**President’s Report**

It is Monday morning. I thank Rotarian John Phillips for his grace in providing a special dispensation with extra time to prepare my report. Probably has something to do with the priestly garb that adorned him yesterday.

What a magnificent weekend, I do not intend to give a summary of events, otherwise I would not know where to stop. There were so many highlights and it is a fitting reward for Conference Chairman Mike Doyle and his hard working committee. I have to say, I was so proud of each one of them as they took their seats to be thanked by District Governor Bruce yesterday morning. The planning, preparation and dismantling at Saint Brendan Shaw College was a huge logistical undertaking, ably supervised by Rotarian Mac Russell. It is dangerous to single out individuals, however, I don’t believe I will have any objections when I make special mention of Rotarian Lance Cox. One of our OBE brigade, Lance worked tirelessly and is a wonderful example of why we have such a magnificent club. Also a special thank you to Rotarians Mark Nugent and Seelan Nair for the magnificent planning and execution of the catering role. I have it on reliable authority that Seelan was at SBSC at 4.30 am on Saturday morning to prepare for breakfast and did not leave The Axeman’s Hall of Fame until 2 am on Sunday, then was one of the first to arrive ay SBSC yesterday morning.

The successful weekend got underway at our meeting on Thursday evening. It was unfortunate that Rotary International President’s Representative PDG Joanne Schilling was delayed in Melbourne and did not experience the tremendous atmosphere that prevailed at The Eli. It was evident something very special was about to occur and it did.

At our meeting Rotarian Mike Kelly reported a thankyou from Rotarian Jill Whitehouse for our participation in Rotary Youth Exchange next year.

Rotarian Seelan Nair has had a request from Devonport Rotary Club for assistance in collecting food for the Second Bite Programme. It entails collecting food from Coles and Woolworths and delivering it to the Devonport Community Depot.

The meeting concluded early to allow time for the registration of members for the Conference and provide Rotarian Peter Chalk and his helpers with some practice before the onslaught next day.

I said a few weeks ago what a pleasant experience it will be to enjoy our pre Easter breakfast at Mrs Jones’ on Thursday with the Motor Show and Conference behind us. I was quietly told there is still RYDA to come in May, so we can’t completely relax just yet, however, I’m looking forward to the occasion which will get underway at 7 am.

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

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 42 –17th April, 2014 – Meeting – 1975 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 42 | 43 | 44 |
| **Date** | **17-Apr-14** | **24-Apr-14** | **01-May-14** |
| **Speaker** | **Easter Breakfast Meeting** | Board Meeting | Esley Dunham & Peter Chalk |
| **Subject** | Mrs Jones Restaurant | No Guest Speaker | Timor-Leste Experience |
| **Chairman** | Rockie Lee | Brian Chandler | John Phillips |
| **Presidents** |  | Mike Doyle | Buz Green |
| **Table** |  | Scott Poke | John O'Donnell |
| **Reception** | Kevin Matthews | Paul Crabtree | Glenn O'Halloran |
|  | Bob Farr | Seelan Nair | Rod Owers |
| **Rotary Info** |  | Conference Post Mortem | Leon Peck |
| **(Job Talk)** |  |  |  |
| **Meetings** |  | Board | Sub Committee |
| **Birthdays** | Mark Nugent 22Apr | Cheryl Lee 26Apr | Marjorie Russell 02May |
|  | Kay Genssen 22Apr | Bev Naiker 28Apr |  |
| **Rotary** |  | Nil | Mike Kelly 04May (8) |
| **Anniversary** |  |  |  |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **10th March** |
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| Attendance: | 39 members |
| Make Ups: | nil |
| Apologies: | Buz Green, Rockie Lee, Gavin Bull, Suren Naiker, Leigh Titmus |
| Leave: | nil |
| Guest Speaker | nil |
| Guests: | Jan Pretorious, Sue Davies, Cini Murcott, Ros Chalk, Gill Buxton |
| Visiting Rotarians: | PDG James Wilcox, PDG Lou Pretorious, Frank Rice |
| 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 | 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 |
| Monday-Thursday | 26th-29th May, 2014 | **RYDA** |  |
| Sat - Wed. | 1st - 4th June, 2014 | International Conf. | Sydney, NSW. |
| Tuesday-Friday | 10th - 13th June,2014 | **RYDA** |  |