether it is still being followed?

If you're lost in the Rotary maze, not being told enough about what the club's doing or if you're not being given enough to do, let the club's directors and committee chairmen know!

* *What The Heck's Going On?*

Last week's meeting

District Governor's visit to Upper North Shore clubs



Last week's meeting at the Pymble Golf Club in St Ives, attended by 127 Rotarians, employed a refreshing change from the format of previous years.

District Awards

In the absence of Past District Governor Graeme Davies, District Governor Ian Scott surprised himself and others by presenting District awards for the 2013/14 year.

The state of the clubs

Assistant District Governor Paul Rickard ran a question and answer session for the presidents of the assembled clubs, aimed at finding out what the clubs are doing, the successes they have had and the challenges they face. Some of the key points mentioned were:

- All clubs are pursuing membership growth, having fun

and raising lots of money for projects.

- Our club aims to add another 17 members in the next 9.5 months. (*Do the maths - Ed.*)
- Waitara club wants to partner with other clubs to promote Rotary Youth Exchange.
- Turramurra club is focussing on attracting people to work on projects, rather than just attend meetings.
- Despite its current difficulties, Qantas has confirmed that it will operate its annual Jumbo flight for disadvantaged children, arranged by Turramurra club.
- Turramurra club is promoting 'Ku-ring-gai's Got Talent' for talented youth musicians.
- It's also encouraging the establishment of more project partnerships with other Rotary clubs.
- Berowra club is striving to stave off its collapse (it's down to 11 members) by making its meetings more affordable, reducing them to fortnightly and allowing people to attend just to hear the guest speaker for the cost of a gold coin.
- Wahroonga club is promoting its hugely successful Novus Foundation fundraising dinner (see <http://novusfoundation.org.au/dinner>) also working on lifting its club's Facebook image. (*A 'Facelift' from the San perhaps? - Ed*)
- Hornsby club is trying to create more public awareness of the club and focussing on local projects.



On the topic of clubs working together:

- President Tony talked positively about our club's experience of working with other clubs on the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic, despite some inequality of contributions.
- Hornsby club is holding joint meetings with other clubs and has established a website to help members of different clubs to connect with each other to work together on projects.



On the things that surprised new presidents most on taking office (and tips for their successors):

- The number of emails received and the need for a priority rating so that the important ones don't get missed.
- The sense of reward that comes from seeing the club's activities flourish.
- The importance of learning about the big picture of Rotary before taking office.
- [From St Ives club's remaining foundation member from 1965] The impact of the club's best project, its annual 'Tree of Joy'.

On changes that the presidents would most like to see in Rotary:

- President Tony advocated cutting out unnecessary meeting preliminaries and then surprised everyone by calling for Rotary procedure to be standardised so that the clubs run 'like normal organisations'. (*Sounds suspiciously like President Tony wants to observe the*



club's bylaws - Ed.)

- Other presidents seek gradual change, but respect for the value of many established practices.

Whilst ribbing President Tony of our club for speaking longer than his allotted time, ADG Paul was disappointed not to elicit any controversial statements from him. Could it be that Tony is becoming 'mainstream'?

District Governor's talk

In his address, District Governor Ian:

- Urged everyone to book their accommodation (and register) now for the District Conference at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley in March 2015. The shared units are good value.
- Outlined the high level District 9685 goals for the year:
 - Encourage clubs to keep doing what they're doing.
 - Increase the number of Rotarians in the District by 10% (i.e., 2-3 new members (net of losses) per club on average).
 - Continue supporting the Rotary Foundation. (The District won the Zone award for contributions last year).
 - Engage with Turkish Rotarians in the year of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli 'invasion'. Turkish District Governors made contact with ANZAC District Governors at their training in San Diego, California. District 9685 is sending a delegation to meet Turkish Rotarians and plan joint projects. Rotary is supporting a peace conference in



Istanbul in April 2015.

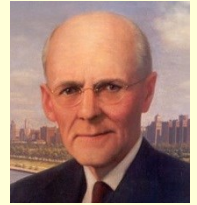
- Assist clubs to earn Presidential Citations in 2015 by following the steps outlined in the criteria for the award.
- Encourage clubs to engage with the District team and make use of their expertise.
- Promote change within clubs.
- Quoted the Confucian saying that explains Rotary International President Gary C K Huang's theme for the year: 'It is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness' - i.e., it is better to do something, however small, to do good in the world, than to do nothing.

Rotarians are good at this. DG Ian gave the example of a holistic approach to setting up schools in Cambodia. The children couldn't come because they were malnourished, sick or needed to help their families simply to survive. So the organisers took steps to improve the peoples' lives, such as providing better water and sanitation and teaching them how to grow cash crops. In due course that freed up the children to attend school.

- Noted that the majority of Rotarians are retired and therefore have more time to devote to Rotary, but stated that it's essential that clubs recruit the next

generation who will take responsibility for running Rotary.

- Quoted Rotary founder Paul Harris in 1930, saying that clubs must adapt to suit their members, rather than requiring new members to adapt to the clubs' established ways.
- Emphasised the importance of all Rotarians participating, rather than relying on a dedicated few to do the majority of the work, with the risk that they become burnt out and leave.
- Encouraged clubs to have fun, promote success and use that in their public relations messages.



District Governor's partner's project



Past District Governor Jennifer Scott introduced her 'DG's partner's project' for 2014-15 and invited participation by clubs.

Noting that Rotarians have 2 passions, namely giving and doing, she said that she wants

to establish 3 sustainable villages in a remote area of Cambodia which is ignored by the main aid organisations. \$5,000 will help each village to install a clean water supply and sanitation, establish fish ponds and crops, receive farm animals and set up schools for children.

PDG Jennifer offered to visit each club to speak about the project, further details of which are available at <http://www.sustainablecambodia.org>

St Ives Food & Wine Festival

The Rotary Club of St Ives invites other Rotary clubs to have stalls at the St Ives Food & Wine Festival at the St Ives Village Green on Sunday, 1 March 2015.

It's a family event that is expected to attract 10,000 visitors. There will be 70 food and wine companies, serving a wide range of national cuisines and wines from leading NSW wineries, as well as many lifestyle boutiques, entertainment for children and several school bands.

The aim is to raise funds for a number of charities, including 'Room to Read', which promotes education for children in developing countries in Asia and Africa. Further information can be found at <http://www.roomtoread.org>



To book a stall (to promote the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic perhaps?) contact festival@stivesrotary.asn.au

Travellers' tales

Bob Ivey is right up there with today's youth, using social media to circulate pictures of what he's eating on his French river cruise - and complaining that he's not going to get fat in the process. Looks like it might be something he found in the medieval village he visited.

Better get back here for some hearty Aussie tucker, such as you'll find at the festival mentioned above, Bob.





You are invited to Cancer Council NSW
Saving Life 2015 Campaign Launch



Our *Vision for Change* outlines five ways the next NSW Government can help beat cancer

Tuesday 7th October 2014
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Fred Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council

200 Miller Street, North Sydney

Refreshments provided

Join us to hear real stories from local people, and show the next state government why change matters to you

RSVP by Friday 26th September
to

Northern Suburbs Cancer Action Network

canceractionnetworkns@gmail.com

More information: Liz Hing 0402 861 562

Saving
life 2015
change starts here



Working together
to help beat cancer

cancercouncil.com.au/savinglife

BY POPULAR DEMAND Ku-ring-gai Rotary TRIVIA NITE !

In aid of the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Refuge

*Bring your friends & join
in the fun & games! Book
a table for 8 or 10.*



Questions and
clues on the BIG
screen

7:00 pm SATURDAY 25th October 2014

at WARRAWEE BOWLING CLUB 1479 Pacific Highway, Warrawee

Bookings: ross.egan@chubb.com.au or TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$20



BYO SUPPER
(Drinks available at the bar)



Calendar of events

September	22	Club business meeting
	29	Chris Gollis - Emotional intelligence
October	6	Public holiday - no meeting
	13	Rotary Hat Day - joint meeting - Rotary clubs of Ku-ring-gai, St Ives and Turramurra
	20	Annabelle Chauncy - School For Life update
	25	(Saturday) Trivia night - venue: Warrawee Bowling Club
	27	John Lockyer & Annabelle Daniel – Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Women's Refuge
November	10	Tony Castley - Rotary Foundation
	17	Suzy Ogelsby – Fitness for cyclists and golfers
December	15	Christmas party chez Tyler (last meeting in 2014)
	22	No meeting
	29	No meeting

Club officers and committee chairmen 2014-15

Board of directors

President	Tony McClelland
Vice President	John Aitken
President Elect	Graham Timms
Secretary	Geoff Hungerford
Treasurer	Graham Maslen
Director - Membership	Greg Newling
Director - Public Relations	Michael Midlam
Director - Club Administration	Joy Newling
Director - Service Projects	John Aitken
Director - Rotary Foundation	Graham Timms

Service committee chairmen

Club Service	Joy Newling
Vocational Service	Michael Midlam
Community Service	Ross Lambert
International Service	Roger Desmarchelier
Youth Service	Greg Goodman
Bobbin Head Cycle Classic	Bob Elsworth
Sergeant-at-Arms	Malcolm Braid

Club committees 2014-15

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic: Bob Elsworth, John Aitken, Ross Egan, Peter Kipps, Tony McClelland, Michael Midlam, Graham Timms

Club History: Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson

Club Service/Club Administration: Joy Newling, Geoff Hungerford, Graham Maslen, Michael Tyler (Koonga Editor)

Community Service: Ross Lambert, Lou Coenen, Gary Dawson, Roger Desmarchelier, Ross Egan (Daffodil Day), Bob Elsworth, Rob Hall, Chris Hoch (Red Shield Appeal), Geoff Hungerford (Markets) Caroline Jones, Nick Kenyon, Loïc Lacombe, Jack McCartney, Michael Midlam (Bowel Scan), Frank White (Markets)

International Service: Roger Desmarchelier, David Forsythe, Graham Maslen, Greg Newling, Peter Tang

Membership: Greg Newling, Dilys Geddes, Linda Lam-Rohlfs

Public Relations: Michael Midlam

Program: Rob Hall, Ross Egan

Rotary Foundation: Graham Timms

Vocational Service: Michael Midlam

Youth Service: Greg Goodman, Malcolm Braid, Joyce Enos, Emyr Evans, Bob Ivey, Tom Jackson, Linda Lam-Rohlfs, Joy Newling, Ted Price