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Rotary monthly theme: Membership & extension

This week 10 on me

The ten on me is a good way to get to know and understand new members. This week we will hear from

**Stan Glaser and
Gary Keating**

August 24th : District Governor Gina Growden's visit

(Combined meeting with Rotary Club of Lindfield)
Each year the District Governor visits each club in the District to learn how it's faring and what it's doing, to tell the members about developments and plans at Rotary International and District level and to discuss any issues of concern. This is your best opportunity to get to know the District Governor and to express your views to her directly. Don't miss it!

Last week's guests & announcements

President Graham: Welcomed

Adrienne Hall
Darcy Sharpe guest speaker and Guide Dog Oregon
Mahiar Matt Mahjoub

Graham also welcomed the return of
Dilys Geddes
Roger Desmarchelier

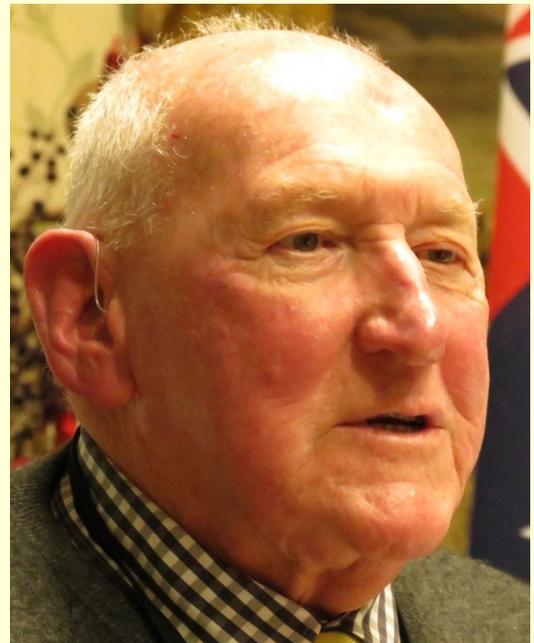
Bobbo meeting

The president of Wahroonga, Turramurra and Ku ring gai clubs met to discuss some aspects of Bobbo and they expressed concern about the method used to allocate funds to our chari-

ties for the 2017 Bobbo.

It was agreed that the allocation for 2017 should be renegotiated.

Last week speaker Darcy Sharpe



Darcy Sharpe and Oregon his Guide Dog
Introduction— Bob Elsworth

Darcy previously worked in State and Federal Government—Living with a guide dog and visual impairment

He started his presentation with a tour of the room with Oregon and said he is pleased we have lady members in our club

Darcy is interested in the miracle of Guide dog training Zero to 20 months – being trained as a guide dog, then bonding

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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 'Be a gift to the world' is the Rotary International President's theme for 2015-

Darcy GD (Guide Dog) Born in Victoria July 2009 in Victoria. After 2 months Darcy was introduced to his starting family

He was sent to a family to move him in a direction of becoming a guide Dog, they are trained to always on the left and slightly in front. They look after diet grooming and health and customisation to sounds obstacles and sights

You don't give a command to a GD—always a request starting with his name

They taught him to sit and stay

If there are any signs of aggression the dog cannot be a GD

Between 4 and 7 months males are castrated and females at 12 months so as not to be distracted. At the end of 13 months he was transferred to 5 months of intensive training. His feet were introduced to all surfaces and obstacles, how to handle rail stations and steps

Guide Dogs NSW decides when to retire the dog.

If a dog is abused it is taken from the "handler"

The harness is introduced very slowly so the dog has a chance to experience it

Dogs don't see colour and at crossings they look at the light and listen to the sound

They are also trained to cross the road without lights and they will wait for the opportunity

They will look for the sliced part of a curb

GD is trained to enter a train and they always sit at the end

GD have different methods to asking people to offer a seat, some very persuasive.

DG helps to develop a sense of humour

Graduation day, is a thrill for the trainers and those who raised the dog.

When you receive your first dog a person arrives to train the recipient and dog.

For 30 years he used a long cane, no GPS etc and he was known as a (cane) tapper

GD's are trained to enter shopping centres, on and off escalators, the GD is trained to jump at start and end of an escalator so they don't catch their pads.

Bonding, firstly a 2k walk every day, then toast no butter, then a multi grain weetbix, one hour later fish and potato, but always at a different time. If they are fed the same time they get into the habit they will want to go home at meal time.

Darcy is groomed every day, then given a rub with a nylon stocking to bring out the wax and oil

Oregon loves classical music, in a recital hall he groans with approval

Catching train and going to Angle place—once Darcy has visited a location once he remembers and knows where to return.

Greg Newling VOT

In a major breakthrough in the world Polio Eradication campaign, it was announced on Friday that Nigeria has now gone ONE YEAR with NO new cases of the wild poliovirus!

Making the announcement, Rotary International senior leaders – President Ravi Ravindran and The Rotary Foundation Chairman Ray Klinginsmith – pointed out that it was only a decade ago that polio struck 12,631 people in Africa – three quarters of all cases in the world. President Ravindran and Chairman Klinginsmith congratulated Rotarians around the world who have now donated \$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa, including more than \$200 million in Nigeria.

Official sources state that with the infrastructure put in place by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Nigeria not only reduced its polio caseload by 90% in 2014, but also thwarted the world's most lethal Ebola outbreak to day in only 90 days – a response faster than even the USA, and rightly praised by the World Health Organisation as 'world class'.

If the stringent World Health Organisation testing criteria are met, Nigeria could be removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in September this year, leaving just Pakistan and Afghanistan as the only two remaining polio-endemic countries.

District 9685 Rotary Foundation Chairman PDG Tony Castley added his congratulations to those of our world leaders and urged District TRF Chairman and Club Presidents not to take the situation for granted.

"We must continue to intensify our fund raising efforts and increase public awareness that Rotary and its global partners are winning the war against Polio!

"Protecting progress achieved to date means enhancing surveillance, routine immunisation, and community engagement in Nigeria and other countries where transmission has been stopped," he said.

Chairman Tony urged his TRF Chairman to take advantage of this excellent news and double their efforts with District clubs leading into and during TRF month in November.

"We need to encourage ALL Rotarians to take an interest in the campaign and share the good news with their communities and neighbourhoods. Visit www.endpolio.org to download a toolkit of materials to help promote our Polio Eradication campaign," he added.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DISTRICT 9685 Public Relations/Polio Chairman, PDG Bob Aitken – 0417 722 190; or email bob@bobaitkenmedia.com.au

Book recommendations

Carolyn Jones has started a Ku ring gai Rotary Book Club and I have decided to start a section for **all members** to submit books they have enjoyed. If you have any books you have enjoyed please send them to me and I will publish.

I appreciate we have different tastes and it is up to each member to do their own research .

Your temporary editor Tony, has the following recommendations, all available on Kindle

Between Silk and Cyanide: A Code Maker's War 1941-45	Leo Marks
Hack Attack: How the truth caught up with Rupert Murdoch	Nick Davies
17 Carnations: The Windsors, The Nazis and The Cover-Up	Andrew Morton
Bomb, Book and Compass: Joseph Needham and the Great Secrets of China	Winchester, Simon
The Help	Kathryn Stockett
Two Years Before the Mast - A Personal Narrative of Life at Sea (circa 1840)	Dana, Richard Henry
Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption	Hillenbrand, Laura
Ten Books on Architecture (Illustrated)	Pollio, Vitruvius
The Boys in the Boat	Daniel James Brown
The Book Thief	Zusak, Markus

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WHERE:
Parliament House NSW, Strangers Room
Macquaire Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

DATE:
Monday August 24, 2015

TIME:
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Drinks and canapes upon arrival

DRESS:
Business attire

RSVP:
Friday 7 August 2015
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FRIDAY 24th JULY @ 7:30PM

SATURDAY 25th JULY @ 2:00PM & 7:30PM

SUNDAY 26th JULY @ 4:00PM

TICKETS

ADULT \$29.50

CONCESSION/STUDENT/CHILD \$24.50

GROUP 4+ \$24.50