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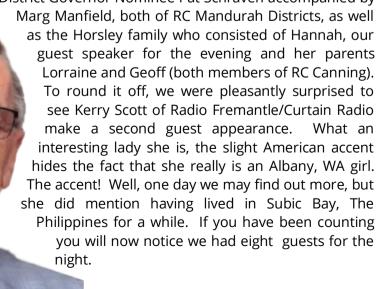


## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a different night Monday turned out to be. Giovanna and I arrived about 5.50pm for the meeting and met Gillian as she was leaving (family duties called); George was engrossed in the live AFL match which left Winston and Carole. Seating was arranged for a minimum number and I was prepared for guests, who I knew we had quite a number of, to outnumber members. However, as is often the case, all's well that ends well.

We had three planned presentations. Of course Robin and Tom were to be presented with their Honorary Member badges and it was somewhat as if time had stood still seeing them sat there, Tom with his beer and a shiraz "chaser", Robin being the driver, as ever being slightly more cautious in his choice of drink.

Our guests arrived almost before members and I must thank Winston, Carole and Shelley for hosting them prior to our members arrival. The guest list didn't seem to stop. We had District Governor Nominee Pat Schraven accompanied by



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We mixed and matched the evening. I had already pencilled in on my "running sheet" to coin PP Gail's terminology, an announcement for our District 2023 Conference, but with DGN Pat attending, she was the obvious choice to sprook her own Conference and save me the job. I wasn't totally heartless, I had printed a copy of her email that she had sent out to all Club Presidents the previous week as her aide de memoir. However, she didn't once need to refer to it.

Hannah gave us a thumbnail of her Short Term Exchange Programme in Iola, Kansas, USA. I must say I have not come across the programme before, being more used to the yearlong Rotary Youth Exchange Programme. Unfortunately, Covid-19 took over the programme, although her two-month schedule did end up being three months as she tried to return back to Australia.

Of course, it was with great pleasure to be able to offer Robin and Tom their Honorary Member badges and I really look forward to seeing them in the future. Could it be that we ensure we invite them on our special occasion evenings.

Thank you Mick for once more making us all dig deep with Happy Dollars or was it simply a fining session? Either way, I am sure that once more you drained the last \$ out of our pockets. Thank you also to Abby for NOT picking the Joker, in true Rotary spirit, she put her fellow members before herself and without second thought selflessly choose NOT to draw the Joker so as to give a member the chance next week ©

Shelley, your after-dinner pastries were a treat and certainly I, for one, will be looking forward to you volunteering again, but it's OK, does not have to be next week as that will be Heather.

Finally, a call to all members. Shelley asked if I knew of the organisation which collects spectacles and then donates them overseas. I do not, but I do know of the Lions Hearing Foundation of WA and Lions Recycle for Sight. If any members have access to hearing aids or unwanted spectacles, if you could bring them to a meeting, I am more than happy to collect them and pass them on.

Yours in Rotary Neil

## 21 SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

## **MARGARET MATASSA**



Margaret Matassa is chair of the Swan Estuary Reserves Action Group (SERAG) and has been active in keeping the estuary reserves intact despite developers wanting to encroach on the areas.

SERAG was formed in 2010 in response to a pressing need for action to ensure the long-term health and well-being of three unique sites in the Swan River Estuary that have been set aside by the wider community as the Swan Estuary Marine Park.

A long-term Melville resident, Margarget is a lovely lady with a strong message.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you, Shelley, for providing after-dinner treats enjoyed by everyone

## **VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS, 14 SEPTEMBER**

DGN Patricia Schraven Marg Manfield Hannah (Speaker), Lorraine and Geoff Horsley Tom Slater Robin Hamilton Kerry Scott

# PARTNERS AND FRIENDS NIGHT OCTOBER 5, TRADEWINDS HOTEL

**Guest Speaker: Yuot Alaak** 

"Yuot A. Alaak is an emerging Western Australian writer whose short story 'The lost girl of Pajomba' was anthologised by Margaret River Press in Ways of Being Here. He was a panelist at the 2017 Perth Writers Festival. Yuot is a former child refugee from South Sudan and was part of the globally known 'Lost Boys of Sudan'. He lives in Perth with his family where he works as a mining professional, having attained degrees in geosciences and engineering. When not writing or mining, Yuot loves to relax with family and friends over a BBQ."

— <u>Margaret River Press</u>



Note: as requested, this appeal will run until the event day

High School and received a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) at the tender age of 10 for her community service with Rotary.

Hannah suffers crippling anxiety and a year ago she didn't even feel comfortable getting on a bus by herself.

To over this anxiety, she challenged herself by going on a short-term exchange program to the US (her parents were terrified!) and found herself being interrogated with the threat of being sent home at LA airport only to be caught in the middle of a global pandemic and unable to return home.

Despite the challenges, it was a trip of a lifetime. She has made friends for life and wants to return to the US to study. Most importantly, her anxiety has reduced remarkably.





Mum Lorraine and Dad Geoff (members of the Rotary Club of Canning), Hannah, and Ian





DGN Pat Schraven gives a 5-minute spiel on RC Mandurah District's Photographic Competition.

information and link for the competition

**onorary members Robin Hamilton and Tom Slater**. Between them, they have approximately 60 years of Rotary service



Abby tries to chase the Joker as DGN Pat Schraven, Marg Manfield, Kerry and Winston look on



## September 2020

## **Basic Education & Literacy Month**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed		Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ANNIVERSARY Gail & Colin McCulloch INDUCTION Bob Rodgers (1991)	2	3		4 ANNIVERSARY Annette & George Macrides	5 ANNIVERSARY Pat & Keith Timmel
6	7 BIRTHDAY Jenny Calcei  Dinner Meeting Speaker: Suzie Costello, Program Manager, Earbus Foundation Chair: Barb Kitto Host: Mick Donnes	8 ANNIVERSARY Anne & George Lewkowski  Board Meeting, 7pm, Ardross	9 BIRTHDAY Gillian Baker	10		11	12
13	14 Dinner Meeting Speaker: Anna Horsley, Short Term Exchange Program Chair: Ian Pittaway Host: Martin Houchin	15 BIRTHDAY Pat Leaver	16	17	"Have you heard of Murphy's law?"  "Yeah."  "What is it?"  "If something can go wrong, it will go wrong."  "Right. Have you heard of Cole's Law?"  "No, what is it?"  "Thinly sliced cabbage."		
20	21 Dinner Meeting Speaker: Margaret Matassa, Swan Estuary Reserves Action Group Chair: Heather McNaught Host: Greg James	22	23	24			
27	28  Public Holiday  No Meeting	29	30 BIRTHDAY Bruce Robinson ANNIVERSARY Bev & Charles Moffat				

View full calendar here



# Proudly supporting WA's seriously ill children and their families





WA Giving Day will double all donations raised between now and on Thursday 24 September 2020. Please support this by **asking 5 friends** (couples, we need 5 each!!) to donate just \$5 to our team. By my calculations we'll raise \$750 by this method alone!!!You can click on this link to donate directly <a href="https://www.charidy.com/rmhcwa/27402">https://www.charidy.com/rmhcwa/27402</a> — link can also be forwarded to your contacts! We'll have a small raffle at our meeting next Monday to boost our donation. Please support this truly worthwhile cause!

# Discovering a new partnership

Posted on September 9, 2020

**Editors note:** The following blog post was written before COVID-19. It has been edited with permission to reflect the impact of social distancing and meeting virtually. Please visit the <u>Rotary</u> and <u>Toastmasters</u> websites for further info about how these organizations are keeping members safe and connected during the pandemic.



By Alfred Brothers, governor of District 6540 and a member of the Rotary Club of Anthony Wayne (Fort Wayne), Indiana, USA

had heard of Toastmasters, but never got involved with the organization until last year, when Rotary members from our area and I attended the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. There we heard about Rotary's collaboration with Toastmasters.

The two organizations truly complement each other. Toastmasters is a great way for Rotarians to learn and develop

enhanced speaking skills. As professionals, communication is our gateway to reaching customers and clients, and promoting our service projects.

When we returned from Hamburg, our International Service director Floyd Lancia invited leaders from the Toastmasters district that covers Indiana to participate in our Zone Institute in October. Scott Brown, a divisional leader from Fort Wayne, and Jean Wolf, a program quality director, answered questions we had about Toastmasters and led a public speaking workshop for district leaders. The workshop took a championship level speech and reverse engineered it to demonstrate how to develop a remarkable presentation. I was impressed by the depth of the programs and the number of Toastmasters clubs in our local area.

Scott invited me to speak at a local training session in Fort Wayne. I received a warm welcome and provided an overview of Rotary, our district and our clubs. I brought members of one of our Rotary clubs who were also Toastmasters members. It was fascinating to hear an engaging and energetic speech by Pres Vasilev, Toastmasters 2013 World Champion of Public Speaking, who is both accomplished and world renowned.

I began using our district newsletter to send information and encouragement to clubs in our district to reach out and invite Toastmasters to speak to their clubs. We are hopeful that Scott can join us during a virtual meeting this year.

While the alliance is still new, clubs are already experiencing the benefits of working with their local Toastmasters club. They are making new connections, which is opening the door to more professional growth opportunities. Members are expanding their networks in new ways. This increased interaction between Toastmasters and Rotary clubs has even lead to an increase in Toastmasters members inquiring about joining Rotary. Our district is setting the stage for a great partnership.

Learn more about <u>Rotary's partnership with Toastmasters</u>.

# During the COVID-19 crisis, continuing research into mental health is more important than ever.

## **DONATE NOW.**











## AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH



## Less Than 4 Weeks Until Hat Day!

**Hat Day**, Australian Rotary Health's annual national health research mental fundraising event is coming up on 10<sup>th</sup> October. nearest meeting date is Monday, 12th October. Last year we encouraged members silly/funny wear favourite hats to the meeting and to bring cash to put in the

Lift The Lid can. We should make a go of it again this year and raise some funds for mental health research.

## LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health

The benefits of participating in these LIFT THE LID WALK events go beyond supporting a good cause!

**Event Details** 





## **HOSTING ROSTER**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 07 Mick Donnes
- 14 Martin Houchin
- 21 Greg James
- 28 Public holiday no meeting

#### **OCTOBER**

- 05 Shelley Konig
- 12 George Lewkowski
- 19 Winston Marsh
- 26 Gail McCulloch

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 02 Giovanna McKay
- 09 Keith McNaught
- 16 Bev Moffat
- 23 Abby Parsons
- 30 Kerry Parsons

#### **DECEMBER**

- 07 Ian Pittaway
- 14 Rod Rate (Christmas Meeting)

#### **DUTIES OF HOST**

- Welcome each Rotarian and Guest to the meeting
- Advise President of arrival of Speaker and special guests
- Issue badges and indicate location of Attendance Officer
- At conclusion of meeting, collect members' badges for the box
- Ensure all guest badges have been collected

## **MOST IMPORTANT**

If you are unable to be Host on the night allocated, it is your responsibility to provide a replacement

## **GUEST SPEAKER CHAIR DUTIES**

## **Guest Speaker Chair shall:**

- Read the Bulletin in advance and then contact Program Officer for CV of speaker
- Arrive at Dinner Meeting venue at least 30 minutes before starting time
- Greet the Speaker at entrance
- Introduce the Speaker to President and at least four Rotarians
- Assist Speaker to setup his/her audio/visual and any other aids
- Show Speaker where to sit down for dinner on President's table and where to speak
- Advise Speaker to speak for 20-30 minutes including questions
- Introduce Speaker by name and topic when requested by Sergeant or President
- Formally introduce Speaker by written CV addressing name, vocation, qualifications, family (if appropriate), interests and lastly topic
- Chair the speaker session allowing one question per Rotarian or Guest
- Terminate session with presentation of gift (from Secretary)
- Escort Speaker to door after meeting

## **Rotarians asking Questions**

Upon recognition by the Speaker Chair, Rotarians:

- should stand and introduce themselves
- may ask one question and refrain from prefacing question with a statement

The Speaker shall be afforded all courtesies of a guest