**President’s report**

Pleasant Sunday afternoon as I prepare my report for the second week in May.

Job Talk’s are always interesting and the contribution from Rotarian Leon Peck maintained that tradition admirably. Leon is a member of the Guardianship and Administration Board. To illustrate the broad scope of the work of this Board, he outlined three examples of case studies that have been dealt with. The first was a 21 year old with acquired brain disorder and they manage his affairs following a payout of “hundreds of thousands of dollars”. The second case is an 88 year old lady with dementia, living in squalor and refused to go to an aged care facility. The third case was a 27 year old woman who would dance in the street, was abusive, aggressive. She was unable to provide informal consent. Leon then went on to outline the complex procedure that allows the Board to deal with such a situation. Leon’s presentation gave members an insight into the complexities that occurs in the community around us and also a side of his life that most would not have been aware of.

Rotarian John van der Woude outlined the procedure for Honorary Membership. This follows his address the previous week where John referred to 100 percentage attendance should be the goal of every Rotarian. The emphasis on attendance is traced back to 1922. To put this ideal into balance, Rotary requires members to attend only 50% of all meetings (as of July 2009). John then went on to explain non attendance rules. There are three conditions under which a Rotarian’s membership will automatically be terminated. They are: failure to attend or make up four consecutive club meetings, failure to attend or make up 50% of club meetings each six months and failure to attend at least 30% of the meetings of one’s own club in each six month period. The Board has discretion to deal with cases that do not meet this criteria and my experience on the Board has revealed it is clear that a sympathetic approach has been applied in the odd incidence where breaches have occurred.

Rotarian Mike Kelly advised us that District Assembly will occur on Saturday May 25th at Archer’s Manor in Launceston from 8.45 am and all Board members for 2014/15 are expected to attend.

Rotarian Paul Crabtree surrendered his Secretaries’ attaché case and handed it to Rotarian Rick Campbell. Paul and Annette will be away for six months on their Safari and we wish them safety and happiness. I want to take this opportunity to thank Paul and Rick for taking on this role since Secretary Tony Hartley left to return to Queensland.

Rotarian Matthew McConnell reminded us of the meeting on May 15th at Camp Clayton to coincide with RYLA and May 22nd at Kalahari Oasis, 12 Rooke Street, prior to the Million Dollar Meal visit to the new Police Station.

Rotarian John O’Donnell reported he has now filled all weeks for this Rotary year. Thankyou John for an excellent programme for 2013/14.

Rotarian Peter Colgrave requested members who are interested in attending a Golf Day organised by the Rotary Club of Oatlands on May 18th to contact him, he would like to get a team of four.

Brett Whiteley MHR provided a very frank delivery of life in politics. He told us of his upbringing as the son of the owner of a country store at Highclere, his first job at Webster’s which developed into him being promoted to the Finance Department. This then equipped him for a banking career, where he became a branch manager. The next stage of his life was as the pastor of a church and an involvement in a church leadership seminary based at Sheffield.

Until next week . . . **Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 45 –8th May, 2014 – Meeting – 1978 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 45 | 46 | 47 |
| **Date** | **08-May-14** | **15-May-14** | **22-May-14** |
| **Speaker**  | Esley Dunham & Peter Chalk | **Meeting at Camp Clayton**  | **Million Dollar Meal at the** |
| **Subject** | Timor-Leste Experience | **for RYLA** | **Devonport Police Station** |
| **Chairman** | Mark Temple-Smith |   | Gavin Bull |
| **Presidents** | Ian Macleod |   | Max McCormack |
| **Table** | Scott Poke |   | Alan Pattison |
| **Reception** | Richard Quinn |   | Rick Campbell |
|  | Steve Rockliff |   | Peter Chalk |
| **Rotary Info** | **Partners are invited to attend** |   | **NOTE: Meal at Kalahara Oasis**  |
| **(Job Talk)** |   |   | **Cafe,12 Rooke St. @ 6.00pm** |
| **Meetings** | Committee |   |   |
| **Birthdays** | Nil | Bob Farr 19May | Mike Doyle 24May |
|  |  | John Cook 21May | Mac Russell 27May |
|  |   |   | Karen Farr 24May |
| **Rotary** | Nil | Richard Barnard 15May (10) | Nil |
| **Anniversary** |   | Ian Macleod 20May (4) |   |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **1st May** |
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| Attendance: |  36 members |
| Make Ups: | nil |
| Apologies: | Richard Colbeck, Max McCormack, Julian O'Brien, Scott Walker, Mac Russell, John Phillips. |
| Leave: | Leigh Titmus, Ian Hutchinson. |
| Guest Speaker | Brett Whitely |
| 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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| **Day** | **Date** | **Event** | **Location** |
| Thursday  | 15th May, 2014 | **RYLA** | Camp Clayton |
| 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** |  |
| Thursday, | 26th June, 2014 | **Board Meeting** | Advocate Office, Dev. |