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CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL GOLD COAST HIGHWAY SURFERS PARADISE

2014 - 15 LEADERSHIP TEAM



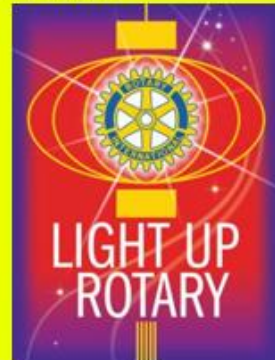
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SPEAKERS

Date	Speaker	Subject	Speaker Host
May 5 th .	John Withers	"Your Intellectual Property"	Jim Hawkins
May 12 th .	John Muller	Volunteering Australia	Chris Thomsen
May 19 th .	John Monks	BBRC "Young Achievers Awards"	Kevin O'Brien
May 26 th .	Mr Neil Laurie the Clerk of the Queensland Parliament	Address re the Processes of the Qld. Parliament	John Monks





DOOR DUTY ROSTER

Date	Attendance 1	Attendance 2
May 5 th .	Ian Cowen	Neil Baldwin
May 12 th .	Ian Cowen	Russ Hutchison
May 19 th .	Ian Cowen	John Curr
May 26 th .	Ian Cowen	Cec McPaul

CONGRATULATIONS DUE THIS WEEK

Birthdays 	Anniversaries 	Inductions 
Keith Hawton 2 nd May Gay Cowen 3 rd . May	Alex & Marie Jordan 2 nd . May	Ian Cowen 2 nd . May

LAST WEEKS MEETING

ATTENDANCE 		MEETING INCOME 
Broadbeach Members	20	
Honorary Members (Uwe Seifert) Guests (Bill Waller, Geoff Taylor, Don Baker, Renee Dillon) (Adrian Crowe) Guest Speaker Jason Ward - Goldlink	1 6	Fines \$32.30 Copper Pot \$20.25 Sausage sizzles: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 23 April \$542.10 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 24 April 567.85
TOTAL	27	

The Rotary Club of Broadbeach

President *John* Reports....



It has been another good week in the best Rotary Club in District 9640.

We had a good Rotary night with Guest Speaker, Jason Ward from Goldlink providing us with an update on the light rail project. This project quite obviously has turned out more successfully than first envisioned.

We welcomed Don Baker, Bill Waller and Geoff Taylor, Hon. Member Uwe, Visiting Rotarian Adrian Crowe from Surfers Central and prospective Member Renee Dillon, who we hope to see back again.

Kevin O'Brien has now received sufficient nominees for the Young Achiever of the Year Program for this year to progress. This is great news and will be the 10th year of this program. This night will be on 19 May at the Crowne Plaza and will be a Partners night as well.

Chris Thomsen spoke at length about a proposed Book sale Project this year with his Committee comprising the Members who visited Tauranga. Chris received almost unanimous support from the Members present for this proposed Project which will be modelled on the book sale conducted by our Sister Club in Tauranga.

A reminder that the Renaissance fair sausage sizzle is happening this Saturday and Sunday in Pratten Park south of Kurrawa Surf Club, which Brian Pearson is co-ordinating. Please check the roster for this event.

The Car Boot sale is also on this Sunday so please check the roster and show up as all hands are needed to run this event.

Corporal Kevin did a splendid job at the fine session.

Probus Travel Insurance is now available to Rotarians. I have the details should anyone be interested.

Thank you to all members who work tirelessly on our Projects and running of the Club in General. The sausage sizzles last week raised \$1109.95, which was a very good result.

There will be general training of 2016 Board Executives at Skennars Head on 24/05/15.

Volunteers are being called to assist with the Mother's day Fun Run to assist breast cancer research. This will be held on 10 May so contact me if you are interested in being a volunteer,

Please fill in the minor Gaps in the sausage sizzle rosters until 30 June to assist Bob Jordan, who is now running the sausage sizzle roster again.

I am pleased to report that both Alain and Denise Jordan are on the mend after their recent surgery and illness. We wish them well in their recovery.

If anyone is interested, there is a Rotary Friendship Exchange on in Sept/Oct 2016 in District 7580 Quebec, Canada.

Roc O'Keefe Chair of RWCS is seeking donations for the Nepal earthquake Appeal – See me for details on how to contribute.

I raised the matter of Japanese Kasaoka Exchange Students over 18 years of age again at the meeting and received sufficient interest from Hosts to warrant one student over 18 years. I will confirm this at the joint Board meeting next week.

There is a GSE Team farewell on 07 May at the Southport Golf Club 6 for 6.15 pm at \$30 pp if anyone is interested.

Next meeting will be back at the Crown Plaza and our Guest Speaker John Withers will speak about "Your Intellectual property, its value and more".

Hoo Roo

John

IMAGES FROM LAST WEEK







Guest Speaker- Last Week

Jason Ward

It was great to welcome back Jason Ward, now GoldLinQ Communications and Stakeholder Director as our Guest Speaker.

Jason provided an update on the Gold Coast Light Rail – Glink which now has a network of 16 stations and is serviced by 14 trams with 10 in service at any given time. It was interesting to hear of the 'spare' tram positioned at the Gold Coast University Hospital Station that can be brought into service should there be delays across the system.

It was also interesting to hear that on the Open Day on 20 July 2014 an estimated 80,000 passengers enjoyed utilising the Trams across the day, without any incidents with some minor delays because of the passenger volumes.

Currently there are some issues including tram/wheel noise and the operators are looking at preventative measures that do not affect the traction and safe operation of the trams. Road rules associated with the trams are gradually improving and the staff are now dealing with customers and real time situations that are not able to be duplicated in training. Trespassing on the tram bridges and anti-social behaviour by passengers particularly over the weekend are other issues currently being addressed.

Since the trams came into operation in July 2014 there have been 5 million trips which equals the population of Queensland having ridden the trams over a nine month period. There is an average of 17,800 passengers per day or over 540,000 trips per month and the system has resulted in excess of a 22% increase in public transport.

It was good to hear the update on the Glink and the success of the system to date. Jason reminded us that we should all have a go card to enable the easy use of the system.



FRIDAY FUNNIES - HA HA HA

Hi Everyone

There are lots of short jokes today, this will help if you have a short attention span at the end of the week.

"A U.N. study claims the happiest country in the world is Switzerland. When asked why they're so happy, Swiss people couldn't answer because their hands were counting money and their mouths were full of chocolate." - Conan O'Brien

"A rare and beautiful thing was seen today - a quadruple rainbow. That's four rainbows. They were seen by all seven of the people who looked up from their phones today." -Jimmy Kimmel

On a visit to my wife's native England for our honeymoon, we arrived at London's Gatwick Airport. Tania headed for the British passport control line while I, an American, waited in the foreigners' line. When my turn came, the customs officer asked me the purpose of my visit.

"Pleasure," I replied. "I'm on my honeymoon."

The officer looked first to one side of me, then the other. "That's very interesting, sir," he said as he stamped my passport. "Most men bring their wives with them."

A band director was standing outside on a metal ladder during a concert, when a thunderstorm broke out.

Amazingly, he wasn't hit by lightning, but the music was awful - it seems he just wasn't a very good conductor.

Four-year-old Johnny was eating a hot dog when he dropped it on the floor. He quickly picked it up and was about to take another bite when his mom said, "No, Johnny, you can't

eat that now it has germs."

Johnny pondered the thought a moment and replied, "Jesus, germs, and Santa Claus - that's all I ever hear about and I haven't seen one of 'em yet!"

In my sociology class, we were instructed to write down answers to some questions the teacher was asking.

"Next question," announced the instructor. "How would you like to be seen by the opposite sex?"

I was thinking about my answer when the young woman next to me turned and asked, "How do you spell 'intellectual?'"

From Wendy

In response to Noela and the fat/blood donations from last week..

Imagine waking up in hospital and being told you'd had a fat transplant and you now had to take anti-rejection medications.

Sounds like something from the Reader's Digest

A New York lawmaker called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?"

I said, "No, why do you ask?"

She replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that is very rude!"

After putting her on hold for a minute while I 'looked into it' (I was actually laughing) I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, CA is FAT), and that the airline was just putting a destination tag on her luggage.

On a lonely, moonlit country road a young man's car engine started to cough. Immediately pulling over to a scenic little spot he said to the young lady next to him, "That's funny, I wonder what that knocking noise was?"

"I'll tell you one thing for sure," said the girl coolly, "It wasn't opportunity."

"A company has come out with a line of medical marijuana dog treats. Finally a medicine that will help my dog lie on the couch all day." -Seth Meyers

Ken and Melba had finished their breakfast at the retirement home and were relaxing in the library. "You know," said Melba, "today, in most marriage ceremonies, they don't use the word 'obey' anymore."

"Too bad, isn't it?" retorted Ken. "It used to lend a little humor to the occasion."

Here are some lovely esoteric bits of humour from Marie...
It's hard to take kleptomaniacs and puns seriously. Why? They take things literally.

Helium walks into a bar and orders a beer. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve noble gases here." Helium doesn't react.

There's a band called 1023MB. They haven't had any gigs yet though.

How do you tell the difference between a plumber and a chemist? Ask them to pronounce unionised.

What do you get when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question?

A Higgs Boson walks into a church. The priest says "We don't allow Higgs Bosons in here." The Higgs Boson replies, "Well, without me, you can't have mass."

A programmer's wife asks him to pick up a loaf of bread and, if they have eggs, get a dozen. The programmer comes home with a dozen loaves of bread.

Three tourists climbed up the tower with London's Big Ben and decided to throw their watches off the top, run down the stairs and try to catch them before they hit the ground.

The first tourist threw his watch but heard it crash before they had taken three steps.

The second threw his watch and made only two steps before hearing his watch shatter.

The third tourist threw his watch off the tower, went down the stairs, bought a snack at a shop up the street and walked slowly back to Big Ben in time to catch the watch.

"How did you do that?" asked one of his friends.

"My watch is 30 minutes slow."

Q: Why did the computer need a jacket?

A: Because it kept freezing.

Q: What did the mother skunk say to her teenage skunk?

A: Don't stink and drive.

Q: How many people are there in Rio?

A: At least a Brazilian.

Q: What do snakes put on their kitchen floors?

A: Rep-tiles!

Q: What did the alien say to the garden?

A: Take me to your weeder.

Q: What kind of key opens a banana?

A: A monkey

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