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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of all the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

FROM PRESIDENT DON



The "Person in Rotary" presentations continue to provide a great insight to how Rotary as an organisation behaves. PDG David Loudon spoke on "Rules and Regulations" a somewhat dry subject but in David's expert hands we enjoyed a very lively and instructive presentation.

David told us that rules provide uniformity and continuity and ensures that Rotary is a strong brand. Regulations help protect this brand globally and through our Club Bye-Laws we have a signature that distinguishes our club from others.

A special focus in David's presentation addressed the all inclusive value of the 4-way test which is always part of our bulletin, and espouses the ethics of Rotarians.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:30 for 7:00 pm - Partners Night

ANZAC Day Meeting

"Australian Defence Forces in the new millennium"

Martin Grogan AOM

Chairman: **Peter Newman**

MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

Nil



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Geoff & Jeanette Magor - 26 April 1969



BIRTHDAYS:

Nil

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Chairman: David Louden
Apologies: Con Demopoulos, Maureen Gillham, Rob Pill, Barry Dean, Maree Hutchins, Mike Goonan, Linda Tinney
Leave of Absence: Bob Edgar, Michael Shanks, Ron Cook

Secretary Mark:

- ✓ We received the Wesley Mission newsletter. Anyone wishing to read it can contact Mark.
- ✓ The Member Training Workshop and District Assembly was held on the weekend before Easter. The Training Workshop was a valuable learning exercise on Rotary procedures. The District Assembly set out programs for the next Rotary Year and also ratified the change to District Rules to satisfy Consumer Affairs Victoria requirements.
- ✓ Members are reminded that this weeks Meeting will be at the Navel Association in Barrett's Road, Langwarrin South, and is a Partner's Night. Paul Harris Fellows are reminded to wear their medals to this Meeting.

Announcements:

Peter Newman:

- ✓ Peter spoke on an article "War from the Heart (Herald Sun 15 April) about Iraq war veteran, Liam Haven, who was blinded by a roadside bomb when he was 19. Peter has been assisting Liam with DVA benefits.

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SERGEANT CON'S Fact of the Week:

MACQUARIE ISLAND is officially pest-free, thanks to a seven-year eradication program. After two years of monitoring, the sub-Antarctic island – which is part of Australian territory - no longer has rabbits, mice or ship rats ravaging its unique wilderness.

"The island is the largest and most remote location where the total eradication of three invasive species has been successfully completed," Minister for the Environment Greg Hunt says in a statement.

Macquarie Island, located 1500km southeast of Tasmania, provides 12,785 ha of essential breeding ground for fauna in the sub-Antarctic region of the Southern Ocean including endangered seabirds and elephant seals.

Designated a World Heritage site in December 1997, the ecosystem of Macquarie Island faced severe degradation as the result of introduced rabbits, ship rats and house mice brought to the island by commercial seal and penguin hunters over two centuries ago.

Ship rats preyed on the chicks and eggs of endangered seabirds. Rabbit burrowing and overgrazing depleted the island's vegetation, destroying the nesting sites of albatrosses, petrels and prions. Widespread vegetation loss (tussock grass, Macquarie cabbage and silver-leaf daisy were especially threatened) caused extensive soil erosion and landslides, one of which killed 100 king penguins.

The \$24.6 million project was the largest and most remote pest removal scheme of its kind ever undertaken. It began with an aerial baiting phase in May 2011, designed to dose the island's population of 150,000 rabbits and countless rodents with Brodifacoum, a substance found in rat poison. A separate hunting phase followed in July 2011 to eradicate remaining rabbits.

Since August 2011, the island has been scoured by specially trained detection dogs, their handlers and rodent hunters, who after trekking over 90,000 km in search of introduced mammals and their markings, have determined the island to be free of pests.

"The island's vegetation regrowth is really quite amazing now that the rabbits are no longer grazing," says Keith Springer, Macquarie Island Pest Eradication project manager. "Wildlife and seabirds such as the blue petrel have begun to breed on the island again after decades of not doing so. They've figured out that it's safe and they aren't going to be bitten by a rat."

Despite the rapid response of vegetation and wildlife to the pest eradication, the island as a whole will take far longer to recover. "It will likely take 30 to 50 years for the island's healing process to return it to a level of ecological stability similar to what it once was," Keith says.

APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

Russell Cock:

- ✓ Bob Edgar is progressing well following a stint in hospital. He is up and about and is looking forward to resuming his Farmer Bob duties....or was that his Bob the Builder project.

Tony Spring:

- ✓ The Global Grant to Tonga for vegetable gardens and hen houses in villages there is progressing. \$25,000 has been sent to start the project off. A person has been employed through the Tongan Trust to look after the project at that end. Memorandums of Understanding between Rotary and the Tongan Trust have been signed and monies from New Zealand are being transferred. *...cont.*
- ✓ The application for a Global Grant for eye equipment in India has been submitted and is progressing well. This Project will be funded through District Designated Funds here and in India.

Guest Speaker: PDG David Loudon
The Person in Rotary—RULES AND Regulations



As we know, our organisation was formed by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905 out of a sense of fellowship. Rotary has progressed to 1.2 million members today and is influential in many International and humanitarian endeavours.

However, we haven't survived the changing world and become such a caring and influential organisation without some form of discipline, management for all to follow to ensure uniformity and continuity.

In any business, club, or society in general, we can always complain about the Rules and Regulations but it is those Rules or Constitution that has kept Rotary as a strong body for 109 years.

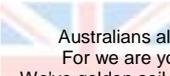
In my early days of Rotary, rules were a quite rigid. Take attendance: if you missed 4 meetings in a row your membership could be terminated. In fact, 100% attendance was encouraged and we even had an award each year for those with 100% attendance for the year. Jacket and ties were expected and this dress code was written into the By-Laws of the Club.

NEXT WEEK

6:00 for 6:30pm
It's a Surprise

KEY DATES

7 June - Club Charter Anniversary **Partners Night**



Australians all let us rejoice
 For we are young and free
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
 Our home is girt by sea:
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts
 Of beauty rich and rare,
 In history's page let every stage
 Advance Australia fair,
 In joyful strains then let us sing
 Advance Australia fair.

THE INVOCATION
 "For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks"
THE LOYAL TOAST
 "To The Queen, and the People of Australia"

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We only allowed one person from each vocation, and while that has now been relaxed, Clubs found ways to get members from one vocation by widening the classifications, eg *Banking Savings, Banking Trading etc.*

We know most Clubs have relaxed such regulations and some will debate that relaxation is weakening the status of Rotary. But that really goes to the core of why we are Rotarians: Is it to do good in the world or do we have to toe the regulations to be a good Rotarian. You may have your own views on that.

We only review our Rules every 3 years at the Council on Legislation, a week long session where every District is represented and is the only opportunity to change the way Rotary looks to the outside world. I don't think that session does that as we are too slow to change the fabric, although it has kept us strong for 109 years. As the old song says "the times, they are a changing" and I do think we need a more up-to-date, regular and modern way to make changes to our Rules and Regulations.

So what has set us apart from other Service organisations that have sprung up since Paul Harris started this first one?

In my opinion it is The Four Way Test (located in this and all Rotary Ho!'s. That is really the rules that the whole organisation should live by and promote to the outside world - it is our point of difference.

The Four Way Test was developed and promoted by Herbert J Taylor in 1930 and some will say it is now old fashioned, but it is the Ethics that we should apply to our daily lives and especially in business. I was given my copy by Charter President Lloyd 41 years ago and it hung in my office during my working career and now in my home. When you think about those four simple questions, I guess it is almost as good as the ten commandments.

To me, the Four Way Test is our Rules.

And then comes the Regulations. They provide uniformity, continuity of direction in all Clubs around the world. They protect our brand.

Our Regulations ensure things such as regular attendance to enable projects to be supported by all members, rather than just a few. Our Regulations ensure sound fiscal management so the control of funds is open and honest.

We could liken the regulations of Rotary International to our Club By-Laws and it is in this area that we have some flexibility to set us apart from other Clubs while still reflecting the RI position.

Our Club is in the process of re-drafting our Rules in line with RI and Consumer Affairs Victoria requirements, and to reflect how they can best work for this Club. When the re-drafting exercise is complete we all need to read them carefully to see if they reflect how you want this Club to go forward.



Gary C. K. Huang, a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan, will become Rotary International's 2014-15 president on 1 July.

Huang is an adviser for Wah Lee Industrial Corp. and Bank of Panhsin. He is also a director of Federal Corporation and Sunty Property Development.

A Rotarian since 1976, Huang has served RI as vice president, director, Rotary Foundation trustee, district governor, International Assembly training leader, regional session leader, task force member and coordinator, and committee member and chair.

He is a recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award and a Presidential Citation, and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose *Light Up Rotary* as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."

