President’s report

This year has included many highlights and Rotarian Bobby Gray’s travelogue titled “Dancing around the world” was certainly one of them. We viewed his lovely wife Sarah dancing the Macarana in front of (to my best count) fifty four famous scenic spots, mainly in Europe. I took the trouble to list them, they are as follows:- London, Paris, Barcelona, Nice, Monte Carlo, Venice, Pisa, Rome, Florence, The Vatican, Pompeii, Corfu, Athens Giza, Luxor, Valley of the Kings, Aswan, Cairo, Red Sea, Troy, Istanbul, Sofia, Belgrade, Vienna, Munich, Vaduz, Lucerne, Hoptgarden, Bern, Heidelberg, Eden, Liverpool, York, Keswick, Carlisle, Northumberland, Edinburgh, Loch Nes, St Andrews, Loch Duick, Glasgow, Stirling, Antrim, Clare, Blarney, Galway, Dublin, long named town in Wales, Bath, Windsor, Stonehenge, back to London, Dubai and finally the Con Tiki group all joined in the dance. I was impressed and amused at the reaction of the people passing by as this extremely attractive young Aussie performed before the camera. Well done Bobby, that’s two weeks in a row you have wowed us.

Rotarian Rick Campbell has received about 50 copies of a Rotary promotional publication called “Humanity in Motion”. These are to be distributed to Professional waiting rooms and Rick is seeking volunteers to do this.

Rotarian Mike Kelly reported on the District Training Assembly held the previous Sunday at Archer’s Manor, Launceston. DG Elect Ken Moore introduced his team for 2014/5. There were breakout sessions for training of the various Rotary projects. Rotarian Philip was the keynote speaker and he spoke of the changes in Rotary. He highlighted the fact that in Rotary “conversations begin – action happen”. Ken then introduced the International President, Garry Huang from Taiwan. His theme for next year is, “Light up Rotary”.

Rotarian Ian Macleod reminded us of the special meeting this week with the students from SBSC joining us to report on the various activities we have partnered during the previous year. We can expect nine students and four teachers to be in attendance. Wearing his other hat, Ian also presented me with a calendar featuring the Motor Show. It is a magnificent publication and congratulations to Ian and anyone else involved. Copies will be used as a gift of thanks to the major sponsors. It is not too difficult to appreciate why this is now the premium Motor Show in Tasmania.

Rotarian John Cook reported on the RYDA activities for the previous four days. They hosted 624 grade tens and the weather apart from Tuesday morning was perfect. There will be another session from the 10 – 13 of June.

Rotarian Mike Doyle distributed the photo book of the Conference. It is a magnificent publication and a wonderful keepsake to remind us of the outstanding success of that event.

District Governor Bruce announced that District Governor Elect is Gerrard Blizzard from Smithton Club. Bruce also referred to an article in “Humanity in Motion”, concerning the Murdunna bushfire where although severely affected themselves they raise $849 to contribute to the Blue Mountain appeal. Bruce said this had a profound affect on the recipients. Bruce also presented me with a President’s Citation certificate. I accepted it with much pride on behalf of our club as it represents a solid united effort and particularly pleasing that it occurred in Bruce’s year.

I am writing this from our very comfortable room at The York in Sydney. It is wonderful, the robes and towels are so thick, Gwynneth and I are already concerned we won’t be able to get our cases closed when we leave.

Until next week . . .

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 49 – 5th June, 2014 – Meeting – 1982 – 39th Year**

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| **05-Jun-14** | | **12-Jun-14** | **19-Jun-14** | |
| Saint Brendon-Shaw College | | Pofessor Tom Marwich | Denise Parry, General Manager | |
| Teachers & Students | | Menzies Research Institute | N W Regional Cancer Centre | |
| Ian Macleod | | Mike Kelly | John O'Donnell | |
| Kevin Matthews | | Suren Naiker | Glenn O'Halloran | |
|  | | Seelan Nair | Richard Quinn | |
| Bernt Genssen | | Ross Stewart | Matthew McConnell | |
| Bruce Gowans | | Ian Murcott | Max McCormack | |
| Rockie Lee | | Gillian Whitehouse | Gavin Bull | |
|  | | Youth Exchange Chairman |  | |
| Sub Committee | | Committee | Sub Committee | |
|  | | Anne Gowans 13Jun | Liz Stewart 20Jun | |
| Roslyn Chalk 11Jun | |  | Merran Doyle 25Jun | |
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| Seelan Nair 09Jun (2) | | Brian Chandler 16Jun (38) | Nil | |
| Alan Pattison 11Jun (21) | | John Cook 16Jun (38) |  | |
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| Previous Meeting: | 29th May | | |
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| Attendance: | 36 | | |
| Make Ups: | Leigh Titmus (district assembly), Mike Kelly (District Assembly), Rockie Lee (RYDA) | | |
| Apologies: | John O'Donnell, John Phillips, Ross Stewart, Leigh Titmus, Buz Green | | |
| Leave: | Paul Crabtree, Seelan Nair | | |
| Guest Speaker | nil | | |
| Guests: | nil | | |
| 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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| Tuesday-Friday | 10th - 13th June,2014 | **RYDA** |  |
| Thursday, | 26th June, 2014 | **Board Meeting** | Advocate Office, Dev. |
| Saturday | 28th June | **Changeover dinner** |  |