**President’s Report.**

Just when Chairman Ian Macleod thought the report session was going to be short, there was an avalanche of reports. Here are some of them.

Secretary Tony Hartley advised us that he will be returning to Queensland mid year. Leiza has already returned as she is able to find reliable work there. We will miss them as a couple and Tony in particular. He has been a tremendous asset to our club, always willing to assist and advise with his comprehensive Rotary experience.

Rotarian Julian O’Brien told us about Samuel Johnson who is uni cycling around Australia to raise funds for cancer research as his sister has breast cancer. So far he has raised $1.3 million. He arrives on the Spirit of Tasmania on Thursday 6th February and a breakfast with the theme, “bring your sister” at Roundhouse Park will serve as a welcome for Samuel. Julian has asked for our club to participate and there were sufficient volunteers for that to happen.

Rotarian Tony Davies reported the meeting at the Arboretum will be February 6th and he has invited Phil Parsons to speak to us. This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends or potential new members to allow them to observe another side of what we do in our Club. Sunday 9th Mike and Merran Doyle open their home and pool for the “kids get together”. Friday 14th a night out at Bella’s to reward Sean Johnson for the assistance he provides our club, in particular for Breakfast in the Park. March 1st four volunteers are required for Concert in the Vines at Ghost Rock for about two hours. Tony also reported a win for our bowls team for the first round.

Rotarian Peter Colgrave advised that he will be taking the samples to Launceston on Tuesday 4th they can be left at Collins Real Estate on Monday.

Rotarian Lance Cox gave a vocational talk on his work as Property Overseer for the Catholic Church. He accepted the position to take care of Our Lady of Lourdes, which entailed four buildings. It was later decided to encompass a wider area and he suddenly found himself responsible for nineteen buildings. He identified the Railton church as one that took a lot of his time. It was decided to sell the church and the land which included the cemetery. Lance detailed some amusing encounters with Government and Council officers regarding the fence around the Railton cemetery with the options of chicken wire, pickets and the need for split posts. There was so much involved and the process which started in 2006 with the property being finally sold in 2012. Lance also referred to another disposal experience in Alexander Road Ulverstone. His advice to members is, “don’t get involved in old property”.

Our guest speaker was David Grey and he spoke passionately about a charity he is involved with called Destiny Rescue. Destiny Rescue was commenced by Tony and Jenni Kirwan. Twelve years ago they sold their electrical business and took their three young girls to Thailand wanting to make a difference. Today they are in seven countries and their vision is to rescue under aged girls who have been traded into the sex trade. In 1807, William Wilberforce was instrumental in abolishing the slave trade, however, today there are twenty nine million slaves worldwide, more than at any time in history. There are one million two hundred thousand children that are sold each year and most end up in the sex trade. Girls as young as six are forced to smile to entice ten to thirty men a day.

Destiny Rescue provides these young girls with a safe rehabilitation home, medical care, counselling, finish their education and vocational training to learn new skills to set them up for their future when they are ready to leave the home and start a new life. Destiny Rescue provides cafes where they can learn to be a chef, barista or waitress. They recently opened their first hairdressing salon as another avenue of work for these girls. They also make jewellery and clothing and some of this was displayed at our meeting.

David spoke of the outcomes from the rescue work. In 2012 the target was to rescue 200 girls, the result was 216. In 2013 the target was lifted to 400, they rescued 446. This year the target will be 800 and it will keep doubling each year until 2020 when they will have reached 10,000 girls.

Recently David visited Thailand and saw for himself the exceptional work that is being done. An event that captured his attention was the death of a young girl who wanted to be a doctor and died from a preventable disease. Here she would have been given antibiotics, there she died.

David encouraged members to be involved financially. $1500 will fund a rescue of a girl and provide her with an education, vocational training and an aftercare program and provide clothing items. He showed some photographs of donors who have visited and met the girls they have sponsored.

His stirring presentation attracted a number of questions, always a good sign of the impact it had on us.

Until next week……**Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 31 – 30th January, 2014 – Meeting – 1964 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 31 | 32 | 33 |
| **Date** | **30-Jan-14** | **06-Feb-14** | **13-Feb-14** |
| **Speaker**  | Board Meeting | BYO Meeting at the Arboretum | **TBA** |
| **Subject** | No Guest Speaker |   |  |
| **Chairman** | Julian O'Brien |   | Bruce Gowans |
| **Presidents** | John van der Woude | Rick Campbell | Lance Cox |
| **Table** | Paul Crabtree | Bruce Gowans | Kay Kidd |
| **Reception** | Peter Chalk | Leon Wootton | Tony Davies |
|  | Ross Stewart | Brian Chandler | Richard Barnard |
| **Rotary Info** | Conference Update | Bernt Genssen | Mike Kelly |
| **(Job Talk)** | Mac Russell - Logistics |   |   |
| **Meetings** | Board  |   | Committee  |
| **Birthdays** | John Phillips 30Jan | Nil | Ross Stewart 15Feb |
|  | Sarah Gray 30Jan |   | Mark Temple-Smith 18Feb |
| **Rotary** | Paul Crabtree 30Jan (11) | Julian O'Brien 11Feb (4) | Bruce Gowans 16Feb (35) |
| **Anniversary** |   |   | Tony Davies 17Feb (20) |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **23rd January 2014** |
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| Attendance: |  29 members |
| Make Ups: | Bobby Gray (conference committee), Rick Campbell (Motor Show) |
| Apologies: | Gavin Bull, Ian Murcott, Ross Stewart, Buz Green, Bobby Gray, Bernt Genssen, Bruce Gowans, Rocky Lee, Max McCormack, Richard Colbeck. |
| Leave: | Richard Barnard, Matt McConnell, Seelan Nair, Leigh Titmus, Leon Wootton, Ian Hutchinson. |
| Guest Speaker | David Gray |
| Guests: | Ross Hubble |
| 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 | 6th February, 2014 | Breakfast BBQ Volunteers | Round House Park |
| **Thursday** | **6th February, 2014** | **Arboretum - BYO** |  |
| Sunday | 9th February, 2014 | Kids Get Together | M & M Doyles' House |
| Friday | 14th February, 2014 | Special Dinner | Bellas Restaurant |
| Saturday | 1st March, 2014 | Concert in the Vines Volunteers | Ghost Rock BBQ |
| **Wednesday** | **5th March, 2014** | **RYDA** | **Queenstown** |
| Sunday | 23rd March, 2014 | Devonport 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 Conference | Sydney, NSW. |