



Rotary Club of Concord - Monday 10th August 2020

Chartered 24th September, 1956

Rotary District 9675



Time to reflect

As absolutely everyone is aware, these are very trying times for almost all people in all countries, as the world tries to come to terms with changes to our everyday existence.

I think particularly of those whose health has been affected by the pandemic and by extension those on the front line caring for them. There are many whose very livelihood has been affected through job loss and will consequently struggle to

not only feed a family but keep a roof over their heads which in turn has seen an increase in family violence, something I have spoken of on prior occasions and will continue to do so.

There is also a great concern in my view for the mental health of many through lack of social intercourse on which so many rely.

I am aware (from personal experience) how easy it is to let normal standards slip when face-to-face contact with the outside world is limited and it was with this thought that I realised that were the status quo to remain for a much longer period then the very existence of Rotary could be significantly challenged.

I am well aware of the efforts made at club, district and international level to keep all informed, but electronic contact can substitute for personal contact for just so long and therefore I believe we must all make a concerted effort to remember exactly WHY we became Rotarians in the first place and do everything we can to maintain our interest in what we can still achieve in the future if we keep our focus.

I have been aware over the past few weeks that our weekly Zoom meetings have been attracting fewer and fewer members but was gratified to see that numbers were up considerably last meeting. Unfortunately our guest speaker was unable to make an appearance and has had to be re-scheduled, but even so, President Angela covered the lapse admirably and the night was most rewarding.

So... I ask those who are NOT regular attendees on Monday nights, please try to



join the meeting, join in the pre-meeting conversations (6.00-6.30pm) and update members on your experiences and catch up on those of other members.

We are however very lucky to have our markets up and running again which does give members who attend either as volunteers or shoppers the chance to catch up. We will also be holding another family picnic on Sunday 30th August (time and location to be advised).

And not that anyone needs to be reminded, but the Rotary motto is.....



from the market

Another fine day (absolutely freezing at 6am for those setting up, but that's another story) 30 plus stall holders. a steady flow of customers, a full complement of volunteers and finally, a replacement butcher (who will also have milk in future), laid the platform for another successful Concord Farmers Market.

With a strong history for many years of generosity from the public in donating to the charity of the day, it has been decided to advertise:

1) Which Charity has been nominated for each market (courtesy of P4).

2) How much was raised and for the charity at the previous market

3) Advise the public of how we distribute all other revenue from the markets.

All of which will be on display at each market with relevant changes.



the Rotary Club of Concord
thanks you for supporting our



CONCORD FARMERS MARKET

All profits from the stall fees are used to support community organisations



100% of the market fundraising collections go to charitable causes

PREVIOUS CHARITY RECIPIENT	AMOUNT COLLECTED
	\$310



The Rotary Club of Concord in conjunction with Strathfield Rotaract Club & Homebush Boys High Interact Club would like to thank you for being part of the market and helping to support these important community projects



The effort we are mounting to ensure that visitors are as Covid-safe as possible while visiting the market is paying off with a number of very favourable comments on social media and is obviously making our market a more attractive option for stall holders and shoppers alike, Congratulations to all involved.



more from the market

In the final weeks of now Past President Charmaine Langley's term of office, she introduced Dasha Brandt from Stitching Hearts quilters, as the speaker for the evening.

As a total non 'stitcher', as I listened to Dasha I felt a bit sad that I had never taken up the opportunity to learn to sew from my very talented mother. Even Mum agreed that our primary school sewing teacher was responsible for my lack of interest back then. I have vivid memories of taking my sewing item to be inspected - and being told every week through classes 3 to 6, to unpick and do it again. But I did finally finish, in 6th class, my apron. As I recall, none of the items in the sewing teacher's repertoire had any use in the real world. Ah the good old days!

Dasha's talk was very enjoyable. The enthusiasm the 15 or so ladies in the Stitching Hearts group bring to their craft, the warmth of the friendships that have developed, and the 'enterprise' that has flowed from their artistic and sewing skills are all 'heart' (and no doubt feet) warming. Their completed handiwork assists many charitable causes, and when Dasha suggested a quilt could be donated to Concord Rotary for handing on to a charity of its choice, I took the opportunity to mention that Down Syndrome NSW would be very grateful to have a quilt for fundraising purposes. In turn, the Club gave the quilters a donation towards the purchase of materials.

And so, thanks to Ken Wright's liaising, at Sunday's Farmers Market I was able to meet with Roslyn Royle, Secretary of Stitching Hearts, when she came along and handed over not one but the two beautiful quilts pictured. Stay tuned ...

Evelyn Scott



President Angela and Evelyn with Roslyn



Is someone wrapped/rapt in the large quilt?

for more lovely quilts, see:

<http://stitchingheartsquilters.blogspot.com.au>





and now for something educational...

One two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but in the morning, why do we wake **UP**?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report?

We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**.

We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions.

If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used.

It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more.

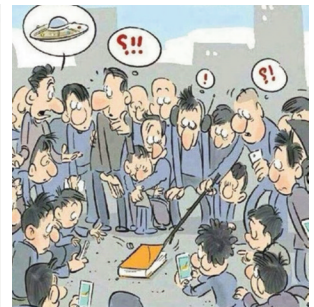
When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, the earth soaks it **UP**. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry **UP**. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP**, for now...my time is **UP**!

Oh...one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night? **U P**!!

Did that one crack you **UP**?

Don't screw **UP**. Send this on to everyone you look **UP** in your address book... or not...it's **UP** to you. Now I'll shut **UP**!

the future?





A crack in the “glass ceiling”

Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organisation's 115-year history.

Jones will officially become president-nominee on 1st October if no other candidates challenge her (but going on our experience of late, don't hold your breath).

Apart from her outstanding successes in business (founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company and much more), she is a current Rotary Foundation trustee, has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

However, as prodigious as this nomination is, let us keep it in perspective. It was way back in 1987 that the court ruling was made in the USA that women could be admitted to Rotary which means that since that time the organisation has had many remarkable women hold the position of District Governor but it took until 2005 for a woman to even be appointed as a trustee to the Rotary Foundation.



Maybe now is the time...

During the past four months of lockdowns, countries around the world have reported an increase of up to 25 per cent in domestic violence. The change, for some, has meant that their lives are confined to the most dangerous environment possible. This is a harsh reality with which we must reckon if we are to save lives endangered by domestic abuse, a threat that predates and will outlive any virus.

In our own backyard, almost one in 10 Australian women in a relationship has experienced domestic violence since the pandemic began and that number doubles when including emotional abuse, harassment and controlling behaviour.

The Sydney Morning Herald 19/7/2020

Maybe for her year as RI President, Jennifer E. Jones could instigate the long overdue elimination of this scourge, something Rotary men have failed to do in 115 years.

1,200,000 people may not seem like many to take on this challenge, but remember the impact that number has had on the eradication of polio. Food for thought?





Let's keep talking about plastic!

As has been mentioned on a few occasions over the past few months, President Angela would like all members to take up the initiative of "Take 3 for the Sea" which is an Australian not-for-profit organisation, founded in 2009 with a simple message:

Take 3 pieces of rubbish with you when you leave the beach, waterway or anywhere special, and you've made a difference.

As admirable as this approach may be, when one realises the extent of the devastation which has already been caused around the world (3 billion takeaway plastic coffee cups are sold in Australia every year, 12,000 pieces of plastic litter floats on every square Km of ocean, every bit of plastic ever produced, still exists, etc,etc.) we have to realise how much has to be done.

When a ban on disposable plastic bags was announced a year or so ago ostensibly to stem the use of the material, it rapidly became obvious that all this would achieve would be to strengthen the supermarket's bottom line. (enter any supermarket with your own shopping bag you will see that probably 60-70% of all stock on the shelves is packed in plastic and for those loose items such as fruit and vegetables, roll upon roll of plastic bags are available for your convenience). It would be hilarious if it wasn't so serious. Waiting for government or big business to take a lead is a waste of time. It's a little like King Canute trying to repel the oncoming tide, but someone has to start somewhere. A boycott of product unnecessarily offered wrapped in plastic is not a bad starting point. It's not easy but... ***"mighty oaks from little acorns grow"***

So, take a lead from "Take 3" and wherever you go, pick up some plastic waste.



Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards (RIWA) was launched on the 5th August 2020 and nominations are now open. They close on the 23rd September 2020.

We are encouraged to nominate women in the community (Rotarians and Rotaractors are ineligible) who should be recognised for their contribution in making our community a better places to live.

More info next edition when space allows.

What's coming up

Monday August 10th 2020:

Weekly club Zoom meeting 6.00 for 6.30pm
Located wherever you like

Sunday August 30th 2020:

Club family picnic day
commencing 12.00 noon weather permitting
Location to be advised

Friday March 19th - Sunday March 21st 2021:

District 9675 Conference
The Sydney Masonic Centre
Golburn St. Sydney



"Vaping"
back in my day





LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

With all the turmoil in the market today this might be some good advice. For all of you with any money left, be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks.

Watch for these consolidations later this year:

1.) Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W R. Grace Co. will merge and become: **Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.**

2.) Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta Crackers join forces and become: **Poly, Warner Cracker.**

3.) 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: **MMMGood.**

4.) Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: **ZipAudiDoDa.**

5.) FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: **FedUP.**

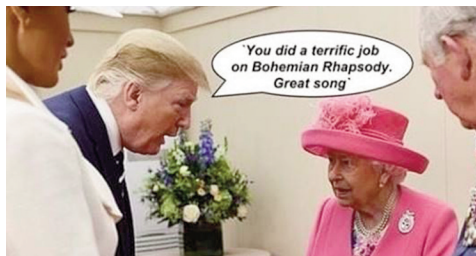
6.) Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: **Fairwell Honeychild.**

7.) Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: **PouponPants.**

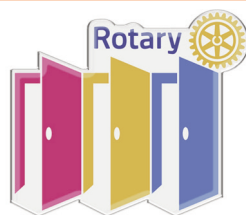
8.) Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: **Knott NOW.**

And finally...

9.) Victoria's Secret and Smith & Wesson will merge under the new name: **TittyTittyBangBang.**



**OPENING
OPPORTUNITIES
THROUGH
ROTARY**



District 9675 Conference

Friday 19 March to Sunday 21 March 2021

Sydney Masonic Centre

66 Goulburn St., Sydney, NSW 2000

Call: **(02) 9284 2888**

Website: <https://www.smcfc.com.au/>

F/book <https://www.facebook.com/smcfc.au/>

DG Warwick invites us to join him in the centre of Sydney to experience wonderful speakers, enjoy Rotary fellowship and to open opportunities for our club, our community and for the wider world.

Very early bird rate:

\$195 - Register & pay before 31/10/2020

Early bird rate:

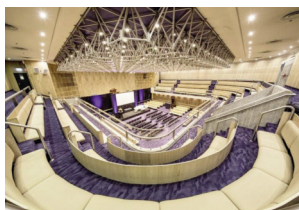
\$235 - Register & pay before 15/1/2021

Full registration:

\$275 - Register & pay after 15/1/2021

Day/event rates are available at:

<https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>



AUSTRALIANS ALL LET US REJOICE
FOR WE ARE YOUNG AND FREE
WE'VE GOLDEN SOIL AND WEALTH FOR TOIL
OUR HOME IS GIRT BY SEA
OUR LAND OF BEAUTY
ABOUNDS RICH
IN NATURE'S GIFTS AND RARE
IN HISTORY'S PAGE, LET EVERY STAGE
ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR
IN JOYFUL STRAINS THEN LET US SING "ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR"
BENEATH OUR radiant southern CROSS, WE'LL TOIL WITH HEARTS AND HANDS
TO MAKE THIS COMMONWEALTH OF OURS
RENOWNED OF ALL THE LANDS
FOR THOSE WHO'VE COME ACROSS THE SEAS
WE'VE BOUNDLESS PLAINS TO SHARE
WITH COURAGE LET US ALL COMBINE
TO ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR
IN JOYFUL STRAINS THEN LET US SING "ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR"

DIST. 9675 CLUB MEETINGS

MONDAYS:

BURWOOD: 5.45 for 6.15pm

Burwood RSL Club

www.rotaryclubofburwood.org

FIVE DOCK: 6.30 for 6.55pm

Club Five Dock

www.rotarynews.info/club44

TUESDAYS:

CAMPSIE: 5.45 for 6.15pm

The Rotary Community Centre

www.rotarynews.info/club4408

WEDNESDAYS:

STRATHFIELD: 6.30 for 7.00pm

Strathfield Golf Club

www.strathfieldgolf.org.au/

DRUMMOYNE: 6.15 for 6.30pm

Drummoynes Sailing Club

www.rotarynews.info/club4413

THURSDAYS:

BREAKFAST POINT: 7.00 for 7.15pm

Breakfast Point Country Club

www.rcbp.com.au

www.rotarydistrict9675.org.au

Rotary Grace

O Lord Thou Giver of all good,
We thank Thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days

ROTARY'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1) Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities.
- 2) Use my vocational experiences and talents to serve in Rotary.
- 3) Conduct all of my personal, business and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others.
- 4) Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.
- 5) Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society.
- 6) Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others and to improve the quality of life in my community.
- 7) Honour the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavour or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians.
- 8) Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

Good
decisions
don't just
happen.

Ask
yourself
these 4
questions:



1. Is it the TRUTH
2. Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?



BOARD MEMBERS 2020/21

President: Angela Porritt

President Elect: Cornelia Day

Secretary: Allan Petersen

Treasurer: Ken Wright

Immediate PP: Charmaine Langley

Farmers Market: Helen McCaffery

Assistant International Service Director: Maree Ohlin

Farmers Market: Helen McCaffery

Club Service: James Chin

International Service: Ian Gilkes

Community Service: Daniel Music

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Vocational Service: Peter Reynolds

Membership: Michael Brown

CLUB MEMBERS

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Graphic Art (Retired)

Brown Michael (Liane)

Graphic Art (Pre-Press)

Cassaniti Santino (Marie)

Funeral Services

James Chin

Medicine - Health & Lifestyle

Day Cornelia

Real Estate - Commercial

Dowley Peter (Maree)

Security Services

Ferrari Kevin

Entrepreneur

Gagliano Cheryl (Tony)

Legal Assistant

Gilkes Ian (Sue)

Printing Commercial

Guerin Roger (Kitty)

Engineering - Local Government

Hughes Don (Judith)

Education - Science

Hunter Dianne

Accountancy - Admin

Kane Ray (Judith)

Transport (Retired)

Kang Alice

Director Marketing &
Community Relations,
Concord Hospital

Langley Charmaine

Project Manager Higher Education

Legey Patrick (Annmaree)

Pest Control

Long Kevin (Anna)

Promotional Products

Love Judy

Aged Care Aministration

Ly Steven

Planning Logistics

McCaffrey Helen (Bill)

Corrosion Control

McCarthy Phillip (Jillian)

Accounting - Chartered

McIntosh Graham

Pharmacy (retired)

Murray Ken

Education - Secondary (ret)

Music Daniel

Facilities Management

Ohlin Maree (Peter)

IT Project Management

Paterson Bill (Doreen)

Services & Development
Counselling

Petersen Allan (Welwyn)

Education - Primary

Petrie Stephen (Cathryn)

Mechanical Engineering

Porritt Angela (Rhys)

Database Development

Reynolds Peter (Mariana)

Education - Languages

Rez Simon

Law

Robertson Jim (Florence)

Mediation Services

Robinson Peter (Barbara)

Marketing and Sales

Rogers Peter (Mary)

Mystery Shopping

Scott Evelyn

Govt Services (Retired)

Williamson David

Building Administration

Wright Alan (Lorna)

Paint Manufacture

Wright Ken (Georgia)

Accounting Services

Xu Grant (Cynthia)

IT Professional

HONORARY MEMBERS

#* Bell, Richard (Christine)

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Kistan, Nesan (Cheryl)

Michel, Lois

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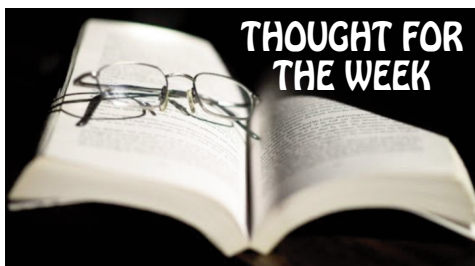
#* Rodway, Barry (Norah)

Spence, Wal (Elaine)

#** Smith, Peter (Marlene)

* Past President # Paul Harris Fellow

** Past Pres. Rotary Club of Strathfield



If Jimmy cracks
corn and nobody
cares, why is
there a song
about him?

