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NEXT MEETING 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

Helene Bo Morse

**D.A.R.T. (Disaster Aid Response Team)
& President: RC Ashgrove – The Gap**



Helene Bo Morse joined Rotary in 1996 in Danville, California, USA (near San Francisco) District 5160. She was Club President 2003-2004 and filled several district positions through the years. In 2014 she relocated to The Gap where she is current Club President of RC Ashgrove The Gap.

Her other roles are District Social Media chair, Disaster Aid Australia chair, and Operation Cleft chair. She will assume the role of District Grants Chair in 2016-2017.

She has been on 22 international medical and disaster missions and serves on Disaster Aid International, Boards of Directors for Australia and USA. She also serves DA as a DART.

Helene's partner is District 9600 DGN John Lane, whom she recently married. Helen will speak to us on the humanitarian work of Disaster Aid Australia.

LAST MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2015

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT

DG Anne Egan & Jeff



DG Anne referred to the Rotary Reflections reading by Ross, which spoke of Rotary bringing together peoples gifts and talents. In particular she spoke of a Rotarian whom she credits changed her life forever by introducing her to Rotary. It has provided opportunities which would not have been possible without Rotary.

She quoted "I dreamt of a life of joy and woke up to find that life was about service. I embarked upon a life of service and have found enormous joy". She indicated that when this happens in Rotary magic happens. The 2015 -16 Rotary theme, "Be a Gift to the World", was also about being a gift to each other. She said in striving to make the community a better place made us better individuals by feeding our own souls. This made the world a better place which is the strength of Rotary.

Rotary provided many gifts to the world with the Annual International Rotary Convention being just one. Anne spoke of attending the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney and being like a “kid in a lolly shop”, not able to choose between the various activities on offer. Her favourite was the House of Friendship with over 400 international projects on display in which Rotary club support was invited.

Ann graciously on behalf of RCFV presented Paul Harris Fellowships to Marjorie Porter and a Sapphire to Arthur Devin for their contributions to the club. Our newest member Aleeta Wozencroft had the privilege of being inducted into Rotary by DG Anne.

DG Anne invited our members to attend the 2016 Rotary Annual Conference for District 9640 at Murwillumbah on 6,7 & 8 May 2016 to be held at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre.

Jeff spoke of the benefits of education to indigenous people raising their prestige in their communities and their development as role models. It is known that indigenous people prefer to see an indigenous doctor. He referred to the insidious gap between the health of the white population and indigenous people which this program will help close. RCFV has agreed to contribute \$150 to the DG partner’s fund.



Jeff Egan speaks of his DG Partner’s project

Jeff advised us of his DG Partner’s fund raising project, emphasising his departure from the international projects of recent years, to his nominated beneficiary, the Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Scholarship Program for young indigenous medical and allied industry students e.g. nurses, doctors, dentists, physiotherapists etc. Cost of the scholarships is \$2,500 to a Rotary club. State and Federal governments combine giving another \$2,500.



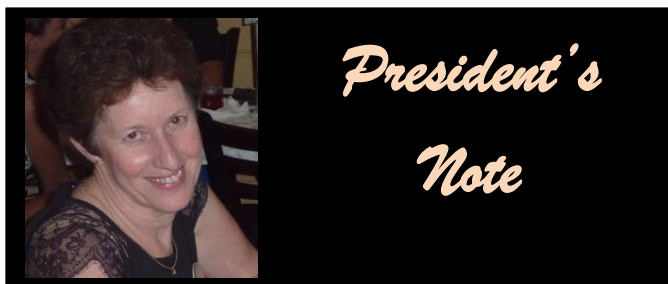
PDG Arthur presented with PHF Sapphire by DG Anne



PP Marjorie Porter received PHF from DG Anne



Past and Present Presidents of RCFV with DG Anne. (L – R) PP Ross, DG Anne, P Lindy, PP Thyrlene, PP Graham & PP Marjorie.



What a fabulous night was had by all when 9640 DG Anne and Husband Jeff came to visit our Club. Great food, great company and a memorable night for the induction of our newest member, Aleeta Wozencroft. Arthur and Marjorie were honoured that night with a PHF Award. We all gained some valuable insight on how E Club ideas could be incorporated into our Club and what better person to guide us than Anne Egan!

We attended Boonah Rotary Club for a combined meeting as part of our decision to visit other Clubs as a means of increasing our networking with people in other places. An enjoyable time and we thank Boonah for hosting us on the night.

A Business Meeting held at the Kirchner residence, began with a barbeque dinner before embarking on our hat making adventure which will be displayed at a meeting during October to celebrate "Help Hats Help Heads" for National Hat Day which raises funds and awareness for mental health research. We talked about Edward De Bono's Six Hat Thinking processes and created home-made hats with each of the six colours. Fun, fabulous and funky hat making!! We welcomed AG Peter to what was a wonderful social night.

Go Team K! All the way! Thank you all for your support and kindness toward others.

Lindy Kirchner - President



(L – R) Cara Champion and Bev Ward hand "new member dummy" to Aleeta Wozencroft with DG Anne

Arthur's Rotary Notes YOUTH PROGRAMS

Update from Youth Director.

The Rotary Clubs in District 9640 are presently looking for young people who are seeking to improve their life prospects.

Without fail, all young people who have had the opportunity to be sponsored by our Club to attend any of the Rotary Youth camps have come back to visit our Club with reports such as 'the best experience of my life', 'I had an awesome time'.

Please feel free to share the attached posters promoting each of the upcoming week long leadership self improvement camps - RYTS and RYLA - as they are opportunities too good to miss.

On behalf of **Arthur Devin - Youth Director**
by Marjorie Porter

TOOWONG ROTARY – 50 YEARS

On 26 August 2015 several of our members attended the Rotary Club of Toowong 50th Anniversary Gala Celebrations at Indooroopilly Golf Club. Being our big sister club we were on our best behaviour, a challenge for Arthur when alongside his PDG buddie Henry Bodman. The evening was a great success and one which all in attendance will remember fondly.



PDGs Arthur Devin and Henry Bodman



RCFV Members attending Toowong's 50th Gala Dinner

HATS TO HELP HEADS

President Lindy's hat making night



Ron and Ross working it out.



Cara and Aleeta measure it up



Thyrlene's attractive result

Upcoming Events

28 Oct '15 Combined Service Clubs' Dinner @ Peak Crossing Community Hall

ADVERTISEMENT

We seek **FOUR candidates for RYTS camp** - date 29/11 to 5/12 (16-18 in Years 11 and 12 preferably year 12) and

TWO Candidates for RYLA Camp - date 23/1/2016 to 29/1/2016 for 19 years to 28years.

Nom. Fee \$50.00 **Arthur Devin Youth Director**

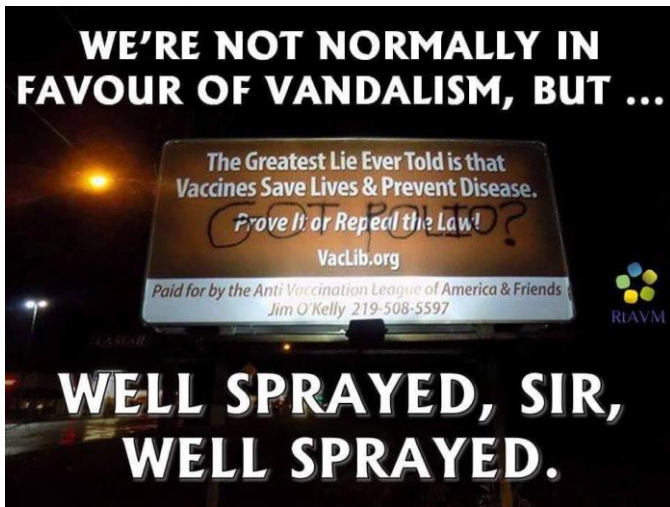
RESIGNATION NOTICE

It is with much regret the Club has accepted the resignation of Carolyn Thamm from its membership leaving vacant the position of Club Secretary. Carolyn was a very popular member of the Club leaving members saddened by her decision. The Club expresses its grateful thanks to Carolyn for her efficient and diligent contribution to the Club.

NEW CLUB SECRETARY

Following a recent business meeting the Club is pleased to advise the appointment of Jon Gormley as Club Secretary. We congratulate Jon on his acceptance and look forward to his contribution to the Club through this office.

It's a Laugh!



Some people try to turn back their life's odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've travelled a long, long way and some of the roads weren't paved



Meeting Program and Duty Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Wed 14 Oct '15 Dinner Meeting	Wed 21 Oct'15 Business Meeting	Wed 28 Oct '15 Special Meeting	Wed 4 Nov '15 5th Wednesday
Duty Officer	Bev Ward			
100 Club , Stamps and/or Raffle	Ron Smith			
Rotary Reflections	Ross McInnes			
Sergeant at Arms	N/A			
Sergeant's Assistant	N/A			
Meeting Venue & Time	Royal Hotel Harrisville 6.30 for 7.00pm	Harrisville State School Library 6.45 for 7.00pm	Peak Crossing Community Hall 6.30 for 7.00pm	Kirchner Residence Alexander Lane H'ville
Program and/or Guest Speaker	Helene Bo Morse Disaster Aid DART	Club Business	Annual Combined Service Club Dinner Hosted by RCFV	Board Meeting

MEMBERS NOTICE:

1. To ensure a punctual 7.00 pm start, members are requested to arrive no later than 6.45pm.
2. When you have duties on the Roster and are not available, could you please arrange for someone else to fill in, and advise President Lindy of the change (Mob 0407 160 141).

Club President: Lindy Kirchner
 District 9640 Governor: Anne Egan PHF
 Rotary International President: Ravi Ravindran



Secretary: Jon Gormley
 Editor: Graham Porter OAM PHF