
PROGRAMME

- 24 Jul..... School holidays end
 - 25 Jul..... District RAWCS fundraiser
 - 04 Aug..... District Governor's visit «partners»
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Trash & Treasure

A senior citizen was clearing out his attic when he came upon an old painting and a violin. Thinking they might be valuable, he took them to the auction house to be valued.

After studying them, the appraiser said, "Mr Cooper, I have good news and I have bad news."

"What's the good news?" the senior asked.

"The good news is that you have a Stradivarius and a Picasso," replied the appraiser.

"Fantastic! What's the bad news?"

"Well sir, the bad news is that Stradivarius was a very bad painter and Picasso was no good with violins."

He Mail

The Sunday School class knew that the way you end a prayer was with the word "Amen", but the teacher wanted to find out if anyone knew what it meant.

"Does anyone know what 'Amen' means?" the teacher said, asking the obvious question.

There was a long silence. Then one little boy hesitantly put up his hand, and said, "Miss? I ... I think it means 'Send'."

Accident Report

A van carrying a dozen movie stuntmen on the way to a film location in the mountains spun out of control on the icy road, crashed through a guard-rail, rolled down a 90-foot embankment, turned over, and burst into flames. There were no injuries.

The 4-Way Test (of the things we think, say, or do)

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

(The 4-Way Test has been used for decades in Rotary to develop respect and understanding among peoples.)



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Newly-installed President of Como-Jannali, John Eades, calls IPP Mikall Chong to the rostrum for a presentation

TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Assistant Governor's visit

NEXT MEETING

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Rotary Club of Como-Jannali Changeover

Como-Jannali's changeover took place at the "10 n 20 Diner" at Menai Metro. More than one Padstovian became lost – at least temporarily – on their way to the diner. (This was even with the map that Garry supplied.)

There were members of two other clubs, apart from Padstow and Como-Jannali, present for the changeover, as well as the DG of District 9750, Glenn Wran. In fact, there were so many people, that it was difficult to get past the entrance until Sergeant Ron Lawrence directed everybody to take their seats. Founding President Rick Moffit served as MC for the evening.

Outgoing President Mikall Chong was very happy to hand the reins over to incoming President John Eades. And John, despite his personal difficulties, was very happy to take them up. John's board members were listed on the evening's program, with the exception of his *Youth and Young Adults Director*. In a move that it would be great to be able to emulate at Padstow (if only), a member of the Rotaract Club was drafted on the night to join the Rotary Club and take on the position of Director.

The food supplied by the diner was great, as was the service of the wait-staff. And Como-Jannali's seating arrangements, making sure that their members were seated at all tables, made for a very convivial evening.

The traditional door prize was conducted in a very non-traditional way. The Sergeant "plucked" the winners from the air. The raffle used the more usual method of books of tickets, and between the door prize and the raffle, Padstow did rather well. Sergeant Ron Lawrence won one of the raffle prizes, but since he supplied some of them, returned his prize for a re-draw.

All in all, a terrific night.

Make the world a better place

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International President John Kenny urged Rotarians to take steps toward making the world a better place during a visit to the Rotary Club of Chicago on 7 July.

Kenny addressed members of the Chicago club, the birthplace of Rotary, as one of his first official acts, a long-standing tradition for incoming RI presidents. Noting that the world faces immense challenges, he quoted the Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu, who said, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

"We know how to take that step," Kenny said. "We will take that step through our Rotary emphases. We will take it through projects in water, health and hunger, and literacy; through club and district projects; and with the help of our Rotary Foundation."

During the luncheon, which served to install club officers and recognize Paul Harris Fellows and other donors, Kenny reiterated his conviction that individual Rotarians will play the biggest role in the future of the organization.

"The future of Rotary is, to a great extent, in the hands of our incoming officers, who will have so much new responsibility in the year ahead," said Kenny, a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland. "It is in the hands of outgoing officers ... who will continue to serve as a guide and resource for others. And it is, most of all, in the hands of every member of every single Rotary club.

"I have said before that I believe it is time to give Rotary back to the Rotarians," he added. "I believe very strongly in the autonomy of each Rotary club, and in the power of the individual Rotarian to make a difference."

Kenny's message and the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, resonated with attendees.

"The theme is an appropriate one. It recognizes, as John said, that every Rotarian has a responsibility to help Rotary grow," said Angelo Loumbas, 2009-10 president of the Chicago club.

Robert Knuepfer Jr., a Chicago club member and governor-elect of District 6450, said the theme reflects the history and legacy of Rotary. "The founders took business and professional leaders from the community to give service back to the community," he said. "The outcome has always been in the hands of individuals and not the organization."

"I think it's wonderful; he is right on target," added John Spitkovsky, a member of the club since 2000.

Jorge Aguilar, who was inducted as president of the Rotaract Club of Chicago, said the emphasis on the future is important to his club. "In Rotaract, we see ourselves as the next generation. We need to get the word out and set up great service projects, and we will be successful."

Kenny also reminded the Chicago club of the deep connections between Rotary and Scotland. Paul Harris's wife, Jean Thomson, hailed from Edinburgh. Harris named their first home after a road in Edinburgh, and Jean returned to the city after Harris's death. To learn more about Harris's early history, visit Rotary History and Archives or the Harris timeline at the Rotary Global History Fellowship.

