#### Rotary Club Of Ku-ring-gai Inc Chartered 6th February 1959



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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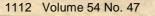
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#### Meeting Apology

Please use the club website **before 3 pm** on meeting day to apologise or add a guest, or you will be required to reimburse the club for your meal cost. http:// www.kuringgairotary.org.au

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24th June 2012

www.kuringgairotary.org.au The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club

#### **This week**

Changeover

### Last Week

Three members with a 10 on me

# **Trivia Auction Donation**

List week I omitted the generous donation of a Handmade Quilt that Rita Coenen made for the occasion.

The Quilt raised appox \$150 during the auction

# **Clarke Road School**

STOP PRESS: The Woolworths "earn and learn" sticker promotion has been extended until early August. Please keep collecting the stickers (for each \$10 spent at Woolworths) and give them to me by Monday 6 August. The staff at Clarke Road School are very grateful for our support. Thank you from me too, Joy Newling.

# Club Changeover

Monday 25 June at Avondale Golf Club & for 6.30 for 7pm

#### **Dilys Geddes**

Dilys then members and partners for attending the Trivia night and assisting with the Auction.

Dilys said about \$120 people attended the evening which was a great success

Dilys also said payments for the Centurion Club are now due

# **Uganda School**

Please see page 5 for extract from Womans day

This page is about Annabelle Chauncy, a dynamic young lady who spoke to our Club some months ago.

She and her business partner, Dave Everett, when both aged 21, wanted to make a difference for the desperately poor children they saw in Uganda. So they started a school!

They are two amazing young people and this article barely touches the surface of what they are doing.

Hopefully we will be able to get Annabelle to speak to us in the near future.

Next year we will participate in a Matching Grant project to provide the school with a solar power plant and backup generator.

# Anne Goodman BHCC

Anne Goodman and 2 friends won the \$1,000 Blackmans Bicycle Voucher for their donation to BHCC. Anne sent the photo and caption below

A photo of the three of us with some of our new gear.



#### Ted Price 10 on Me

Hi, I'm Ted Price, Community Pharmacist at West Pymble.

Had you been watching this year's Australian Open you would have noticed the Kia advertisement being shown during the telecast. This featured the West Pymble Shopping Centre and specifically the one and only Price's Pharmacy.

The pharmacy was opened by my father nearly 54 years ago, in 1958 and I have been happily working there ever since. I have seen many changes in both the suburb and the average age of the residents. West Pymble originally had orchards

and a dairy and opened up in the late 1950's with several large areas of War

Service Housing for returned servicemen with their young families. There are still

some of these early "settlers" living in their original houses and many of their

children have returned to West Pymble with their own young families.

I was born, bred and educated on the North Shore so my guess is that I am a Shore Thing, not to be confused with the Shire. I attended Gordon and Roseville Public Schools and then North Sydney Boys High, In September we are

holding a reunion of the class of '57, 55 years after leaving the school.

I started at Sydney University at the young age of 15 and a half and emerged some years later as a Registered Pharmacist. I had served my apprenticeship with my father at West Pymble and became a third generation "pill puncher" not a "drug dealer".

My grandfather became a Registered Pharmacist in 1902 and opened his Price's Pharmacy in 1906 at the top of Victoria Avenue, Chatswood. There is a photo showing the arrival of the first tram at Chatswood outside Grandfathers original pharmacy.

A few years later he built a new pharmacy on the opposite corner of Victoria Ave and in 1923 sold the business to the Soul Pattison chain. This building was later incorporated into The Chatswood Interchange.

Dad, for several years before joining the 2nd AIF, owned the pharmacy in Murrarundi then after serving as a pharmacist in a field hospital unit in New Britain during the Port Moresby campaign, returned to Sydney and in 1950 opened the pharmacy at Roseville Chase, when Babbage Rd was a two lane road and the old Roseville Bridge crossed Middle Harbour next to Roseville Baths. In 1958, my dad started the pharmacy in West Pymble on the day that the centre was opened and I became his apprentice.

#### Ted Price 10 on Me

My vision of a Community Pharmacist is one that cares and shares.....shares in all the ups and downs, the happy times the disappointments and the sad times.

Each Friday morning I spend several hours delivering weekly medications to up to 20 of our older patients and often I am saddened by how guickly some of our patients are declining both physically and mentally. Many of our patients live alone and often have very few visitors from week to week. On a happier note, I started my career of delivery boy while at Roseville Public School, riding my bike around Roseville Chase after school. Clover would be pleased. Dick Smith took over my run in my later schooldays. In one of our radio sponsorship adverts on Northside Radio 99.3FM, Phil Haldeman is able to state that "Ted Price does all the home deliveries, making him the oldest Chemist boy in the Business." Over 53 years at West Pymble we have always tried to be the family chemist for the suburb and have seen the population gradually change from a suburb with many returned servicemen and their young families first moving into West Pymble in 1958-9, through the times that these families grew up and spread their wings and the parents grew older to a new situation where many of the older folk have moved on while many of their own families have returned to West Pymble and other young families have moved in completing the cycle. Once a week we employ a nursing sister to provide a Baby Clinic for the many new mums and their babies.

Today has been our bi-annual day of accreditation when the pharmacy and each of our staff is "judged" to see if we are all up to the very high standard that is required. It is quite a stressful event and we are all very pleased when it is over. On our staff we employ three other registered pharmacists part time and nearly all our staff live locally. Over many years it has been a very happy workplace and we have never advertised a vacancy.

The late Ivan Skellet invited me to join Ku-ring-gai Rotary Club over 25 years ago and my memory was jolted at the last Club Forum when Tony mentioned that the club that he had joined was a much more formal affair. I would bring my suit to work and quickly hop into the telephone box like Simon Kent and come out in my Rotary suit and fly up to the now vanished Pymble Businessmen's Club in Telegraph Road. Eunice and I have always remembered the friendly welcome that

the late Frank Fisher gave us that night.

Both Eunice and I come from very small families and we are blessed to have both daughters living close. On Saturday you may have met our younger daughter, Melissa, and husband James. They were married in January this year and live at Cammeray. James was the only person in the room to identify all the flags. Our older daughter, Carolyn, with Martin and 20 month-old Liam have been living at Alexandria but for the last three months have been living very close while the terrace at Alexandria is being renovated. They have moved back home.

### Ted Price 10 on Me

When the time comes for me to hang up my white coat and retire, we are looking forward to spending time with a growing family and traveling overseas and within Australia. Come to think of it, it is many years since I have worn that white

coat, but I still enjoy my work and the caring and sharing.

I have always considered that the most interesting Rotary meetings have

been those nights when our own members have been the guest speakers. Tonight

President Caroline has given the three of us the chance to speak about ourselves. I hope that tonight the Three Wise Men or Three Brass Monkeys will not disappoint.

### Wally Forbes 10 on Me

#### Born in Drummoyne

Uninterested at school, Wally was sent to Sydney Grammar and left school in 1949

First job was as office boy in Adelaide Steamship Co and most of his work was in the transport industry as a driver

In 1952 he did 6 months national service in the Navy

Pam wanted a change and he decided to become a trainee store manager at G J Coles.

He has had 22 jobs since leaving school.

He loved Interstate transport

Worst job was at Boral working at carting rock from a quarry at Prospect to the Container Terminal.

Interesting job as a Hire Car driver, and he was driving celebrities John Wayne and many significant people.

He became a Tanker driver for Mobil, then Marrackville Holdings and got wages and overtime which was great for Interstate drivers, current payment method is for each kilometer driven, Some companies "auction" Interstate deliveries.

After that he got a job at Cleanaway and became State Manager used to run behind garbage trucks to check progress

He had the job for 10 years and all senior managers were dismissed. He then bought a small Waste Company with 6 Trucks

Wally bought a Cruise Boat but it had very little return, it had very high maintenance costs.

He then started driving Tourist Coaches

Wife and 3 children and 8 grandchildren

He regularly drove 5,000 miles per week.

# **Tony McClelland 10 on Me**

Born Nundle 1938

Nundle is 6 miles south Hanging Rock, 6 west of Bowling Alley Point 6 East of Crawney Pass and 6 north of Lindsays Gap

We had Ration cards, telephone – needed to book day before, to call Sydney, cars had gas producers

Primary school Nundle and secondary at TAS Armidale, I represented at GPS in 100 and 200 yards, not a riveting academic achievement

After school I worked in the family general store at Nundle (a ghost mining town) and saw the need to diversify and move on. I started rabbit buying and developed 12 freezers in the North and North West of NSW and bought up to 15,000 rabbits per week. I started 2 school bus runs and developed a 3,000 acre property for subdivision. I started 2 Optical dispensaries called them Optivision and started a computer business in Tamworth

I built a racing sports car and raced in Queensland and competed in hills climbs in NSW and it has the record at the time for the standing ¼ mile and second in NSW Hill Climb

I married Joan in 1963 and we had 5 children, Glen, Craig, Sonia, Timothy and Matthew and we moved to Tamworth in 1975. I joined Rotary in 1976 and started a tennis team which still exists today notwithstanding many changes of players

I bought a business in Sydney and moved to Sydney in 1982. I bought a house in Wahroonga and an office in Parramatta Road. I opened offices in Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide. Clients included Australias' largest Toyota dealer and a Truck dealer with 600m turnover.

In 1992 after successfully extracting a son from Scientology I started Cultaware to assist parents with children in Cults, 8 years later I closed it because of Death threats, repeated arrests for street demonstrations and excessive cost of defending defamation charges

In approx. 1998 I started CompAware to train Rotarians how to use a computer and trained 40 members and partners with a team of Roratians. Since them I have distributed the Koongga electronically, originally to Ivan Cribb in text and later to all members in PDF. I developed our WEB in 2010 (Bob Ivey did the work) and currently do low grade maintenance on the WEB, write Koongga and I am treasurer

At age 65 I was introduced to Cycling and within 2 years I rode 18,000k and the longest one day ride was 468k in France.

I separated in 2000 and met Jannet on a flight to France in 2004, Jannet and I have ridden in China, Switzerland, France and Germany and USA and plan to ride in Italy next year. We also enjoy skiing

#### **Bob Ivey Norway**

#### **Oslo Norway**

WiFi reception not too good in this hotel room - have to stand in the corridor outside my room!

One hour flight from Copenhagen to Oslo yesterday. After hotel checkin had a bus tour around the city, then taken by bus for a special dinner at a restaurant on top of a 1500 ft hill overlooking the city which sits around the end of a fjord - beautiful view. Strange to see the sun still high in the sky at 9.00 pm.

Drinks are more expensive in Norway than Denmark in hotels & restaurants - glass of beer about \$16 and a (half full) glass of wine a bit more. Obviously cheaper in shops etc.

Bus stopped for us to look at their new ski jump - a massive ramp perhaps 500ft high from which skiers launch themselves into space & fly to the bottom. Far higher than I imagined when I saw the event on tv for the winter Olympics. Evidence everywhere as to how much Norwegians love their skiing.

On the other hand, summer weather has only just arrived after a long hard winter and a recent period of cold and rain. People are out & about everywhere, sitting in the sun, enjoying all the outdoor restaurants, etc remembering that the sun is out till late (dark about 11.00). They are only now starting to see high incidence of skin cancer, from the 1980's period when getting a tan was in fashion. Cheers

Bob

#### **Balestrand**, Norway

We travelled by coach about 500 km from Oslo to Bergen, on the SW coast of Norway. It took 11 hrs because the speed limit was mostly only 70 km/hr because the road was mostly single lane with passing areas every few hundred meters, and many hairpin bends. Not uncommon for the driver to creep slowly round a bend to see a truck coming the other way and, depending on which vehicle was closer to a passing point, we sometimes had to stop in a hurry.

But it was spectacular scenery though snow covered hills, frozen lakes, gushing ice cold streams - and many waterfalls, one with a shear drop of 140 m. We stopped and walked behind & under one.

We were surprised to see so many little timber huts up there, people's 'weekenders' with no power or running water, where they go on holiday weekends to spend time with nature, skiing etc. Many are snowed in for weeks at a time they told us, so they need to bring a few Provisions!

Today we travelled further north to Balestrand, by two trains through more spectacular scenery, waterfalls, tunnels and down one of the steepest rail tracks in the world - 1:18 gradient - the world renowned Flam Railway. Then by fast ferry for a 90min trip down one of the hundreds of fjords in Norway, again seeing snow

#### **Bob Ivey Norway**

covered hills and water falling perhaps 2,000 ft down steep slopes. We were on the longest fjord on Norway, 200km long and it's deepest water depth is 1,430 m. Needless to say there are a few large cruise ships around.

Our hotel tonight is on the bank of the fjord and the view from the room is across the water to snow covered mountains.

We have been lucky with the temp, surprisingly warm due they tell us to the Gulf Stream passing near south western Norway. Temps around 18-20 by day, although cooler and overcast and windy today. But we will be visiting a glacier tomorrow and then travel further into the mountains for some 300 km, then down to the coast to stay 2 days in another fjord touring locally and more boat trips, then up towards Lillehammer for another two nights. So, out will come the jacket!

Sun still not setting until after 11.00 pm and still light a while after that they tell me. Outside our hotel a huge bonfire is set up ready to be lit tonight at 10.00 pm as part of the 'mid summer festival', yesterday being the longest day of the year here. The Norwegians like to party and make the most of their short summer - we heard music at 4.00 am in the last city. Cheers,

Bob

# Africa's Aussie ang **'These ki**

**Annabelle Chauncy** up a career in law to a school for the child of impoverished Uga

ydney law graduate Annabelle Chauncy always hoped to make a difference on her first humanitarian trip to Africa five years ago. But she had no idea just how much the plight of the children there would change her life. Together with South African-born friend David Everett, who she met on that fateful trip, Annabelle bought four hectares of land at Katuuso in Uganda, and launched the School For Life Foundation to provide education for kids from the country's poorest communities.

From humble beginnings, and with plenty of blood, sweat and tears. Annabelle and David, both 26, have built four classrooms, two health rooms, an outdoor shade shelter and a makeshift kitchen on their land. But it has certainly been worthwhile.

"Words can hardly describe the magical feeling of walking into Katuuso and seeing it alive with children for the very first time, beams Annabelle. "To see the dream we had been working towards for three years become a reality was truly something special."

Only half of Uganda's children make it to Grade Five and more than 25 per cent of the country's adults are illiterate, so the school has already made an impact.

The heart-wrenching story of brave local boy Asuman is a prime example.

"He turned up at the school gates one day with his grandmother wanting a place," says Annabelle. "Asuman was not only born into a poor background, he'd been injured in a fire as a baby and suffered severe disabilities. The school had already reached it's limit, but we

couldn't turn him away, although we were concerned he may be teased."

built at Katuuso; Annabelle's dream of

making an impact on the children's

lives has come true.

But Asuman, who Annabelle affectionately dubs the "class clown", has turned into one of their greatest successes. "He's energetic, cheeky, he's rapidly learning English," she says proudly.

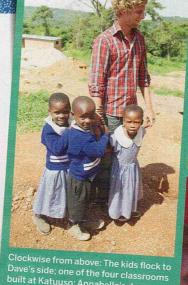
We have geniuses, troublemakers and teachers' pets - ultimately at the core, children are all the same across all nations and cultures."

The non-profit foundation also provides the entire community with access to healthcare camps every three months, and has a team of doctors, lab technicians, nurses and

counsellors who visit and provide free medical support and HIV testing.

"People ask me daily why I 'threw awa career [in law]'. My answer is simple," sh "I haven't thrown away a career - I've cre one. Pursuing that ambition is the most rewarding and worthwhile thing I've ever To make a donation, visit schoolforlife.or

Watch our video To watch video of Annabelle in Uganda, vis www.womansday.com.au



the children in their new

DATE	Speaker (BM = Board meeting)
Monday 25 June	Changeover

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