



“The Fulcrum” Rotary Club of Padstow Inc.



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PROGRAMME

Tonight	Membership Retention at Bonds 9 Fewtrell Ave. Revesby Hts.
Feb 3rd	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
Feb 10th	ROMAC(Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children)
Feb 17th	Matthew Reardon report on exchange to Austria
Feb 20th	Presidents Meeting Penrith Panthers
Feb 24th	Job talk Terry Martin
Mar 16th	Gillian Burrows M7 Orbital Motorway
Mar 19th-21st	District Conference at Central Coast Leagues Club Gosford

PACE girls sing together with little prior practice and the whole group sing together (below). Boy from American Samoa demonstrates Haka with local ring- in student of Haka.(front cover)

A Brief History

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: Service Above Self. Rotary also later embraced a code of ethics, called The 4-Way Test, that has been translated into hundreds of languages.

During and after World War II, Rotarians became increasingly involved in promoting international understanding. In 1945, 49 Rotary members served in 29 delegations to the United Nations Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and promoting the United Nations in Rotary publications. Rotary International's relationship with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) dates back to a 1943 London Rotary conference that promoted international cultural and educational exchanges. Attended by ministers of education and observers from around the world, and chaired by a past president of RI, the conference was an impetus to the establishment of UNESCO in 1946.

An endowment fund, set up by Rotarians in 1917 "for doing good in the world," became a not-for-profit corporation known as [The Rotary Foundation](#) in 1928. Upon the death of Paul Harris in 1947, an outpouring of Rotarian donations made in his honor, totaling US\$2 million, launched the Foundation's first program — graduate fellowships, now called [Ambassadorial Scholarships](#). Today, contributions to The Rotary Foundation total more than US\$80 million annually and support a wide range of [humanitarian grants](#) and [educational programs](#) that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world.

In 1985, Rotary made a historic commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio. Working in partnership with nongovernmental organizations and national governments through its [PolioPlus](#) program, Rotary is the largest private-sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign. Rotarians have mobilized hundreds of thousands of PolioPlus volunteers and have immunized more than one billion children worldwide. By the 2005 target date for certification of a polio-free world, Rotary will have contributed half a billion dollars to the cause.

As it approached the dawn of the 21st century, Rotary worked to meet the changing needs of society, expanding its service effort to address such pressing issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk. The organization [admitted women for the first time \(worldwide\) in 1989](#) and claims more than 90,000 women in its ranks today. Following the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Rotary clubs were formed or re-established throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Today, 1.2 million Rotarians belong to some 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries.

Group Study Exchange

Trevor will be handing around profiles tonight for the inbound team of Texan ladies. As a club we need to arrange some hosting and also vocational days as well as the usual minibus trip. Please let Trevor know if you know of any possible vocational placements for the team members and as far as hosting is concerned you will need to take one or two of them for one week in our zone.

Last Weeks Meeting

Last week was a transferred meeting to Granville Club who meet at the Granville RSL.

The meeting was a triclub meeting for the Pacific Australia Cultural Exchange (PACE) concert.

The young people from the Pacific area included those from Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, American Samoa and Tonga.

Each of the participants presented a song or a dance in their own language and one girl wrote and sang a very moving song about her experiences on the PACE trip. We were very impressed with the language ability of the participants particularly of Sharlene from PNG and her use of English which was excellent as she MC'd the proceedings.

With this calibre of young people moving up into positions of responsibility in these countries, the standard of living of all peoples must improve. Thanks to the participants, and the Pace Committee.



Kevin Bouffler
One of the
Founding
Fathers of the
PACE
programme
With this year's
Group of
Participants