**President’s Report**

What a wonderful surprise and start to our meeting to see the arrival of Rotarians Richard Barnard and Max McCormack. Both have had a really tough couple of months and it is encouraging to see a vast improvement in their health. It was also great to welcome Rotarian Leon Wootton back from South America.

There were a number of reports starting with Rotarian Seelan Nair who reported a moratorium on Community Service until after the Conference. However there is a need for the beach clean-up on Monday, March 3rd at 5 pm. I would urge members to support Seelan in this community effort as he has struggled to get numbers on previous occasions.

Rotarian Ian Macleod drew attention to the SBSC Year Book where Margaret Shearer provided an extremely complimentary report of our Club’s support of SBSC. Thanks to Rotarian Mike Doyle for drawing attention to this.

Rotarian Kevin Matthews requested support for our contribution to the Devonport Triathalon as Course Marshalls.

Rotarian Mark Temple Smith asked members to be more diligent in reporting apologies or details of guests for dinner meetings. So far the Elimatta have been extremely considerate, however, we don’t want to extend their good nature too far.

Rotarian Ian Macleod provided an update on Motor Show sponsors. Jackson Motor Company has come on board as platinum sponsors along with Shannon’s, who have lifted their sponsorship from gold. Gold sponsors are Mainwaring Auto Electric, Devonport Child Care Centre and de Haan Bodyworks .Other gold sponsors or “event partners” who provide in kind support, are Camzilla, Tas Catering Supplies and North West Trophy House. Ian also displayed a magnificent aerial photograph of Chas Kelly’s home which was recently presented to him. Ian used the state of art equipment he has recently acquired from Camzilla.

Rotarian Peter Colgrave advised Jarrod Lyle had completed his second event since he was with us. He competed in the Victorian Open and is two over on the first round of the current tournament he is playing in.

Our active meeting then went into top gear with the guest speaker Dave Kirkwood, known to many in our club as DK Audio who assists us in many of our activities. Dave’s subject was “Orphanages in Thailand” and he spoke of the work of “Grandma Cares Partnership Program”. This is a charity founded by a lady named Hope Watchaparecha who is a member of The Rotary Club of Ghiang Mai.

Dave’s daughter was introduced to this charity when as a 20 year old in 2011 she went to Thailand as a volunteer English teacher and was so impressed she persuaded Dave to return with her and he was hooked. GCPP is committed to community based aid to provide education to enhance the future of children who do not have access to well funded schools. Located in Northern Thailand these children are the product of parents affected by the high incidence of HIV/Aids. The background reasons for this calamity are complex, the result is these children, the innocent victims, end up living with relatives mostly grandparent who are living in poverty themselves and there is no way they can escape the poverty trap. Sometimes this means these children are sold or have to resort to prostitution.

Dave said that with Thailand entering into ASEAN in 2015, adopting English as the standard language for communication and commerce is crucial for the future of these children. The work he was involved in was maintenance of the schools. They simply do not have any money and he displayed simple projects that will assist with the raising of standards in hygiene in the schools. A simple thing like repairing a dripping tap can have a profound effect on the control of Malaria.

Other projects Dave was involved in were building a shelter annex above the outside sinks and English tutoring. Dave spoke in very affectionate terms of Hope. He described her as a very passionate and caring person, with genuine love, compassion and commitment to these children.

Through International Service Chairman Rockie Lee, it was recommended that we provide a cheque for $1,000 and this was approved by the Board. During Dave’s presentation he showed a photo of what $15 would purchase and it included hats and school materials, quite amazing. Imagine the impact our donation will have. His presentation was followed by numerous questions.

I have just returned from attending the Family Fun Day at Ulverstone where I had the pleasure of handing a cheque for $1,000 to our DG Bruce Buxton for The Rotary Foundation. Bruce gave a challenging and informative speech on the functions of Rotary which included the feature that every cent goes directly to the cause a most encouraging fact.

Next week I will be in Timor Leste with Rotarian Peter Chalk and His wife Ros. You will be in the capable hands of President Elect Mike Kelly,

Until the week after . . . . . . .**Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 35 –27th February, 2014 – Meeting – 1968 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 35 | 36 | 37 |
| **Date** | **27-Feb-14** | **06-Mar-14** | **13-Mar-14** |
| **Speaker**  | Board Meeting | Kellie O’Brien | Paul West |
| **Subject** | No Guest Speaker | Importance of Recording History | GM Devonport City Council |
| **Chairman** | Leon Peck | Brian Chandler | Ross Stewart |
| **Presidents** | Mike Kelly | Matthew McConnell | Mark Nugent |
| **Table** | Julian O'Brien | Ian Murcott | Gavin Bull |
| **Reception** | Rockie Lee | Peter Colgrave | John Phillips |
|  | Alan Pattison | Bob Farr | Ian Macleod |
| **Rotary Info** | Conference Update | Alan Pattison | Mac Russell |
| **(Job Talk)** | Mike Doyle - Overview Update |   |   |
| **Meetings** | Board  | Sub Committee | Committee  |
| **Birthdays** | Nil | Tony Hartley 06Mar | Scott Poke 13Mar |
|  |   | Rod Owers 07Mar | Sharni McConnell 14Mar |
|  |   |   | Vini Nair 14Mar |
|  |   | Matthew McConnell 10Mar | Pamela Pattison 16Mar |
|  |   | Erica O'Halloran 09Mar |   |
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| **Rotary** | Peter Chalk 29Feb (18) | Nil | Nil |
| **Anniversary** | Leigh Titmus 29Feb (18) |   |   |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **20th February** |
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| Attendance: | 40 members |
| Make Ups: | Rick Campbell (motor show), Peter Colgrave (conference committee), Suren Naiker (Orana lunch) |
| Apologies: | Steve Rockliff, Rick Campbell, Matt McConnell |
| Leave: | Bruce Buxton, Tony Davies |
| Guest Speaker | David Kirkwood |
| Guests: | Cini Murcott, Leiza Hartley, Adrian Dunham, Angela Pearce, Benjamin Pearce, Barry Cook, Scott Walker. |
| Visiting Rotarians: | nil |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Mark Temple-Smith - markts@templesmith.com.au |
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| 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** |
| Saturday | 1st March, 2014 | Concert in the Vines | Ghost Rock BBQ |
| Wednesday  | 5th March, 2014 | RYDA | Queenstown |
| Sunday | 23rd March, 2014 | D'port Motor Show | Round House Park |
| **Thursday**  | **10th April, 2014** | **Conference Registrations for Members** |
| Fri.Sat.Sun | 11-13 April, 2014 | District Conference | Devonport |
| Sat - Wed. | 1st - 4th June, 2014 | International Conf. | Sydney, NSW. |