**President’s Report**

The District Governor’s visit is always one of the highlights in any Rotary year. Last Thursday it took on a special significance with our very own District Governor Bruce Buxton and his delightful first lady Gill. Sargent Mike Doyle with his impeccable foresight and planning made Bruce welcome with a collection of Buxton (a village in Yorkshire) merchandise and questioned why Buxton water was not a major sponsor for his convention. Mike provided an empty plastic bottle to prove its existence.

Bruce gave an encouraging address and told us this was his 36th since July 1st. There are 1400 Rotarians in 47 clubs. He presides over 27 office holders, there are nine groups each with an Assistant District Governor. There are 148 Rotarians on District Committees and he was pleased to report there are 11 from Devonport North. Bruce drew our attention to the value of the Rotary Foundation and thanked us for our support.

He kindly commended us for our signature projects, Food Plant Solutions, RYDA, the Motor Show, Breakfast in the Park along with our traditional strong commitment to the many youth programs such as MUNA and Science Forum.

He reinforced the theme for 2013/14 “Engage Rotary, Change Lives” and what it means. He linked this to projects we are involved in that embraces people that we will never meet. Bruce also drew our attention to membership and quoted some alarming figures. Seven years ago the worldwide membership of Rotary was 1.2 million, today it is the same, however in that time there have been one million new Rotarians. The message is clear, gaining new members is important retaining them is paramount.

He concluded with a note of gratitude to the Conference Committee with special mention of the website.

Assistant Community Service Chairman Lance Cox reported there is a request for us to supply assistance for parking supervision at the Arboretum on October 6th. Fund Raising Chairman Kevin Matthews advised that manning the liquor booth at the NTFL final was a success and he has received the cheque for $1000. Shadforth’s Prostate Golf Day Chairman Peter Colgrave was pleased to report that there is now a full field, so that looks to be another very successful day. Bulletin Editor, John Phillips, reminded us that we are nearing the end of the three month trial of the new bulletin format and he will conduct a survey next Thursday.

It was great to welcome back travellers Rotarians Paul Crabtree, John van der Woude and Kay Kidd who has had a bit of a rough time lately.

There are a number of things that one learns and appreciates as President of Devonport North. Not the least is the diligence and dedication of those who have accepted the various roles as office bearers, be it committee chairman, attendance, bulletin editor, program, fellowship or whatever, at the quarter way mark, I would like to put it on record that I highly value each and every one and offer a very big thankyou.

Until next week… **Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 13 – 26 September 2013 – Meeting – 1948 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| **Date** | **26-Sep-13** | **03-Oct-13** | **10-Oct-13** |
| **Speaker** | Fellowship | Baard Maehle | Stephen Sims |
| **Subject** |  | Christmas Island | Today's Technology |
| **Chairman** | Glenn O'Halloran | Wayne Tucker | Richard Quinn |
| **Presidents** | John Van der Woude | Buz Green | John Cook |
| **Table** | Gavin Bull | Leon Peck | Ross Stewart |
| **Reception** | Brian Chandler | Bernt Genssen | Mark Temple-Smith |
|  | Peter Colgrave | Ian Macleod | Gavin Bull |
| **Rotary Info** | Conference Update | John O'Donnell | Scott Poke |
| **(Job Talk)** | Mike Kelly - Speakers |  |  |
| **Meetings** | Board | Sub Committee | Committee |
| **Birthdays** |  |  |  |
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| **Rotary** | Nil | Mark Temple-Smith 04Oct (9) | Nil |
| **Anniversary** |  |  |  |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **19th September 2013** |
| Attendance: | 26 members |
| Make Ups: | Ian mcCleod (motor show cttee),John Van de Woude (San Diego), Rockie Lee (Board) |
| Apologies: | Bruce Gowans,Bernt Genssen, Ian McCallum,bob Farr, Ian McLeod,Richard Barnard, Rod Owers,Ross Stewart, Wayne Tucker,John O'Donnell,Matt Mcconnell |
| Leave: | Rick Campbell,Peter Chalk,Ian Hutchinson,Max McCormack,Seelan Nair,Suren Naiker,Mac Russell, Buz Green, Richard Colbeck,Tony Davies |
| Guest Speaker | DG Bruce Buxton |
| Guests: | 7 member's partners. |
| Visiting Rotarians: | nil |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
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|  | 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/) |