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## **The President Writes:**

### **Joint meeting with Moruya – Wednesday 22 February**

We have been invited to join RC Moruya and RC Batemans Bay at the Moruya Bowling Club to celebrate Rotary International's 107<sup>th</sup> birthday.

It promises to be a great night. The invitation is open to members, partners and friends. RC Moruya has requested that we advise them of the number attending the meeting ASAP.

The Club will arrange transport to and from the meeting. We need an indication of the number going to the joint meeting by tonight (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>). There will be no meeting on 23 February.

*President John*

**TONIGHT:**

Tilley Wood – Narooma Rotary Scholar  
John Rungen – My Life

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

### COMING EVENTS

9 February	Tilley Wood – Narooma Rotary Scholar John Rungen – My Life
16 February	Update from Tim Noel Trevaskis – Rotary Membership
22 February	Combined meeting with Moruya & Batemans Bay at Moruya – Rotary's 107 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
23 February	No Meeting
26 February	Markets
1 March	Combined meeting with Bega at Bermagui – Trivia Night

TASK	9 February	16 February	23 February
Cashier	Chris O'Brien	Jeremy Ferguson	No Meeting
3-minute talk	John Rungen	Tim	Meet with RC of
Wheel	Bob Aston	Laurelle Pacey	Moruya 22/2/12

### **The President asks - Do you have a Smartphone?**

Here is one reason why you should, particularly if you travel a lot.

#### **Rotary Club Locator app**

You can now search for a Rotary club with RI's free mobile app. In the [Apple app store](#) and [Android market](#), it's called the Rotary Club Locator from Rotary International.

#### **Features**

The Rotary Club Locator app helps you find a Rotary club meeting when you're on the go.

- The "Near Me" search locates clubs within a physical radius of 100 miles. (Note: Actual driving distances may be further.)
- A keyword search for clubs. This search looks for the keyword in either the club name or meeting location address. This is useful for finding clubs that are outside of the 100-mile radius from your current location.
- A map showing a club's location and driving directions
- The ability to save search results to a list of favourite clubs
- The ability to add a club to your phone's contact list



- The club's website and primary phone number, if available
- A search function to find clubs by district

### If your club doesn't appear in the app

Check RI's [Club Locator](http://www.rotary.org) at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to verify that RI has the full postal information for your club's meeting location. Because it works through Google's GPS and map technology, the app can only show clubs for which RI has complete contact information.

E-clubs, which don't have a physical meeting location, can't be mapped through the "Near Me" function. E-clubs, however, should still provide their club website and other contact information so e-clubs can be found in the keyword search.

To update your club's meeting location, e-mail the information to [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org) or make the update in RI's [Member Access](#).

## Historic Moments: Firsts and other fun facts

By Susan Hanf  
Rotary International News --  
26 January 2012

The first four Rotarians:  
Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, sometime between 1905 and 1912 first general secretary.



Did you know that Rotary founder Paul Harris wasn't the first president of a Rotary club?

That distinction is actually held by Harris's friend Silvester Schiele, who served as the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Harris deferred his club leadership duties until February 1907, when he was elected the third president of the Chicago club.

In honor of Rotary Awareness Month in January, here's a collection of facts and firsts to expand your knowledge of Rotary. Get the new year off to a good start by sharing a few of these at your next club meeting:

### **Club firsts**

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. A second club was formed in San Francisco in 1908, and soon after, clubs began to pop up across North America.

On 1 August 1912, the Rotary Club of London became the first club chartered outside of North America. The Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland, had been organized earlier, but didn't receive its charter until 1 May 1913.

### **Presidential firsts**

Paul Harris was elected as first president of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (which later became Rotary International) in 1910, and is the only president to have served two terms.

Other firsts: Canadian E. Leslie Pidgeon (1917-18) was the first Rotary president from outside the United States, Sydney W. Pascall (1931-32) was the first from Great Britain, and Maurice Duperrey (1937-38) was the first from continental Europe. Learn more about past Rotary presidents.

### **Foundation firsts**

In 1929, The Rotary Foundation gave its first gift, US\$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children (later Easter Seals), which was founded in 1921 by Rotarian Edgar F. Allen, of the Rotary Club of Elyria, Ohio, USA. Read more about Allen and Easter Seals.

Paul Harris Fellow recognition was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions, and to encourage substantial ones, to what was then the Foundation's only program: Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, the recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Learn more about donor recognition.

### **Convention facts**

Edinburgh, Scotland, hosted the first convention outside North America in June 1921.

Rotary's first convention in Asia was held in Tokyo in 1961. Among the record-setting 23,366 paid and unpaid registrants was the emperor of Japan.

The largest convention to date, based on the number of paid registrants, was the Rotary centennial convention, held in Chicago in 2005.

## The week that was!

It was a busy week with lots of visitors at our Thursday meeting. We had Rotarians from Canberra City, Dubbo South and Trail (British Columbia – Canada). See the photo for names.

Bob Aston gave a three minute talk, President John won the port and Natalie won the wine. Our visiting Rotarians also gave us an informative update on what's happening in their respective Clubs.



Front, L to R: Natalie Vandeppeer-Bradley (RC Canberra), Colin Holmes (RC Canberra) Narooma Rotary President John Messner, Enid Holmes (RC Canberra), Michelle Chow of Taiwan (Rotary exchange student to RC Canberra); Back L to R: Jeff Bradley (RC Canberra), Gordon Bentley (RC Dubbo South), Richard Fish (RC Trail, BC Canada), Tim Dunkelberg of Germany (Rotary exchange student to Narooma).

## **Some Humour!**

### ***Bedside Manners***

Susie's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months. Things looked grim, but she was by his bedside every single day. One day as he slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come close to him. She pulled the chair close to the bed and leaned her ear close to be able to hear him.

"You know" he whispered, his eyes filling with tears, "you have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck right beside me. When my business went under, there you were. When we lost the house, you were there. When I got shot, you stuck with me. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. "And you know what?"

"What, dear?" she asked gently, smiling to herself.

"I think you're bad luck."

### ***Doggone Brilliant Joke***

A wealthy man decided to go on a safari in Africa. He took his faithful pet dachshund along for company. One day, the dachshund starts chasing butterflies and before long the dachshund discovers that he is lost.

So, wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having him for lunch. The dachshund thinks, "OK, I'm in deep trouble now!" Then he noticed some bones on the ground close by, and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dachshund exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here." Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid-stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees. "Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dachshund nearly had me." Meanwhile, a monkey, who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes.

But the dachshund saw him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine." Now the dachshund sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet ... and, just when they get close enough to hear, the dachshund says.....

"Where's that darn monkey? Sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard."