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## Committees

On Thursday night we had a very productive Committee night with President John got us right into action by sitting us in our committees for dinner.

### Membership.

Graham presented his friends of Rotary summary sheet to the club and it was well received by all. This appears to be the most pertinent method of auxiliary membership to our club. After some discussion it was moved by Graham and seconded by Paul Mowlam that Graham approach the board to establish a Friends of Rotary membership category of the Corowa Rotary Club.



### Foundation.

As Foundation is celebrating 100 years the Foundation Committee has tried to think of specific events for us to celebrate. Some of the possibilities were – a RAWCS working party, assist with funding for training for indigenous people, provide scholarships for children from indigenous communities.



### International.

Thought of participating in a RAWCS project in Vanuatu or elsewhere; to note the subject of our International Toast and contact them by email; to look at hosting a Group Study or Friendship team; and to plan for an International Night, hopefully raising money for Mental Health and providing a well known speaker.

### Community.

Gary reported that the Clean up the Highway was going well; that a pyrotechnic company had been booked for our New Years Eve Fireworks and that they would be let off from John Ford Oval; the invitations have been sent out for the Federation Dinner and as there is only 120 tickets, members are advised to get in early if they wish to attend, tickets are available from Gary at Marshall Batteries, The B&S Ball preparations are going well; we have received responses from 5 bands wishing to take part in our Federation Parade; we have sent an account to the Race Club for our attendance at the Melbourne Cup Day race meeting.



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### Publicity.

Margaret H has sent a press release to the Corowa Free Press for our Federation Parade.

### Youth Committee.

Our Exchange Student Will is leaving for Germany on 16<sup>th</sup> January and we will have an inbound student arriving, most likely, in July; we have put Harry's name forward for RYLA in November; we have spoken to the High School so they will readvertise the information for RYPEN; we have agreed to sponsor \$1000 towards a Corowa High School excursion to Vietnam; Summer Science School and the Freshwater School programs need to be advertised again for next year.



### Vocation.

We could do some vocation visits to businesses in the area, one suggestion involved looking through the ABC studios and an interclub visit with Wodonga.

### General.

Should we organise a group registration for the various certificates that we require as a Rotary Club; e.g., food handling and Working with Children.

## International Toast

Chris M toast was to the Rotary Club of Taravao Tahiti-Iti, French Polynesia. Chris' interest in this club evolved after finding the following article-

Dr Henri Loquet, of the Rotary Club of Taravao Tahiti-Iti, found an elderly person deceased in her bathroom four days after her fall. He then suggested installing assistance alarms for the elderly in their homes.

The device does not exist on the territory of French Polynesia, so Taravao Tahiti-Iti Rotary decided to order ten alarm units from France (costing Central Pacific Franc XPF 25 000 per unit), with the help of the Rotary Club of Papeete-Tahiti. It was not easy to get them, but after several months of investigations and with the permissions of the authorities, the devices finally arrived.

Older people are visited during the day (by families, carers and cleaners) but they are left alone at night. The installation of these devices to alert relatives in case of a fall is a way to help these people quickly when the consequences can be dramatic. The difficulty to get up, to move, poor vision, sleep disorders, urinary problems are a multitude of factors that will make the elderly vulnerable when night falls.

One of the first alarm beneficiaries, 93-year-old H  l  ne Lucas, was offered the system and installation during a visit by Taravao Tahiti-Iti president Bernadette Wasna and Rotarians Henri and Loana Loquet. After explaining the necessity and usefulness of such an installation, tests were performed. If she needs assistance, H  l  ne will only have to activate the base unit buttons wisely placed in the busiest parts of her house, plus there are a push button necklace and bracelet.

This safety device can indeed save lives and since its inception, the club has received additional demand, so Bernadette is considering another alarm order after the buzz created on social networks, as the article received almost 800 likes when it was first published.



*Pictured are Rotary Club of Taravao Tahiti-Iti president Bernadette Wasna and grateful alarm recipient H  l  ne Lucas*

## Save the Date

- **November 20<sup>th</sup>** - Charity Bowls night for Fireworks



- **November 26<sup>th</sup>** - AGM
- **December 13<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Luncheon at Sultan's Turkish Restaurant.
- **December 18<sup>th</sup>** - Carols by Candlelight (transfer meeting instead of 17<sup>th</sup> Dec)

## Event Rosters –

**There are spaces available - Have you volunteered yet?**

**Charity Bowls Night (Fireworks) Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
5.00pm Paul, Wally, Gary, Maureen, Chris, Janet M & Robyn

**IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE ABOVE LIST, PLEASE THINK ABOUT LENDING A HAND.**

## November is Rotary Foundation Month

### PolioPlus

Rotary's top priority is the global certification of polio eradication.

PolioPlus is Rotary's most recognized program, and through Rotarians' fundraising efforts, Rotary has contributed over US\$1 billion to the campaign.



In addition, Rotarians constitute a powerful volunteer network at the local level, providing support at clinics and mobilizing their communities for immunization or other polio eradication activities.

Your club can help ensure that the goal of global polio eradication is achieved by:

- Holding a public event to help raise funds for PolioPlus and to increase public awareness of Rotary's effort to eradicate polio
- Devoting a club program to the topic of polio eradication
- Ensuring that club members remain informed and involved until the world is certified polio-free

If your club is in a polio-endemic country, it can

- Offer to assist your national PolioPlus committee chair with surveillance activities
- Work with local health officials to maintain high rates of immunization for polio and other diseases

## Attendance

It was good to see Paul & Meredith and Wally back from their big trip. While away they attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Shenton, Singapore and swapped our banner for theirs and so Meredith was able to present President John their banner.

We will miss the postcards section (that is until someone else goes travelling and sends me some photos). Janet and Robert were also with us again this week, so we had an attendance percentage of 82.96



*Pictured are Meredith and Wally with President Christopher Teo and members of the Shenton Singapore Rotary Club.*

## Rotary Information

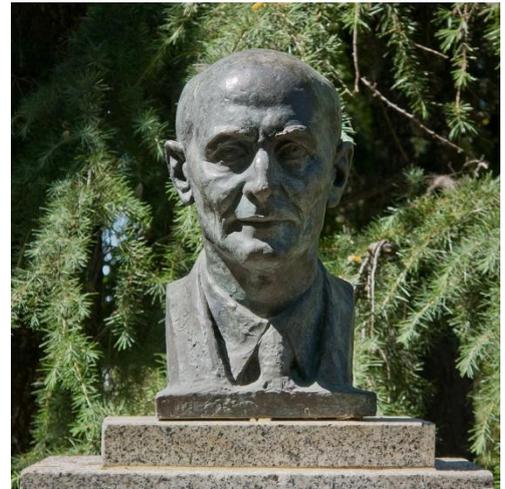
Paul Mowlam's Rotary Information was to inform us of the first Rotary Club, Chicago.

The first Rotary Club was formed when attorney Paul P Harris called together a meeting of three business acquaintances in downtown Chicago, at Harris's friend Gustave E. Loehr's office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street on February 23, 1905. In addition to Harris and Loehr (a mining engineer and freemason), Silvester Schiele (a coal merchant), and Hiram E. Shorey (a tailor) were the other two who attended this first meeting.

The members chose the name Rotary because initially they rotated subsequent weekly club meetings to each other's offices, although within a year, the Chicago club became so large it became necessary to adopt the now-common practice of a regular meeting place and Silvester Schiele was the first President of this club.

Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin. At age 3, when his family fell on hard times, they moved to Vermont to live with Harris' paternal grandparents. He attended Princeton University, the University of Vermont, and the University of Iowa. For the next five years, he worked odd jobs for a newspaper as a salesman and a reporter, on fruit farms, as an actor and cowboy, and on cattle ships that traveled to Europe.

He began his law practice in 1896 in Chicago. Harris settled in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago, where he lived until his death in 1947.



*Pictured is a sculpture of Paul Harris*

## ROMAC at Work

Born with a serious heart defect, Solomon Islands teenager Roselyn Jatobatu was living "on borrowed time" until a collaboration between Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) and the Sydney Adventist Hospital brought the teenager to Australia for lifesaving surgery.

Cardiothoracic surgeon Dr Ian Nicholson, who performed the operation, said Roselyn was born with an abnormality to her right ventricle, causing an obstruction in the blood flow to her lungs.

The outlook for 17-year-old Roselyn was not good, with breathlessness and fatigue part of her everyday life.

"Most don't get to that age," Dr Nicholson said. "She was on borrowed time."

With Solomon Islands lacking the medical and surgical skills, ROMAC made arrangements for Roselyn and her mum to be brought to Australia.

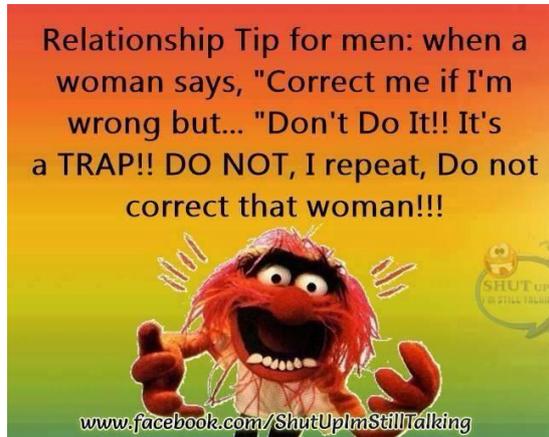
The SAH met accommodation, theatre and other health expenses.



*Pictured: Roselyn Jatobatu with Dr Ian Nicholson and Liane Corbett from ROMAC*

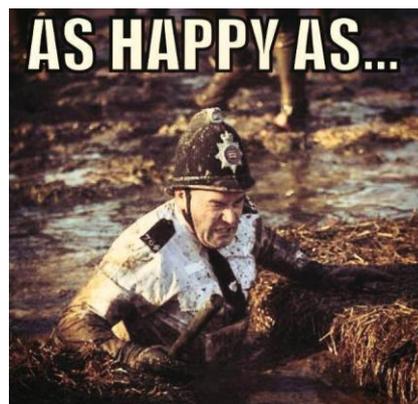
## Rib Ticklers.

I came home from the pub really drunk last night. As I staggered into the living room and sat down on the sofa, my wife looked at me and said, "Can't you just go out and have a couple of drinks?" "Of course I can," I replied, standing back up. "Just let me get my coat."



A Polish man moved to the USA and married an American girl. Although his English was not perfect, they got along very well. One day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him to arrange a divorce for him. The lawyer said that getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:

Have you any grounds?  
Yes, an acre and half and nice little home.  
No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?  
It made of concrete.  
I don't think you understand. Does either of you have a real grudge?  
No, we have carport, and not need one.  
I mean what are your relations like?  
All my relations still in Poland .  
Is there any infidelity in your marriage?  
We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player.  
Does your wife beat you up?  
No, I always up before her.  
Is your wife a nagger?  
No, she white.  
Why do you want this divorce?  
She going to kill me.  
What makes you think that?  
I got proof.  
What kind of proof?  
She going to poison me.....  
She buy a bottle at drugstore and put on shelf in bathroom.  
I can read English pretty good, and it say: POLISH REMOVER



## Which Came First, The Chicken or the Egg?

Let us go back to basics and ask the same question concerning Rotary International.

What came first in the establishment of Rotary? The answer is membership because without membership there would be no clubs and without clubs there would not be Rotary International.



## Apologies

If you do not put in an apology, you will be charged for the dinner, as the Club is charged for your dinner.

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## Programs

Meeting	November 19	November 26	December 3
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Karinya Men's Shed</b>	<b>Corowa RSL Club</b>	<b>Corowa RSL Club</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>Fundraiser Dinner Mathew Walker</b>	<b>AGM</b>	<b>Will Robertson Outgoing Exchange Student</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	Dave Talbot	John Law	Stephen Apps
<b>Treasurer</b>	Howard Scheetz	Dave Talbot	Alan Wilson
<b>Rotary Grace</b>	Robyn Rhodes	Howard Scheetz	Dave Talbot
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