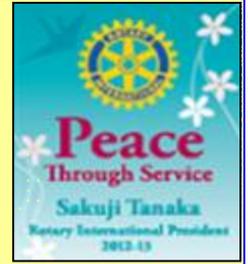


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Meeting Report - 10 September

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Club Meetings
Kimberley Club
Monday
12:45 for 13:00

Bulletin Editor
Barry Downs

Corporal Gill, standing in for Frieda, opened the meeting with Grace, the Four Way Test, and a toast to South Africa.

President Pete thanked all who participated in the travelling supper, and especially those who were directly involved with the catering side. It seems that it had been a most successful function, much enjoyed by all who participated. He reminded us that October will be a fairly busy month.

Pete mentioned that Josh Spencer (the young ex-Interactor Peace Corp worker at a school in Warrenton) had asked about dictionaries. Barry will see if he can track down a source for further supplies.

Pete reminded his board of their next meeting on 17 September.

Gill swapped hats and as Serjeant attended to our forthcoming dates and duties.

Ken had received too many apologies to announce them individually. However, there were four make-ups, so we ended up with a not too shabby figure of 81.8%. He went on to ask that when making EFTs for your club accounts, please use your new account number, or better still, your name as the recipient's reference.

Ken had been in contact with the Rotary Club of Ladysmith in D9270 (KZN), which is the district with which we will be merging in July 2013. At this stage it has been proposed that some of them will visit Kimberley on 3-4 November for a fellowship week-end.

Gill, once again donning the acting Corporal's hat, helped our Foundation contribution with anecdotes involving shampoo and dish-washing liquid. And she then proceeded to close the meeting with her tail-piece:

"Anger is the feeling that makes your mouth work faster than your mind."

Last meeting's attendance—82%

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The Travelling Supper

An evening of Fun and Fellowship at MMGC

(Words by Janine; pix by Ken)

We sauntered over to the Arnold home. We tottered off to the Morrison's. We waddled and swayed to the Erasmii home whereafter we all giggled and rolled home. The food was good. The refreshments better. Good company and laughter made the night seem shorter. Celery was crisp, Carpaccio rolled and shrimp sautéed. Veggies were roasted, beef smoked and dessert consumed in small doses. Laughter drifted into the night as eventually (and thankfully) the last guests took flight!



Fifty years of Rotary Youth Exchange in Japan

*By Megan Feringer
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In 1962, Australia was a country grappling with change. Many older Australians were still emotionally rebuilding after World War II, and the nation was beginning to dismantle its anti-Asian “White Australia” immigration policy.

When Yoko Sekimoto arrived in Melbourne that year as Japan’s first Rotary Youth Exchange student, she didn’t realize that many people were wary of her visit. Fifty years later, she continues to marvel at the graciousness of her hosts.

“Everyone treated me like a daughter or sister. It was only 17 years after the war, but I felt a warm welcome and great hospitality,” says Sekimoto (her married name – at the time, she was Yoko Miyazaki).

Japan’s Youth Exchange program began with help from an Australian Rotarian. Don Farquhar addressed the 1961 RI Convention in Tokyo about the need to build friendships and cultural understanding throughout the world – particularly with Japan. He considered student exchange to be the best way to do that.

“Don was a person of both immense courage and foresight,” says Stuart McDonald, program development officer for Youth Exchange in Australia. “In 1942, during World War II, Don was blinded in action against the Japanese. However, he maintained a desire and a mission in life to promote peace and goodwill.”

After Farquhar delivered his speech, he was approached by a Japanese district governor, who asked him to help arrange the first Youth Exchange involving a student from Japan. The Rotary clubs of Rosebud and Kurume coordinated Sekimoto’s year abroad. A few weeks after her arrival, another group of Japanese students came to Sydney, and the next year Japan welcomed several Australian students. The country’s exchange program had officially begun.

Sekimoto’s visit to Australia, along with the beginning of Youth Exchange in Japan, was considered so historically significant that photographs from her exchange are now housed in the National Archives of Australia, McDonald says.

“It was a hard time for Japan when I was 16,” Sekimoto says. “When I came to Australia, it was just like heaven. It was such a different style of living. That became a big turning point for me – it completely changed my life.”

Her experience as an exchange student awakened a curiosity to explore the rest of the world. After returning home to finish high school and college, Sekimoto worked as a flight attendant, married, and lived in Egypt before going back to Japan.

“Yoko’s story is just one great example of Youth Exchange,” McDonald says. “Fifty years later, thousands of friendships have been formed between people from all over the world and Japan.”



Kimberley Rotary Club Calendar

(Meetings: 12:45 Monday lunchtime at the Kimberley Club—unless otherwise stated)



September—New Generations Month

17 Board Meeting

20-23 District 9320's last ever Conference in East London

24 Heritage Day—no meeting

October—Vocational Service Month

12 Mountain Bike Night Cycle race

13 Nomads' Bowls competition

19 Yonder Fête

November—Rotary Foundation Month

3-4 Saturday/Sunday—possible fellowship visit by Ladysmith Rotarians

29 Thursday—Official Club Visit by DG Dave Briggs

Dates & Duties

If you are unable to perform a duty, **it is your own responsibility** to find a replacement.

Fellowship

12:30 Welcome Rotarians & Guests. See that Rotarians wear their name tags and that guests are welcomed.

Sep 17 Janine Snyders & Peter Thomas

Sep 24 Heritage Day

Oct 1 Lizanne van Niekerk & Nanine van Olmen

Oct 8 Corlia van Tonder & Amanda van Zyl

Corporal

Grace, 4-Way Test, Toast to SA – Fines – Tailpiece.

Sep 17 Andries Erasmus

Sep 24 Heritage Day

Oct 1 Sharon Erasmus

Oct 8 Allison Fletcher

Birthday Greetings

Sep 22 Gill Quinn

Sep 23 Gordon Dally (Honorary)

Sep 24 Anton Rautenbach

Oct 4 Peter Hohne (Honorary)

Wedding Anniversaries

Sep 20 Obe & Nanine Olmen Philips

Sep 23 Peter & Charlene Daubney (Honorary)

Sep 27 Dries & Corlia van Tonder

Oct 8 André & Annine Oberholzer

Induction Anniversaries

Oct 18 Div Pretorius 2004

Nov 14 Peter Thomas 1991

Nov 14 Nanine van Olmen Philips 2011

Nov 14 Chris Louw 2011

Coffee Club



10:00 at the "Hole in the Wall"

Sep 18 Janine Snyders

Sep 25 Peter Thomas

Oct 2 Nanine van Olmen

Oct 9 Corlia van Tonder

Coffee Club Birthday Greetings

Changes—please advise Barry Downs

Sep 25 Don Munro

Oct 4 Jack Ward

Oct 13 Peter Gibbs

Oct 23 Ginger Olivier

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Griqua Goodies

Children begin by loving their parents; after a time they judge them; rarely, if ever, do they forgive them.

—Oscar Wilde