**President’s Report**

What promised to be a challenging experience for Chairman Rod Owers, handling what was to be virtually two guest speakers. I believe it was a blessing that Kate McKivor was unable to attend and Rotarian John O’Donnell has scheduled her in for next year. So that meant there was time for the other presentation. More on that later.

There were an abundance of dignitaries present, which included District Governor Bruce Buxton and his wife Gill, District Governor Elect Ken Moore and his wife Lois and District Treasurer Mike Whitehouse and his wife Gill who is District Chairman of the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program and our guest speaker for the night. Bruce took the opportunity to highlight a Group Forum in the Huon Valley where a nine year old lad, Aethan Hurst has taken it upon himself to raise money for street swags and has raised a staggering $8,000.

Fundraising Chairman Kevin Matthews reported that $256 has been raised from the spring racing season. RYDA Chairman John Cook reported on a very successful venture to King Island on a beautiful day to present the program to the very well behaved grades 9 and 10 students.

Rotarian Richard Quinn proudly paid a bragging fine to give him the opportunity to detail the outstanding achievements of his and Georgie’s three grandchildren. Space won’t permit me to detail these, suffice to say both academically and in the sporting field they are truly remarkable and enough to make any grandparents justifiably proud.

So now to the main event. Rotarian Gill Whitehouse briefly outlined the Rotary Exchange program and explained the mutual benefits that it provides. Gill took pains to draw attention that everyone is enriched, with lifelong friendships and the experience of a sharing of cultures.

Exchange students, usually aged sixteen years have to adapt to the host family environment, different climatic conditions, homesickness and similar challenges for the host family. Gill pointed out that there is a stronger desire from countries outside Australia for exchanges to take place than we can cater for, hence her passion to promote the program. She went on to explain the screening and training process that takes place in the country of origin before an exchange student departs.

We heard from two students who attended with her. The first to speak was Johanne Aarquist from Denmark and is sponsored by the Devonport Rotary Club and attends St. Brendan’s Shaw College. She said Australia was her first choice and was delighted when it was available to her she has counted 106 days since she arrived. Some of her highlights are visiting Cradle Mountain as the highest peak in Denmark is a massive 162m above sea level. Wing’s Wildlife Park and Mole Creek Caves were other pleasant experiences. The other student Theresa Windeck hails from Germany and is a seasoned exchange student, having had shorter experiences in France and Texas. Her main motivation is to improve her English, experience other cultures and gain independence. Theresa attends Don College and is sponsored by Ulverstone West Rotary Club.

Gill reinforced our Club’s long standing commitment to Rotary Youth Exchange and I am confident when the workload of District Conference is behind us we will again be enriched with another youth exchange student.

The Board met briefly after the meeting and decided to have the usual pre Christmas meeting as a breakfast meeting and not have a meeting on Thursday January 2nd. So 2014 will resume on January 9th, 2014.

Until next week…**Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 20 –14th November 2013 – Meeting – 1955 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| **Date** | **14-Nov-13** | **21-Nov-13** | **28-Nov-13** |
| **Speaker** | Chalk, Wootton & Team | Million Dollar Meal |  |
| **Subject** | Fiji Housing Project | Penguin Composites |  |
| **Chairman** | Steve Rockliff | John van der Woude | Rick Campbell |
| **Presidents** | Mike Doyle |  | Ian Macleod |
| **Table** | Leigh Titmus |  | John O'Donnell |
| **Reception** | Suren Naiker | Glenn O'Halloran | Richard Quinn |
|  | Seelan Nair |  | Steve Rockliff |
| **Rotary Info** | Richard Quinn |  | Conference Update |
| **(Job Talk)** |  |  | Mark Nugent - Catering |
| **Meetings** | Committee |  | Board |
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| **Rotary** | Nil | Esley Dunham 23Nov (18) | Ian Murcott 30Nov (13) |
| **Anniversary** |  | Matthew McConnell 26Nov (4) |  |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **7TH November 2013** |
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| Attendance: | 32 members |
| Make Ups: | Richard Barnard (golf day) |
| Apologies: | Max McCormack, Buz Green, Ian MacLeod, Mark Nugent, Gavin Bull, Ross Stewart, Bruce Gowans, Lance Cox, John O'Donnell |
| Leave: | Rick Campbell, Bob Farr, Tony Hartley, Ian Hutchinson. |
| Guest Speaker | Gill Whitehouse |
| Guests: | Gill Buxton, Lois Moore, Johanne Aarquist, Theresa Windeck |
| Visiting Rotarians: | Michael Whitehouse, Ken Moore |
| 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 | 21st November, 2013 | Million $ Meal | Penguin Composites |
| Thursday | 05th December, 2013 | Degree C Opening | Ulverstone |
| Sunday | 08th December, 2013 | Fairbrother BBQ | ???? |
| Thursday | 12th December, 2013 | Christmass Dinner | Devonport Golf Club |
| Tuesday | 24th December, 2013 | Breakfast in Park | Round House Park |
| Sunday | 23rd March, 2014 | D'port Motor Show | Round House Park |
| Fri.Sat.Sun | 11-13 April, 2014 | District Conference | Devonport |