**President’s Report**

A good attendance for our meeting on Thursday which was a great relief for Rotarian Mark Temple- Smith in so far as cantering was concerned. Mark wondered if the lack of apologies meant he would have to appeal for co-operation, happily that is not the case.

Rotarian John Phillips used his opportunity with Rotary Information to urge members to identify and encourage local business people to stand for Devonport City Council election to be held in October. The Council will be reduced from 12 to 9. John reminded us that DCC is the largest business in our community and warrants members of the highest quality. John sees our role as writing to ratepayers, leaflet drops to houses and local businesses, letters to The Advocate and donations to their campaign. With the advent of the Living City proposal it is vitally important the new General Manager is supported by a strong Council.

Rotarian Mike Kelly provided an inspiring report from PETS and it is clear he is well and truly stimulated for an exciting 2014/2015. One of Mike’s initiatives next year is to foster closer co-operation with the other Devonport Rotary Clubs. He also received an encouraging response to his request for host families for a female exchange student from Belgium during his year as President.

We were then treated to a very special presentation from Rotarian Leigh Titmus. Leigh and Dimity recently attended their daughter Lucy’s wedding in Chile and an extension to Argentina.

Leigh shared some intimate family experiences which were really appreciated by members. He said the wedding reminded him of the film “Love Actually”, there was a lot of love around, it was such a “feel good” occasion, lots of people coming together and airport visits.

He commenced with a greeting in Spanish and later told us with a degree of pride that he delivered the speech as the bride’s father in Spanish. Maybe he just didn’t want to trust a translator. Lucy’s husband is Jose Santiller Candia. Leigh mentioned the Spanish impact on South America, language dominance, architecture, way of life, relaxed nature, for example, punctuality. South America is a huge continent, covering a massive latitude and altitude range, with the Andes forming the backbone.

Their visit to Argentina included Buenos Aires, Iguasa Falls, Corboda and Mendosa. Leigh also took the opportunity to visit walnut operation in both countries. He described Argentina as a “basket case”. Such a wonderful country with massive scale and potential, however, with a series of hapless governments over many decades is has seriously declined. Not so long ago it was a powerful trading country as is evidenced by the beautiful old buildings in Buenos Aries. Inflation is forecast to run up to 30% this year rendering the peso virtually worthless. As a consequence the US dollar is cash king.

Chile on the other hand is a fast emerging third world country with a soundly based economy of mining, agriculture,fishing and tourism. Leigh observed that since the Pinochet regime Chile is growing up rapidly, socially and economically.

Leigh did mention that he felt honoured to speak about his trip as many members travel overseas. Well Leigh, we were treated to an insightful treat to South America and some special moments in your family’s experience for which we thank you sincerely.

Until next week . . . . .**Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 41 –10th April, 2014 – Meeting – 1974 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 41 | 42 | 43 |
| **Date** | **10-Apr-14** | **17-Apr-14** | **24-Apr-14** |
| **Speaker** | Conference Briefing | **Easter Breakfast Meeting** | Board Meeting |
| **Subject** | DG Bruce & Chairman Mike | Mrs Jones Restaurant | No Guest Speaker |
| **Chairman** | Bobby Gray | Rockie Lee | Kevin Matthews |
| **Presidents** | Mike Doyle | Mark Nugent | Mike Doyle |
| **Table** | Bruce Buxton | Leigh Titmus | Scott Poke |
| **Reception** | Peter Colgrave | Kevin Matthews | Paul Crabtree |
|  | John Cook | Bob Farr | Seelan Nair |
| **Rotary Info** | Rockie Lee |  | Conference Post Mortem |
| **(Job Talk)** |  |  |  |
| **Meetings** | Conference Registrations |  | Board |
| **Birthdays** | Julie Phillips 12Apr | Mark Nugent 22Apr | Cheryl Lee 26Apr |
|  |  | Kay Genssen 22Apr | Bev Naiker 28Apr |
| **Rotary** | Leon Wootton 13Apr (25) |  | Nil |
| **Anniversary** |  |  |  |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **3rd April** |
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| Attendance: | 42 members |
| Make Ups: | Richard Barnard (e club),Julian O'Brien (conference),Seelan Nair (conference). |
| Apologies: | Scott Poke, Seelan Nair |
| Leave: | nil |
| Guest Speaker | Leigh Titmus |
| Guests: | Brett Whitely |
| Visiting Rotarians: | nil |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Mark Temple-Smith - markts@templesmith.com.au |
|  | or 0418 337 104 |
| Club website: | www.rotarydevnorth.org.au |
| Motor Show: | www.devonportnorthshow.com |
| Eclub | www.rotaryeclubone.org |
| Rotary International: | www.rotary.org |
| 9830 Conference | [www.9830conference.com.au](http://www.9830conference.com.au/) |

**Future Events**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Event** | **Location** |
| **Thursday** | **10th April, 2014** | **Conference Registrations for Members** | |
| Fri.Sat.Sun | 11-13 April, 2014 | District Conference | Devonport |
| Thursday | 17th April, 2014 | **Breakfast & Mrs Jones** |  |
| Thursday | 15th May, 2014 | **Meeting at Camp Clayton** | RYLA |
| Thursday, | 22nd May, 2014 | **Million Dollar Meal** | Devonport Police Station |
| Sat - Wed. | 1st - 4th June, 2014 | International Conf. | Sydney, NSW. |