

# The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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23 December 2009 – Meeting #991



*Brett's Banter -*

## *But Dave's Rave*

Quote of the week

**“The one thing women don’t want to find in their stockings ”on Christmas morning is their husband”**

Joan Rivers

It must be that Brett and I have a similar sense of humour as I have selected off the internet the exact same quote that Brett used last week. Sorry about that but it is still funny.

What a fun meeting, yet again. There is no better way to start a Wednesday morning than to be at the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light breakfast meeting.

Vicki Cooper is asking members individually to be moved to contribute cash to help the family of 3 year old Cameron Langan enjoy a better Christmas. More details further in the newsletter.

John Worldon is looking for interest in the running of our equine RYAG early in the New Year.

Captain Stuart Glover from the Salvation Army gave us a brief insight into what they are doing currently and how his first year in Tamworth has gone. We very generously gave a boot load of food and Christmas gifts and Paul Stevenson presented a cheque for \$1,000 as a donation from the club in his vote of thanks.

DJ became our first black Santa, fitting as it is the year of the USA’s first black president. He was well prepared and had some great gifts and suggestions for a lot of the members of our club. I don’t think I have ever seen so many of us laughing so hard for such a long time. We have published his finishing poem in the bulletin so as you may relive the hilarity. Well done DJ, it may be that we now have some Santa competition each year.

One more meeting before Christmas and then a 2 week break. Enjoy your week.

David.

## **AND FOR THE NEWS**

### **CHRISTMAS CLOSURE**

There will be **no meeting** on the following dates:

Wednesday, 30 December 2009

Wednesday, 6 January 2010

Our first meeting back on **Wednesday, 13 January** will be the **CHRISTENING OF THE ANZAC PARK NEW BBQ** at the usual time 6:30 for 7:00 AM

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## **ATTENTION VOCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE:**

We need volunteers to form a Subcommittee for the RYAG Equine program – contact Annette Arthur – 0418 243 835. Meeting to be held on **THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JAN AT 5.00 PM AT TAMWORTH HOTEL** to discuss the Equine weekend which is tentatively booked for March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2010 at AELEC. Please speak to either John Worldon or Annette Arthur today.....

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**SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE** – the dates are 15 – 17 March 2010 – always worth a visit and being involved (**will be celebrating 10 years**)

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## **CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS**

<b>13 January</b>	<b>Christening of the ANZAC Park BBQ</b>
<b>26 January</b>	Combined Rotary Clubs involved all day Bicentennial Park
<b>03 February</b>	Vocational Visit to Oncology Unit
<b>08 February</b>	GSE visit to Tamworth
<b>22 – 28 February</b>	Australia-wide Campaign for PolioPlus
<b>06 March</b>	<b>1,000<sup>th</sup> First Light Meeting CELEBRATIONS</b>
<b>12 – 14 March</b>	District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early
<b>15 – 17 March</b>	Science & Engineering Challenge
<b>1 / 2 May</b>	<b>NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life</b>
<b>19 May</b>	<b>Career's Expo - TRECC</b>
<b>19 June</b>	<b>Tamworth First Light Changeover &amp; Charter CELEBRATIONS</b>
<b>29 June</b>	<b>Tamworth Club's Changeover and Anniversary - 20 Years</b>
<b>30 June</b>	<b>District Changeover</b>

## **CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS for *DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2012-13*** **Closing Time and Date: 4pm Friday 19 February 2010**

In accordance with the requirements of the Rotary International (RI) By-laws Article 13.020 and the Code of Policies of RI District 9650 Inc Article 4.05.2, your District Governor is seeking suggestions from the District Clubs for consideration for the position of District Governor for 2012- 2013. The successful candidate will follow Jo Wilkin (2010-2011) and Barry Hacker (2011-2012) as District Governor of District 9650.

Nominations are to be in the hands of myself, the District Secretary at 9 Marsden Crescent, Port Macquarie 2444 by **4:00pm Friday 19 February 2010**.

When considering suggestions for District Governor, attention is drawn to Rotary International Bylaws Articles 15.070 through to 15.090.

The Nominating Committee for Governor will meet on Thursday 11 March 2010 to consider the selection of a suitable candidate for District Governor Nominee. Laurie Barber, District Secretary.

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## **VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

A reminder for Vocational Services chairpersons, Presidents, secretaries, Uncle Tom Cobley and all ...

With the approach of longer breaks and fewer club meetings it's time to start thinking about ***Applications for District Awards*** - of which there are two in Vocational Services which will be awarded at Conference:

District Award to Clubs for outstanding Vocational Services project/s - the PDG Kevin Harges Award – see page 17 of your *Vocational Service Director's KwickStart Manual* - or see the same information on the 'Vocational Service' section of the District web page - follow the link to 'Rotary Awards for Vocational Excellence' which is located above the list of committee members. Applications (on Club letterhead) close no later than Friday January 29th 2010.

Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence - pages 7 - 8 of your *Vocational Service Director's KwickStart Manual* and 'Vocational Service' section of District web site. Nomination form is available on the 'Vocational Service' section of the District web page - follow the link to 'Rotary Awards for Vocational Excellence' which is located above the list of committee members. **Applications close no later than Friday, 29 January 2010.**

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## ROTARY FOUNDATION MATTERS

The new calendar year marks the start of the second half of the Rotary year, and a time to take stock of progress toward our goals for 2009-2010.

The \$200m Polio challenge has passed its half way mark – which is wonderful news, but there is still much to do. Has your club done its bit by seeking contributions from your local community? By doing so we are obtaining funds from other than Rotarians' pockets and, in addition, we will be informing the wider community about Rotary and its promise to the children of the world.

On the other hand our support of the Annual Programs Fund has been slipping. Because we are supporting the Polio Challenge does not reduce the desperate needs of the hungry, the thirsty and the sick and the illiterate. The looks of joy and hope on the faces of those who benefit from Foundation funded projects to meet those desperate needs are sufficient reward to those who commit through Every Rotarian, Every Year to giving just \$100 per year – less than a cup of coffee a week. The unspoken '*thankyou*' in a mother's eyes is more than sufficient to express without words the real value of our small contribution to a child's health and welfare through **"OUR" Foundation.**

Your gift and mine at this level (or a little more if you are able) can make the difference between life and death, or health and sickness, or between a sound educated mind and a wasted life. We, who have so much, can offer hope to those who have so little through actively supporting "OUR" Rotary Foundation.

"TRF Direct" forms from your District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (or from PDG Bruce Allen at RI Parramatta) will enable you to make a regular (tax-deductible) monthly, quarterly or annual contribution from your bank account or credit card. So little can mean so much.

**For more information go to [www.rotary.org/foundation](http://www.rotary.org/foundation)**

On 7 November, over 1,600 representatives from the United Nations, Rotary clubs, and Rotary programs attended **Rotary UN Day**, an event dedicated to celebrating the close relationship between Rotary and the United Nations, including their progress and continued efforts toward achieving the **UN Millennium Development Goals**. The UN has recognized the work of Rotary's international service programs in achieving these goals. In countless World Community Service projects, Rotary clubs from different countries have become partners in tackling large-scale issues in areas such as poverty, education, gender equality, and the environment. Rotary Volunteers from around the world have administered the polio vaccine during National Immunization Days, an integral part of Rotary's work to eradicate the disease. Through efforts such as these, Rotary is doing its part to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

## **A NEW WAY TO END POLIO NOW!...CALL 1300 4 POLIO**

YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS NOW A WEAPON FOR POSITIVE CHANGE. A minimum donation of \$8.80 (including GST) will immunize ten children and you can give more if you wish. Please also promote 1300 4 POLIO to your friends and acquaintances, which will not only help reach our \$200M challenge, but you will be extending Rotary's image around Australia ... **DONATIONS WILL BE CREDITED TO ALL ROTARY CLUBS IN AUSTRALIA**

## **PHF MEDALLIONS NOW A PURCHASE ITEM.**

Clubs and Districts are reminded that as of **July 1st this year**, the Paul Harris Fellow medallion is now a purchase item and does not automatically come with the PHF regalia. This change was introduced as a cost saving measure as The Rotary Foundation battled its way through the serious financial down-turn and will remain in place as we go forward. The cost of a PHF has remained unchanged at US\$1,000 for the past 52 years but the cost of providing badges, certificates and medallions has increased enormously. With tens of thousands of PHFs being issued each year, the financial burden of providing this medallion is staggering and it was with great reluctance that The Trustees took this decision.

Not all clubs will want the medallion while many will. If required for the presentation, clubs should ensure that they order at the time they submit their PHF request and send a separate cheque made out to Rotary International. The cost is US\$15 (plus GST in Australia). For more information please contact [Kristenne.AureCanson@rotary.org](mailto:Kristenne.AureCanson@rotary.org)

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## ARTIST'S CORNER

*The idea for this section was to find out about "hidden" talents within our Club's membership and we have had some wonderful insights to date.... This week it is Christmas cheer...*

**A smile is a sign of joy.  
A hug is a sign of love.  
A laugh is a sign of happiness.  
And a friend like me???  
Hell, that's just a sign of good taste!!**

**HUGS**



*Wishing you all a very Happy Festive Season  
and may 2010 bring laughter, joy,  
good health and fun  
while we remind ourselves  
of the reason we actually have this  
Festive Season*

*Cheers from the Bulletin Editor*

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## TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twas the night before Christmas  
And early that day, not a creature was stirring that included Max May  
The flag was hung in the corner with care  
In hopes that St. DJ would soon be there

The Rotarians were nestled all snug in their beds  
While visions of Murphy and Dooley haunted their heads  
The lambs in their paddock with Paul Stevo on their backs  
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter  
A Rotarian sprang from the bed to see what was the matter  
Away to the window they flew like a flash  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash

The moon on her breast made Vicki Cooper glow  
And it gave the lustre of mid-day objects below  
When what to her wondering eyes should appear  
A big black witch with eight tiny reindeer

With a little thin driver so lively and quick  
The man we called DJ was calling himself St.Nick

More rapid than eagle his coursers they came  
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name  
Now Arthur, now Jacob, now Langfield you vixens  
Now Larkin, now Tickle – my God you're joking ok it's Barry Biffin???

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all  
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane flew  
When they met with an obstacle, mount to the sky

So up to the house top, the coursers they flew  
With the Cadillac full of tools and DJ too  
And then a bang and boom I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each of their hoofs

As I drew in my head and was turning around  
This black Santa had my wife gagged and bound  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back  
He started to put the rest of our gifts into his pack  
His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry  
His cheeks were like roses his nose like a cherry

His big lipped mouth was drawn up like a bow  
When he smiled his teeth were white as snow  
The stump of pipe he held tight in his teeth  
And the smoke encircled his head like a wreath

He had a brown face and a small little belly  
That shook when he laughed like a bowl of jelly  
He was sleek and clean a jolly young elf  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself

A wave of his pistol and a twist of his head  
Soon gave me something I knew I had to dread  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work  
Stole all our stockings and things and turned with a jerk

Two snaps of his finger up the chimney he flew  
He sprang to his Cadillac, to his team gave a whistle  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle  
But I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight

**Merry Christmas to all but next time get someone white!!!**

Unknown Rotarian©



Our very own black Santa DJ Jones



Santa presenting the Barry Humphries gladies to Jane Bradford

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*10 Reasons why we know Santa is a man*

- 1... No dress sense*
- 2...Never replies to your letters*
- 3...The chances of getting what you ask for are nil.*
- 4... Beer belly*
- 5. Will only commit to one day a year.*
- 6...Obsessed with stockings.*
- 7...He never stops to ask for directions*
- 8...Too lazy to shave*
- 9...He always wears the same clothes*
- 10...Only willing to do a job where people leave food and booze out for him...  
And he doesn't wash the plate up afterwards.*



## **COMBINED PRESIDENTS MEETING HELD LAST WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2009**

Some points of interest

### **GSE Team**

- The GSE team will be in Tamworth Wednesday, 17 – Sunday, 21 February 2010
- Billets will be required – with six Rotary Clubs in Tamworth it is hoped that each Club will host a team member
- If any members are available to be a driver and / or utilise their vehicle, please speak with Steve Byles on 6760 9307 as soon as possible
- Suggested that the team attend Tamworth-on-Peel on the Wednesday night and Tamworth Sunrise on the Friday morning – yet to be discussed and confirmed – both would be open to all Rotarians in Tamworth and surrounds....
- Any suggestions for Vocational visits please make to David Hinwood who will pass the information to Brett White upon his return....

### **Polio Trip to India**

- Ken Hall is going to India with a team from District 9640 both as a team member and on a fact finding mission to arrange a trip for those who are interested in going from D9650. The dates from 5 – 12 February 2010

### **Trivia Night – Tamworth North**

- Tamworth North would like to hold a Combined Rotary Clubs Trivia Night as an annual event – last one raised \$500 – expressions of interest in participating to David Hinwood for Brett White

### **Australia Day Celebrations**

- Already arranged – Tamworth Sunrise to do the breakfast (free)
- Suggested Tamworth West to do the evening (chargeable)
- Both at Bicentennial Park
- Other Rotary Clubs to be involved in the Bucket Brigade and anything else that may be organised for that day.... Funds raised go to Ronald McDonald Charity for this year

### **Bowls Night – 8 February 2010**

- Suggestion that this be an annual Combined Rotary Clubs event – Tamworth Club is doing a return visit to Tamworth West and Bowls already planned for evening – understand other Rotary members would also be welcome to come along and participate

**Cavalcade first meeting** to be held at the Services Club on Tuesday, 22 December at 5:00 pm – please have a representative from each Club there. Marshalls for the Cavalcade are supplied by Tamworth First Light...

**PolioPlus Major Fundraiser** – last weekend of February – Friday through to Sunday... 26 – 28.02.2010 – more details to follow.....

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## GUEST SPEAKER

**Capt Stuart Glover** and his wife Paula – also a Captain, arrived in Tamworth right at the start of the Country Music Festival – they had just completed their training and felt they were really thrown in the deep end as they discovered that the Salvation Army Hall became a Music Venue and that the kitchen actually raised funds. However they survived and since then they feel they have experienced everything in a very short space of time - down to Kempsey to assist with feeding the volunteers re major flooding, currently Armidale feeding the volunteers – bushfires.

During the year they have opened a Counselling Service – basically drug and alcohol related and have realised that the whole family needs support and help not just the person concerned. They now have a Social Services section as they have realised that often people just need to talk and can often solve their own problems without further help.

Then they have church services to organise and now have a Youth Pastor for Youth Issues – this area just keeps growing and growing but also seeing a good success rate. More and more families need both financial and general assistance – the fires in the North West certainly not helping the farmer. Farmers really need help, they need funding to replace irrigation lines, sometimes only small items but overwhelming when stressed.

The funds received today gratefully accepted and thanked again for our support.

Introduced by Peter Ryan and thanked by Paul Stevenson



Salvation Army Captain Stuart Glover thanked by Paul Stevenson

# Club Website

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
2009 - 2010

**Club Service – Louise Matthews**  
**Community Service – Brian Logan**  
**International Service – Vicki Cooper**  
**Vocational Service – John Worldon**  
**Youth Centre – Annette Arthur**

## Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



### Birthdays

27.12 – John Glynn  
 07.01 – Graham Dooley  
 13.01 – Bruce Hemmett



### Partners Birthdays

28.12 – Anne O'Connor  
 29.12 – Elizabeth Hearne

### Anniversaries

24.12 – Brodie & Pam Shields (38 years)  
 10.01 – Brian & Dianna Yeo (39 years)  
 11.01 – Campbell & Narree McIntosh (18 yrs)  
 14.01 – Mark & Anne O'Connor (15 years)

### Inductions

Nil



### Vocational Profile

23.12.09 - Neil Lyon  
 20.01.10 – Mark O'Connor

### Attendance

**Make Ups**

Nil

**Visitors Rotarians**

Nil

**Visitors**

Chris Celovic, Di Lockwood, David Grant & Capt Stuart Glover (Salvation Army)

**Heads & Tails**

John Fogarty

**Raffle**

Santa caused so much confusion – don't know!!

## **PRESIDENT ASSIST**

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members & Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

**Need to be in attendance by 6.30 am**

## **DOOR TEAM**

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

## **MEETER & GREETER**

To meet & greet our members & welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

## **VISITOR ASSIST**

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

**Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am**

## **WELCOME**

To publicly welcome our Members & Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his/her substitute.

**Need to be in attendance by 6.50 am (or earlier)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

## **VOTE OF THANKS**

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed).

## **CORPORALS**

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting. Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.

## **CORPORAL ASSIST**

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting if the Corporals are unable to do so.

# MEETING ROSTER

- When rostered on and you can't make it – **PLEASE** find another member to fill in for you
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- Make sure that you let both the President and President Assist know before the start of the meeting
- If the above not organised the **Sergeant will love you**
- The starting time for the **DOOR team and MEETER & GREETER IS 6:30 AM**
  
- **Leave of Absence** - If members are going to be away for an extended period (holidays etc) please remember that a notification (letter) be sent to the Club Secretary noting date of departure and date of return and requesting "Leave of Absence" from the Club.
- **If you know you are going to be away for an extended period (holidays etc) – PLEASE** advice **Bruce Hemmett** by email at [bruce.013@decorama.com.au](mailto:bruce.013@decorama.com.au)
- **Please give at least TWO week's notice so the roster can be amended**
- **PLEASE** advice **Terry Burgess** – Attendance Officer by email at [ssegrub@westnet.com.au](mailto:ssegrub@westnet.com.au)

	23 December 2009	13 January 2010
Guest Speaker	Phil Penman - Profile	Nil
Meeter & Greeter	Phil Lyon	
Door Team	Phil Heffernan & Pat Varley	Neil Lyon & Peter Hinchcliffe
Welcome	John Fogarty	
President Assist	Terry Burgess	
Visitor Assist	Barry Biffen	
Corporal Assist	Greg Birtles	
Introduction	Chris Sheppeard	
Vote of Thanks	Julian Smith	

## CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

**January**      Narelle Langfield and Ross Lobsey  
**February**    Stephen Mitchell and Brodie Shields  
**March**        Brian Yeo and John Fogarty

**CHINESE PROVERB**

**War does not determine who is right**  
**War determine who is left**