

“BE THE INSPIRATION”

The Rotary Club of Kingston usually meets at the Kingborough Bowls Club, Margate, Mondays 6.30 for 7.00

Tonight’s meeting #2164

This week: 19/11/18

COMMUNITY SERVICE
VISIT TO TASMAR RADIO
Host: **BRIAN MUIR (PHF)**

Chairman	PP Lex McIndoe
Registration/Raffle prize	PP Rod Williams
Assistant	Rtn Chris Terry

Next meeting 26/11/18

CLUB SERVICE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ASSEMBLY

Chairman	Pres Jill Sward
Registration/Raffle prize	PP Roger Bastone
Assistant	PP Malcolm Wells
Meet ‘n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Rtn Imogen Fullagar

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WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB?
ANYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW?
CHECK OUR CLUB WEBSITE: www.rotaryclubofkingston.org

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM.”

Francois Rabelais (1494? - 1553)

Leave of absence: PPs Lois Haas, Paul Jack.

After opening the meeting, **President Jill Sward** announced we have had a request from **Edna Pennicott (PHF)** to again staff the **Channel Court Giving Tree** starting on Friday, November 23.

Secretary Rtn Julie Creed read to us a letter received from **PP Roland McIntosh**, of the Rotary Club of Goulburn Mulwaree, whom members may recall visiting this club some months ago and to whom President Jill presented our club banner.

Enclosed with his letter was the return banner from his home club to add to our collection.

PP Annette Psereckis called **PP Ted Plaister** to come forward to receive congratulations from **Rotary International World President Barry Rassin** on Ted’s achievement of 50 years of service to Rotary and the community at large.

This was a recognition, initiated during PP Annette’s term as Kingston President, co-incidentally marking Rotary’s centenary.

President Jill presented a summary of advice received from PDG James Wilcox on the constitutional situation of this club not having a **Presidential nominee** for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year.

This was covered in greater detail by PP Roger Bastone in his Management Committee report following the committee meetings.

Special Events (PP Else Phillips):

- The latest Mega Market raised around \$1,500
- The next will be on March 3
- A great need for marshalling duties to be better planned with duties allocated and participants briefed well in advance
- If Rotary barbecue trailer not available, we might offer spot to NW Bay Scouts
- A quiz night proposed for late autumn/winter 2019
- A Day on the Beach planning well advanced but some confusion about Rotary, Lions, and sundry catering arrangements with commercial interests – to be clarified

- Two Presidents needed (2019-20 and 2020-21)
- This is responsibility of whole club to nominate PE and PN
- We have two weeks only to decide.

Community Service (PP Lex McIndoe)

- Only item to report – a request for some painting work to be done

As footnote, PP Roger emphasized that **without a President to take office next July 1, the club will surrender its charter and cease to function**

This means current members have the options then of leaving Rotary altogether or joining another club, possibly d’Entrecasteaux Channel or Sandy Bay, being the closest.

Youth Service (PP Ewan Cameron)

- *Windward Bound* candidate Dakota Delaney (Kingston resident but attends Grade 11 Rosny College) accepted for December voyage. Dakota raising funds at mega market, Salvation Army has donated \$500, Kingston Rotary to cover any shortfall
- Citizenship Awards now in 19th year with eight local schools participating
- Volunteers needed to present certificates and book vouchers at final assemblies

This is the most serious situation our club has faced and so deserves the most serious and conscience-searching attention.



CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

IMPORTANT REQUEST AND REMINDER

Club Administration (PP Roger Bastone)

- MUST have a President in place by June 30
- Re-cycling PPs not an option
- Suggest a PP mentor (Roger is prepared to take this role) for three months for potential President

To avoid having to roster Rotarians for Registration and other duties on the evening of our Christmas Party, thus depriving them and their partners of pre-dinner fellowship, it would be appreciated if ADVANCE payment could be made to PP Doug Ralph when replying to the invitation.

The date is Sunday, December 16, starting at 4.00 p.m. in the Northwest bay Scout building at Snug Football Ground

Acceptances close with Secretary PP Doug Ralph no later than Monday 3rd (at the Fire Station)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK
WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO.....?

The Rotary Club of Kingston has alumni in one form or another. Some of these include scholarship and exchange students, Youth and Vocational program graduates (RYLA, RYPEN, NYSF, MUNA) and PDE teams. Project beneficiaries and various project partners we've helped in the past also represent alumni or sorts, worth keeping in a long-term relationship.

It is the unqualified case these people or groups lose contact with our club after the program or project ends. These are shamefully lost opportunities to recruit new members or gain future support for club events and projects.

We should be making a determined effort to keep in contact with these alumni. However, simply e-mailing a club Bulletin or general invitations to events is not enough. With their e-mail in-boxes clogged with messages from various contacts people can simply leave these unopened over time. It can also be overwhelming and confusing to receive every club message, so perhaps we might consider sending only highlights or tailored messages.

Sending a personalised message or, better still, picking up the phone, can make a tremendous difference. Perhaps we might explore the possibility of appointing a club member specifically to engage with our alumni.

That Rotarian can ensure the contact information is kept up to date and periodically and personally get in touch with individuals or groups with relevant information such as if we have a guest speaker or event related to their known interests. As an example, a physician speaker or health-related event or speaker may appeal to a NYSF graduate pursuing a medical career.

So, they come into our lives, we sponsor them for something, they report back, and.....then....."what ever happened to.....?"

NOTICE BOARD

DUTY ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT FOUR MEETINGS

November 26
Chairman Pres Jill Sward
Registration/Raffle prize PP Roger Bastone
Assistant PP Malcolm Wells
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward Rtn Imogen Fullagar

December 3
Chairman Pres Jill Sward
Registration/Raffle prize PP Neil Bester
Assistant PP Rod Williams
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward Not required

December 10
Chairman Pres Jill Sward
Registration only PP Ewan Cameron
Assistant PP Roger Bastone
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward Rtn Bruce House

December 16 (Sunday)
Host Pres Jill Sward
Special Guest Santa
Assistants Elves
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward Not required

It is the responsibility of the rostered Rotarian to arrange a replacement if/when unable to attend.

NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

(Mon) 26 CLUB SERVICE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and ASSEMBLY

(Tue) 27 BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION MONTH

(Mon) 3 COMMUNITY SERVICE – ANNUAL VISIT TO
KINGSTON FIRE STATION

(Thu) 6 LOUI’S VAN

(Mon) 10 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION –
Speaker: PP JEFFREY MICHELMAN (PHS) –
ROTARY CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE OCEANSIDE,
FLORIDA

NOTE: (SUNDAY) 16

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AT NORTHWEST BAY
SCOUT BUILDING (SNUG OVAL) – From 4.00 p.m.
– SANTA ARRIVES 5.00 p.m. – Dinner at 5.45 p.m.

REGISTRATION/RAFFLE

ASSISTANT

MEET ‘N GREET/DÉCOR/TT STEWARD

Rotarians who are on roster for these duties and will not be attending are reminded it is their responsibility not only to advise the attendance officer of their absence, but also to arrange a replacement for the allocated task.

This applies particularly to the provision of the raffle prize.

REAR-END COLLISIONS – EXPENSIVE, INCONVENIENT and DANGEROUS

But here’s the good news... easily avoided

Rear-end crashes feature significantly in road statistics, representing over 20 per cent of crashes, especially in city and suburban areas. While most rear end crashes do not lead to fatalities, not insignificantly around one-quarter do result in fatal or serious injuries.

For the larger majority the result is one more of inconvenience and a decent hit to the hip pocket. Many CTP insurance claims are for rear-end crashes, amounting to approximately a quarter of all CTP costs. The good news is the majority of rear-end crashes can be avoided by following the recommended safe following distance which, in most jurisdictions, is three seconds. Unfortunately up to 40 per cent of drivers fail to maintain a safe gap.

Research shows that it takes about 1.5 seconds for someone to react and 1.5 seconds to brake and come to a stop. Of course a driver who is distracted or affected by alcohol, drugs or fatigue will take a lot longer to react to the actions of other vehicles on the road. In most situations the only response is to brake because swerving is rarely appropriate and can result in a more severe crash, like a head-on collision.

To calculate a three-second safe following distance you simply need to observe when the rear of the vehicle in front of you passes a non-moving object such as a power pole or shadow on the road surface - start to count ‘one thousand and one, one thousand and two, one thousand and three’. If your car passes the object you picked before you finish the three-second count, you are following too closely and your chances of being involved in a rear-end crash are greatly increased. In poor driving conditions, such as rain, night and gravel roads, it may be necessary to increase your crash avoidance space to four or more seconds.

Q: WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THING A BLUE WHALE CAN SWALLOW? A VERY LARGE MUSHROOM? A SMALL FAMILY CAR? A GRAPEFRUIT? A SAILOR?

A: A grapefruit. A blue whale's throat is almost exactly the same diameter as its belly-button (which is around the size of a bread-and-butter plate), but a little smaller than its eardrum (more the size of a dinner plate).

For eight months of the year, blue whales eat virtually nothing, but during the summer they feed almost continuously, scooping up to three tons of food a day. As you may remember from biology lessons, their diet consists of *krill* (tiny, pink prawn-like crustaceans) which slip down a treat.

The word *krill* is Norwegian. It comes from the Dutch word *kriel*, meaning "small fry" but now also used to mean both pygmies and "small potatoes". Krill sticks have been marketed with reasonable success in Chile but krill mince was a bit of a disaster in Russia, Poland and South Africa owing to dangerously high levels of fluoride from the krill's shells that were too small to pick off individually before mincing.

The narrow gauge of a blue whale's throat means it could not have swallowed Jonah. The only whale with a throat wide enough to swallow a person whole is the sperm whale and, once inside, the intense acidity of the sperm whale's stomach juices would make survival impossible.

Aside from its throat, everything else about the blue whale is BIG. At 32m in length it is the largest creature that has ever lived – three times the size of the biggest dinosaur and equivalent in weight to 2,700 people. Its tongue weighs more than an elephant; its heart is the size of a family car; its stomach can hold more than a ton of food. It also makes the loudest noise of any individual animal; a low frequency "hum" that can be detected by other whales over 16,000km away.

2012's FILMS WITH THE MOST CONTINUITY ERRORS
(Source: MOVIE Mistakes.COM)

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YOU READ IT HERE FIRST

- Ford is a pretty buttoned-down company now, but not in 1958, when it made the Nucleon concept car. The idea was that its nuclear reactor – yes, a nuclear reactor – would power it for 10,000km. Or until you died from radiation poisoning after 50km
- Certified terrorist dimwit Kamel Bourgass is serving a 17-year prison sentence in Britain. His cunning plan was to smear ricin, a poison, onto car door handles in 2002. It would have worked but for the fact ricin is only deadly when injected or swallowed. Idiot
- A dog serving with the CIA will work 60 hours per week – they're on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- There have been 100 documented cases of "werewolf syndrome" – an extreme disorder in which the body and face are covered with a thick carpet of hair
- The cost on eBay of a haunted house in the Rhone-Alpes region of France was one Euro. The home has allegedly been haunted by spirits since a murder took place there in the 1950s

NOTES FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

- The current 50-star US flag was created by 17-year-old Robert Heft for a school project. He received a B-minus for it. When his design was adopted by presidential proclamation, his teacher upgraded his mark to an A
- A full head of hair is so strong it can support up to 12 tonnes, or the weight of two elephants
- Scientists reckon our sun will eventually crystalize into a giant diamond in around 7 billion years
- Hippopotamuses flick their poo with their tails to ward rivals from their territory
- The world's strongest acid is fluoroantomonic acid, that is 100,000 billion billion times more potent than the acid in your stomach
- If you could drive a car straight up into the air, you would arrive in space in just over an hour
- The fastest speed a falling raindrop can hit you is 29kmh
- Instead of Christmas, North Koreans celebrate the birthday of Kim Jong Il's mother, Kim Jong-suk
- On the planet Neptune, seasons last for more than 40 years
- A bird's feathers weigh more than its entire skeleton
- The "where do we go now?" breakdown at the end of Guns N' Roses *Sweet Child O' Mine* came about because originally the group couldn't think of what to sing, hence the lyrics
- More than 25 per cent of smartphone owners aged 18-44 can't recall the last time their device wasn't next to them
- Sixty per cent of Yakuza come from Japan's burakumin class, the descendants of a feudal, outcast section of society
- Although thousands of deep-sea creatures have been discovered already, boffins reckon 95 per cent of the world's oceans and 99 per cent of the ocean floor are unexplored. This is mostly due to humans being unable to withstand the large amounts of pressure underwater, with certain parts of the ocean reaching four kilometres deep, or about as deep as most peaks in the Alps are high

The last word: Yes, I followed my dream. Which is why I'm now carrying a glass suitcase full of snakes through a vast airport while not wearing any trousers