

“BE THE INSPIRATION”

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

Tonight’s meeting #2167

This week: 10/12/18

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Speaker: **PP JEFFREY MICHELMAN (PHS)**
(Rotary Club of Jacksonville Oceanside, Florida)

Chairman	Pres Jill Sward
Registration/Raffle prize	PP Neil Bester
Assistant	PP Rod Williams
Meet ‘n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Rtn Bruce House

Next meeting **NOTE:** **SUNDAY 16/12/18**

CLUB SERVICE

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

At **NORTHWEST BAY SCOUT BUILDING (SNUG OVAL)**

From 4.00 Fellowship
5.00 arrival of Santa Claus
5.45 Dinner is served

Host	Pres Jill Sward
Special Guest	Santa
Assistants	The Elves

PLEASE NOTE: This Bulletin was prepared from the information available at the time of printing.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“THE MAN WHO NEVER ALTERS HIS OPINION IS LIKE STANDING WATER, AND BREEDS REPTILES OF THE MIND.”

William Blake (1757 - 1827)

Leave of absence: PPs Lois Haas, Paul Jack.

Last week’s meeting: This was the occasion of our annual visit to the **Kingston Fire Station**, but the first order of business was the induction of **Eva Marjanovic** to our club. In her welcoming address, President Jill referred to Eva’s active community involvement and the contribution she will make to the ideals of service through Rotary.

In response, Eva remarked on her amazement at the principles espoused by Rotary and expressed her wish that more people would aspire to what Rotary represents. She was also grateful for the support her membership application received, noting that it would take only one objection for it to be declined.

President Jill informed us one of our former Youth Exchange Students, **Aarne Mykanen**, is bringing his parents on a visit to Tasmania, arriving on Saturday (15) and the family will be attending our Christmas function at the northwest Bay Scout HQ the following day (Sunday 16).

With our **Fire Chief** Faron on leave and his deputy in another state, it fell to the **acting 2IC, Michael Driessen** to deliver his annual report.

Since last we were at the fire station, there have been 196 callouts of which 176 were to local incidents and the remaining 20 assisting neighbouring brigades.

There was bad news regarding the response time (the time from alarm to arrival on the scene) that has expanded to an average of 14 minutes and 32 seconds. This is put down to a rapidly expanding built area and increased road traffic. On the upside, our Kingston personnel have attended 30 community events – dropping Santa to events as needed and conducting fire safety talks to school students.

There were some graphic descriptions of the busiest night of the year, May 10, and here, **Brad Somers** took us through the drama that unfolded from around 10.30, with torrential rain, when Kingston received its first callout (to Shiploads). The events continued to unfold with loss of power, Blackmans Bay Primary school in trouble, roads washed out, St Aloysius School in trouble, having to rescue a disabled boy trapped in a vehicle that was part-submerged with its headlights now underwater, as he had tried to escape the flooded house. With the help of Kingston police, he was rescued as well as a mother and baby who had also been trapped in that house. And that was just the start . . . there followed calls to Bishop Davies Court with water coming through the ceiling lights, Channel Court shopping complex virtually underwater, and so it went.

Adding to the presentation, **Stuart Conway** said those events made the 17 firefighters who were on duty that night closer than they ever were. At one stage they were offered relief to go home to check on their families but all stayed on duty rendering outstanding service to our community. Statistically that night brought 1200mm of rain over just a few hours, there were 14 reported calls, three or four associated tasks, 10 alarm calls, four rescues and one community service.

President Jill commended the brigade for its wonderful service to the community, from fires to floods, and thanked the crew for their usual unstinted hospitality with a substantial club cheque. In response, Michael demonstrated the portable lighting equipment, purchased with our Rotary donation last December.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

SHARING AND CARING

How many of us here at Kingston Rotary are aware of the responsibility or obligation most of us fail to perform? Is it paying our dues? Attending meetings? Contributing to the occasional appeal for money? Taking part in Club projects?

The answer is “none of the above.” Of all the obligations a person accepts when joining this Club and where a lot of us fall down is in “sharing Rotary.”

The policies of R I clearly state that every individual Rotarian has “an obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary through proposing qualified people for Rotary Club membership.” At a rough guess, fewer than 30% of our members have ever made the effort to propose a new member.

That means there are about 70% of us who readily accept the pleasure of being a Rotarian and enjoy all the benefits that brings without ever sharing that privilege with another qualified individual. We only have to flick through the yellow pages to see how many vocations are NOT represented in our Club and to then ask ourselves, “Why?” The answer lies with every one of us.

Only a Rotarian may propose a customer, neighbour, client, supplier, business associate, executive, relative, professional or other qualified people to join a Rotary Club. Have you accepted your obligation to share Rotary? The procedures are very simple and everyone must know at least one person who should be a member of the Rotary Club of Kingston.

Only with an infusion of new talent and enthusiasm can our Club grow and prosper. The alternative is to wither and become ineffective and irrelevant to our community.

NOTICE BOARD

DUTY ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT FOUR MEETINGS

December 16 (Sunday)

Host	Pres Jill Sward
Special Guest	Santa
Assistants	Elves
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Not required

January 14

Chairman	To be appointed
Registration/Raffle prize	PE Imogen Fullagar
Assistant	PP Neil Bester
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Rtn Gilbert Jeffrey

January 21

Chairman	To be appointed
Registration/Raffle prize	PP Alan Gluyas
Assistant	PDG Bill Brundle
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Rtn Ross Jones

January 28

Chairman	To be appointed
Registration/Raffle prize	Rtn Bruce House
Assistant	PP Ewan Cameron
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Rtn Bruce Lewis

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

FOR THE DIARY DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION MONTH

(Thu) 13 LOUI'S VAN

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.

(Mon) 17 DAYS4GIRLS – ST CLEMENTS HALL – BEACH ROAD

(Thu) 20 “COLOUR FESTIVAL” BARBECUE – KINGSTON Beach – from 6.00 P.M.

NO MEETINGS DECEMBER 24, 31 AND JANUARY 7

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

(Mon) 14 To be advised

MEET 'N GREET / DÉCOR / TT STEWARD **WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?**

The Rotarian rostered for these duties is expected to –

- Arrive around 6.15
- Place the badge box at the registration table
- Place the lectern, bell and hammer at the President's place at table
- Install and check the PA system is working
- Unfurl the banners and hang on walls
- Greet members as they arrive
- Look out for any visiting Rotarian/s and introduce them
- See the speaker is introduced to the Chairman and President
- At the end of the meal, clear the plates, cutlery etc. from head table.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

A Christmas carol (also known as a noel) is a carol (song or hymn) whose lyrics are on the theme of Christmas, or the Northern winter season in general, and which is traditionally sung in the period immediately surrounding the holiday. Christmas carols may be regarded as a subset of a broader category of Christmas music.

The songs we know specifically as carols were originally communal songs sung during celebrations, like harvest-tide, as well as Christmas. It was only later than carols began to be sung in church and to be specifically related to Christmas.

Carols gained in popularity after the Reformation in countries where Protestant churches gained prominence (as Reformers like Martin Luther encouraged their use in worship). This was the consequence of the fact the Lutheran Reformation warmly welcomed music.

“Adeste Fideles” (Come All Ye Faithful) appeared in its current form in the mid-1700s, although the words may have originated in the 1200s. The origin of the tune is still in dispute.

The first appearance in print of “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”, “The First Noel”, “I Saw Three Ships” and “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” was in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1833) by William Sandys. Composers like Arthur Sullivan helped to re-popularize the carol, and it is this period that gave rise to such favourites as “Good King Wenceslas” and “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”, a New England carol written by Edmund Sears and Richard Willis.

Today, carols are regularly sung at Christian religious services. Some compositions have words that are clearly not of a religious theme, but are often still referred to as “carols”. For example, the 1500s song, “A Bone, God Wot!” appears to be a wassailing song (sung during drinking or while requesting ale), but is described in the British Library’s Collection as a Christmas carol.

Almost all the well-known carols were not sung in church until the second half of the 1800s. *Hymns Ancient and Modern 1861-74* included several carols. Isaac watts, composed “Joy to the World” even though it’s believed Watts did not write it to be sung only at Christmas. Charles Wesley wrote texts for at least three Christmas carols, of which the best-known was originally titled “Hark! How the Welkin Rings”, later edited to “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”. “Silent Night” comes from Austria. The carol was first performed in the Church of Saint Nicholas (Nikolaus-Kirche) in Oberndorf on December 24, 1818. Felix Mohr had composed the words in 1816, but on Christmas Eve brought them to Hans Gruber and asked him to compose a melody and guitar accompaniment for the church service. The first English translation was in 1871 where it was published in a Methodist hymnal.



YOU READ IT HERE FIRST

- The BMW car company’s logo symbolizes a propeller against a blue sky, as BMW used to make aircraft
- Osama bin Laden’s personal bodyguard, Abu Jandal, tried to impress US interrogators with is knowledge of history by reciting the plot of Mel Gibson’s *Braveheart* movie
- According to enthusiasts, the most prolific hours for conducting ghost hunting investigations is between midnight and 4.a.m.
- Of the 10 deadliest wars in history, seven were fought in China. And, the Mongol conquest of Eurasia killed an estimated one in six people on the planet
- Between 2011 and 2012, membership of the Japanese yakuza dropped by 10 per cent
- A US black supremacist group called The Brotherhood asks recruits to kill a white person and bring a body part – an ear, nose or finger – as proof

NOTES FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Most deep-sea creatures live below what's known as the "photic" zone of the ocean – a harsh environment where inhabitants must endure extreme amounts of pressure, very little food, no sunlight, and constant, extreme cold
- The 22-room Playboy mansion in Los Angeles had a floor space of 2.042 square metres and was valued at \$54 million
- Twenty-five per cent of women say wearing a pair of budgie smugglers is the single biggest fashion disaster a man can make
- Around 40 per cent of people will wake up on New Year's day with an "unidentified party injury"
- Flying overseas or interstate this summer? Bear in mind Qantas has the highest level of on-time departures (86.1 per cent), followed by Virgin (83.9 per cent), Tiger (79.5 per cent) and Jetstar (75.8 per cent)
- Aussies will get through around 25 litres of beer per capita this summer
- One in five backyard cricket matches end prematurely because the players can't agree on the rules
- According to police statistics, Australia Day is traditionally the worst day of the year for assaults and drunkenness among people under 25 years old
- If Santa were to visit every child on Earth across all the different time zones, he'd have to make 822.6 visits per second to make it possible
- Between 95 and 99 per cent of skin cancers are caused by exposure to the sun
- Eighty-six per cent of shark attacks in Australia involved encounters with surfboard riders. Scuba diving and snorkeling are the next riskiest activities (seven per cent)
- January 2013 was officially Australia's hottest month on record; 97 per cent of the country experienced above-average heat
- Great white sharks are responsible for the most shark attacks in Australia, followed by tiger sharks and bull shark
- Cows attack more people in the US than sharks

The last word: Apparently the average person eats four spiders every year in their sleep... that freaks me out, but not as much as the thought there is someone at the end of my bed recording the stats