**President’s Report**

Rotarian Rick Campbell chaired our meeting for the first time last Thursday. However, I am sure it would have not have been the first time he has chaired a meeting, judging by the excellent manner he acquitted himself. This was despite a cruel joke played by our Sergeant Mike Doyle, He placed the previous week’s menu on the lectern and it caught Rick out, despite the fact the real menu was his place mat at the head table. Mike had a special bulletin cover to welcome Rotarian Bobby Gray back from his holiday in Hawaii. It was also good to welcome Rotarian Bruce Gowans back from his northern sojourn.

We were also enriched with the attendance of District Governor Bruce Buxton. Bruce had just returned from a District Governor conference in Canberra. At that meeting the DG from district 9865 personally thanked Bruce for Tasmania’s contribution to their recent bushfire appeal of which our club contributed $1000. One of the topics discussed was the need to have a more coordinated approach to disasters rather than the ad hoc method currently in operation. Bruce was also able to announce the Rotary representative for our conference is now locked in, it will be PDG Joanne Schilling from Darwin and Bruce is delighted with this appointment.

Community Service Chairman Seelan Nair reported that he had received a big thank you from Orana for preparing Sunday lunch a couple of weeks ago.

Rotarian Tony Davies confirmed the Christmas dinner would be held on Thursday 12th December at the Devonport Golf Club commencing at 6.30pm for 7.00pm at a cost of $40 per person.

RYDA Chairman John Cook advised the meeting that the team heads to Smithton on Monday to bring to a conclusion the program for 2013.

Rotarian Mark Nugent was scheduled to make a presentation on the progress of catering for the conference, however work commitments meant Mark was an apology. In his absence Conference chairman Mike Doyle updated us on details of the way sponsors are to be rewarded with free admission to Breakfast in the Park and a link on our website to theirs. Mike also highlighted the roles of committee members.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the board met at Rotarian Matt McConnell’s home. Some of the details of our meeting are as follows.

* Community Chairman Seelan Nair expressed concern that some members volunteer for activities and fail to turn up. It was decided that Secretary Tony Hartley would send an email reminder a day or so prior to the event in future. To serve the community for no material gain is the spirit of Rotary and I would encourage members to volunteer whenever it is at all possible.
* We gave consideration to applying for a District Grant, nothing was identified, I was directed to speak to other members who may have a suggestion.
* On a broader scale we also discussed a nomination for the 2015 Peace Fellowship. Again we did not come up with a suitable nominee. Former member Colleen Jackson would have been a suitable candidate, so if any members have a suggestion we would be pleased to hear from you.
* We also discussed further assistance for the Philippine disaster. Some members may recall the garage sale we held for the tsunami about ten years ago. Nothing will happen before 2014, however, we would like to do something further for this most worthy cause.

Until next week….**Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 23 –5th December, 2013 – Meeting – 1958 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| **Date** | **05-Dec-13** | **12-Dec-13** | **19-Dec-13** |
| **Speaker** | Juliao Goncalves | Club Christmas Dinner | Breakfast Meeting |
| **Subject** | West Timor Invasion in 1975 | Devonport Golf Club |  |
| **Chairman** | Rockie Lee | Tony Davies | Mike Kelly |
| **Presidents** | Ian Murcott |  |  |
| **Table** | John Cook |  |  |
| **Reception** | Alan Pattison | Ross Stewart | Lance Cox |
|  | John van der Woude | Peter Chalk | Paul Crabtree |
| **Rotary Info** | Bob Farr |  |  |
| **(Job Talk)** |  |  |  |
| **Meetings** | Sub Committee |  |  |
| **Birthdays** |  |  |  |
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| **Rotary** | Richard Quinn 06Dec (34) | Nil | Nil |
| **Anniversary** | John van der Woude 11Dec 10) |  |  |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **28-Nov-13** |
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| Attendance: | 31 |
| Make Ups: | L Peck & M Russell (Motor Show) M Kelly (Pre PETS) |
| Apologies: | P Chalk, P Colgrave, L Peck, M Russell, M Kelly, L Wootton, |
|  | M Nugent, J O'Donnell, Kevin Matthews |
| Leave: | I Hutchinson & M Temple-Smith |
| Guests: |  |
| Visiting Rotarians: |  |
| 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 | 05th December, 2013 | Degree C Opening | Ulverstone |
| Sunday | 08th December, 2013 | Fairbrother BBQ | Fairway Park, Ulverstone |
| Thursday | 12th December, 2013 | Christmas Dinner | Devonport Golf Club |
| Thursday | 19th December, 2013 | Breakfast Meeting | Elimatta |
| Tuesday | 24th December, 2013 | Breakfast in Park | Round House Park |
| Thursday | 9th January, 2014 | Normal Meeting | Maritime Museum ?? |
| Sunday | 23rd March, 2014 | D'port Motor Show | Round House Park |
| Fri.Sat.Sun | 11-13 April, 2014 | District Conference | Devonport |
| Sat - Wed. | 1st - 4th June, 2014 | International Conf. | Sydney, NSW. |