



IMAGINE ROTARY

Rotarian Norm O'Flaherty - Membership



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Program and Roster:

SOCIAL NIGHT

**Venue:
GOLF CLUB**

**Wednesday 26th
October**

**Chairman
Meredith M**

**Treasurer
Ian K**

**Rotary Grace
Sandie H**

**Loyal Toast
Barrie H**

**International Toast
Rosemary F**

**Rotary Information
Helen D**

**Sergeant's Help
Neil D**

This week's meeting saw Rotarian Norm O'Flaherty talk about membership and membership retention.



I am a member of the Rotary Club of Corowa and Past President in 2020. I was also a Member and Past President (1989/90) of the Rotary Club of Morialta in South Australia since 1986. So I have enjoyed the privilege of Rotary membership for over 36 years.

I have had over 30 years on District committees and I was initially apprehensive about joining the membership committee many years ago. Rotary is a new experience every chance you get to be involved in a different aspect or how Rotary serves its fellow citizens.

So now I want to talk to you about membership engagement (which I find a rather American term) or Membership involvement. In my mind this is a critical area in attracting and retaining new members. Involvement is one of the key words in continued membership. An involved member learns and enjoys being part of the knowledge of what rotary does and achieves and the fellowship that is part of being involved.

In Corowa we don't have the membership problems that some other clubs seem to have. We encourage and communicate with our members through involvement with our weekly meetings, Club Bulletin and possibly the Rotary Down Under magazine to understand the level of Rotary involvement and contribution to the community. It doesn't matter the level of membership involvement as he/she does what they can.

My own experiences with Rotary are examples of the great fellowship that occur both domestically and internationally. I have travelled to many places and have met and stayed with fellow Rotarians and have had them stay with me. It is a world wide family where involvement sets you on a path of seeing and appreciating what Rotary is and does.

Corowa Rotary is heavily involved in community projects and has a proud history with the Rotary Student Exchange Program.

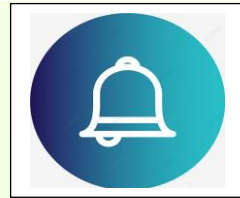
When talking to a prospective member or a new member it is important to build a relationship by involving them through establishing a knowledge of Rotary, what it stands for and what it does. Making them feel part of the club.

Interaction, involvement and fellowship. This is the glue that keeps members feeling that they are part of the organization. It is this engagement with various Rotary members and activities that will ensure this great organization will continue to build.

Some facts and firsts in Rotary:

- Rotary was started in Chicago by Paul Harris who missed the comradery and fellowship of his home town when he moved to live in Chicago. He wanted to build relationships within Chicago which was the start of it all. To be involved with his new community.
- Rotary has a primary motto of "Service above Self"
- Its second motto is "One profits most who serves best"
- There are 1.2 million plus Rotarians in over 35,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries
- There are almost 200,00 women in Rotary (in my opinion the best thing Rotary did when women were introduced to Rotary in 1987). I was membership chair in District 9520 when women were first introduced into Australia
- The Rotary Foundations ambassadorial scholarships are the worlds largest privately funded scholarships
- Rotarians in the USA make up 28% of all Rotarians
- Nauru has the least Rotarian – 11
- The Rotary Foundation was formed in 1917 as the Rotary Endowment Fund and became the Rotary Foundation in 1928
- The first gift made by the Rotary Foundation was \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children
- In 1979 Rotary started its first project to immunize all the children in the Philippines against polio, which lead to Polio Plus to immunize all the children of the world. The program started in 1988 and is still working on total eradication.

NOTICES:



International Toast – Helen D - Rotary Club of Bali Seminyak :

The club is in its 21st year being chartered on 14th May 2002. It is one of two clubs in the Kuta area that uses English as its official language during all its functions. Most of the Rotarians in the club are expatriates representing twelve nationalities.

Projects in Bali and around Indonesia include:

- Cleft & Craniofacial Operations
- Food distribution
- Student scholarships
- Elementary school classroom libraries
- Environmental awareness
- Goats & clean water distribution

Project - Rice for Plastic Exchange

Set up to solve both hunger (especially during the pandemic) and the trash problem all at the one time.

The concept: to trade rice for plastic. The great benefit is maintaining the dignity of the People through a system of trade and barter which is common throughout Bali.

For years the habit has been to toss plastic into the streets, streams and environment. The program aims to reverse the habit of throwing to the habit of collecting. Sorting begins at the source and each family is educated how to sort and separate their plastic waste into different bags. Each type has a specific value during collection. Some plastics need four kilos of plastic for one kilo of rice and other plastics could be one kilo of plastic to one kilo of rice. It is a six month program.

Rotary Information – Membership – Information from Norm O (see above)

Anniversaries or birthdays this week - Nil



Rotary Grace:

Oh Lord, the giver
of all good,
We thank you for
our daily food.
May Rotary friends
and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve
you all our days.
Amen.

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For Good Food,
For Good
Fellowship
And the
opportunity for
service in Rotary,
We Give Thanks.
Amen.

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Today we are
thankful for all we've
received.
However we live, we
firmly believe
All is a blessing that
we must pass on
No matter our status
or where we have
gone. Kindness and
generosity are what
we impart
Showing the world
what's in Rotary's
heart.

Rotary 4 way Test:

- 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?

Rotary Club of Corowa:

Website:

<http://corowarotary.jimdo.com>

We are also on FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/corowarotary>



Raffle:

Presidents Muscat: - Gurmej Singh



Cut the Cards: Helen D - Ace of Spades



Meeting Date	WED NOV 2nd	WED NOV 9th	WED NOV 16th
Venue	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel	TBA
Program	Foundation Barry Hunter	TBA	Life Story Helen Duncan
Chairman	Jeff N	Norm O	Gary P
Treasurer	Meredith M	Jeff N	Norm O
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The Rotary Club of Corowa meets every **WEDNESDAY**
at **The Royal Hotel: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start**

President 2022-2023: Rotarian Stephen Apps
Secretary: Rotarian Margaret Brown
Treasurer: Rotarian Paul Miegel
Vice President: Rotarian Deborah Rowe
President Elect 2023-24: Rotarian Bill Bott
P.O. Box 153 Corowa, NSW, 2646.
Bulletin Editor: Rotarian Bill Pentney



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Please remember to notify **Deb Rowe** if you **CANNOT** attend our weekly meetings or if you wish to bring any guests.

If you are arranging a guest speaker, please advise Deb of the number of people attending and if they need a screen of projector.

Deb can be contacted by:

Phone or text: 0413 122 884 or email: seeshell84@hotmail.com

**YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR A MEAL
IF YOU FAIL TO NOTIFY IF NOT ATTEENDING.**

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**ECONOMIC AND
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MONTH**

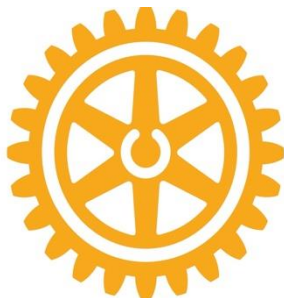
"To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."

Dr. Seuss

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