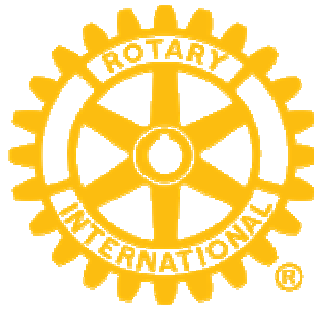


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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Tuesday 17 th November	BOARD MEETING
Tuesday 24 th November	Barefoot Bowls at the Bowling Club meet at 5.30pm and dinner at 7pm. This will be a chance to show off your bowling skills or learn some? Terry Carson is the organiser. Numbers to Pete next week.
Tuesday 1 st December	Hearing Care by Christine Benjamin [Newcastle]
Saturday 5 th December	Rotary at Tugwood Estate Winery with the Bowden Brothers, Steve Yarnold Band, Ben & Maddie & Mia. Son et Vin [sounds & wines] BBQ and a fundraiser for Mia Bowden out boulder YEP. Bus transport \$5 Time 6pm till 11pm. Cost \$20. Bring own salads etc. BYO plus cellar door. Family Friendly.
Tuesday 8 th December	Club Assembly Night. No guests please.
Tuesday 15 th December	<i>CHRISTMAS PARTY at Bees home. Theme Hawaiian so lots of colour and lei's.</i> More information as it comes to hand.
	Christmas Break till Tuesday 12th January.
	The New Year of 2016. Forward Planning.
Tuesday 12 th January	Usually a social evening to start our year. TBA where.
Saturday 13 th February	Farmers Market Rotary BBQ
Saturday 5 th March	Bush Poetry In The Saleyards Event
Sunday 27 th March	Gloucester Easter Duck Races
Tuesday 5 th April	Annual Gloucester V Walcha Boules tournament at Nowendoc Hall

Fri Sat 15th & 16th April	Rotary 9650 District Conference in Taree.
Fri Sat 22nd/23rd April	Opera In The Church Event
Sat Sun 30th April/ 1st May	Motorcycle Muster Expo Event

Notes from meeting held at Gloucester Bowling club 10th November, 2015

Ashleigh will be doing the Bulletin for 3 months while Li is away and weekly as it suits her.

MC Pete Markey commenced proceedings with a Welcome to Rotarians & Barb Read. We sang Grace.

Pete expanded on the Tugwood Estate fundraiser. [See above]

Brett Peterkin a Grants Chaser he is a consultant in Community Consultation, Government Relations & Environment.

He is funded by AGL and working with Chambers of Commerce, Service clubs etc as well as local govt in Gloucester, Gt Lakes & Taree.

Our Club may be lucky in obtaining a grant for Ted Woolford Park upgrade.

Directors Reports

Secretary Don Peter Markey was the lucky winner of our Box Trifecta. Cheque handed over and a notice will go into the paper.

Ashleigh Hickman reminded members that 10 rooms have been booked at the In Town Motor Inn Taree for the District Conference. Dates 15th & 16th April 2016. There are now 7 rooms left, as names were taken by Ashleigh. Do not forget to register for Conference go to the website rotary9650 and go for it. It is very important that new members attend. Even one day say the Saturday to get the feel for Rotary.



Empty bottles happy faces!



Fine session amusing

Notes stuck in the Kookaburra.

Brian Beesley – Exchange Student Ida. It is a great time to have a student & Ida has made a bucket list which was handed to the members. E.g. Have dinner with all the Rotarians, Hug a Koala, visit a Dairy Farm, Ride a horse, Climb the Bucketts, See an Opera, Play golf just to name a few. And that's just the beginning. Love Ida

Ida's week! She is not a morning person until coffee at 8 am. School assignments completed. She had dinner with Valda, Ashleigh & Sharee. Love looking at birds from a distance. Check out the bucket list and I am sure we can help out.

International Service Valda Operation Cleft – Fundraiser at Barb and John’s has now raised over \$1000 which will give 4 patients a new life. Thank you to those Rotarians who donated to make up the shortfall.

Pete auctioned off left over items from the breakfast Tidy Towns event. 2 Watermelons, 2 jars of coffee [one opened], cereal & strawberry Jam. This was a bit of fun.

Guest Speaker Grahame Stelzer.

Grahame is very passionate about Friendship Exchange and the opportunity available to Rotarians & partners to travel no matter what age. He could not recommend it more, a most wonderful experience. Single people are most welcome to apply.

45 years ago Grahame was in Poland when it was under Communist rule. There is now a vast difference. The city of Warsaw and Krakow were bombed to devastation in WW2. Grahame showed a film “Out of the Ashes” after his pictorial and vocal presentation.

I have taken the liberty of using the report from Alan & Gail Barber [Team leader] as it gives a very good overall tale of the journey.

But before that a little history: - Poland, District 2230

Boarded by Germany, Baltic Sea, Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Slovakia & Czech Republic.

District 2230 formed by Belarus, Poland and Ukraine, currently has 122 clubs. The district spans over a large territory of land and is home to a variety of diverse cities and attractions from the Baltic Sea to the old city of Gdansk to the Black Sea with the beautiful city of Yalta and Odessa.

The majority of Polish people are young & going gangbusters says Grahame.

Day 1 Our team of 13 Rotarians & partners met at the Mercure Warszawa Centrum Hotel in Warsaw on 2/6/15 in readiness for our exchange commencement next morning, and were met by Ewa to make sure all was as arranged. The next morning we commenced our exchange with a walk to the Palace of Culture, a huge edifice in the centre of Warsaw, a gift to the Polish people from the Russians. It is disliked by the elder generation because of its typical Russian architecture & wish it to be demolished while the younger generation wish it to be retained. From the top viewing platform on the 30th floor is a magnificent view of Warsaw. The afternoon was spent on a tour of the Royal Castle on the edge of the Old city the site of the ghettos in WW2 . The castle was completely demolished during the razing of Warsaw by the Germans. The gardens to the Vistula River were only opened 10 days earlier since the war. After our tour a walk through the Old town.

Day 2 Next morning we were hosted by Ewa and thousands of people on a city walk watching the Corpus Christi procession to the main city square. Afternoon was with hosts at the Old town Heritage Museum of pre and war years, a book swapping kiosk (project of Rotary) a tour of Villa Julia theatre, money donated by the EU for the full restoration, and the mineral springs. The evening was at a BBQ meeting at Martin & Annettas house , exchange of banners, and the viewing of the DVD “ Out of the Ashes” together with our presentation.

Day 3 Next day a drive by hosts to the Palace & beautiful gardens of Wilanow on the river, afternoon visit to the Warsaw Rising Museum and a movie of the total destruction of Warsaw, a magnificent display of life and survival under German domination. Evening dinner with hosts.

Main Square Krakow



Day 4 6th June Travel by small coach to Lodz (pronounced Wootch founded in 1423) to the Chopin museum his birthplace and concert by a string quartet in the grounds, walk through beautiful gardens with Chopin music playing. Met with new hosts. The evening with our team and all hosts to Piotrkowska Street the longest shopping street in Europe 4 Kms long with every façade of the buildings of different architecture and colour. Dinner at a street Restaurant.

This city is noted for its textile factories of the 19th century.

Day 5 Walked through and around some of the old textile factories some now converted to apartments, old fire station, to the Museum of Cinematography. After lunch a tour of the Jewish Cemetery, Thousands of graves, a lot in disrepair. Then a tour of Palace Poznanski the great industrialist responsible for the many red brick buildings of the Manufaktura area. Evening with hosts.

Day 6 We visited the University and Museum of Fine Arts with lunch in their canteen. Rotary meeting in the evening at a textile mill now converted to a hotel. Smorgasbord meal and a presentation by their Solar car team to Australia, Darwin to Adelaide. Our presentation, exchange of banners with a donation of 2000.00PL to their club.

Day 7 Depart Lodz by coach for Czestochowa, on the way called into the hot thermal springs baths at Uniejow, all the team except 1 had a relaxing bath in the enormous pools before lunch at the old house manor at the windmill. After lunch a tour of the old timber windmill used for grinding grain. Late afternoon drive to Czestochowa and arrive at Edmund Mzyk mansion guest house, a property of 65 hectares where he provided dinner and drinks.

Day 8 Visit to the Monastery Jasna Gora the largest Catholic monastery in Poland where Pope John Paul 11 visited, our team was conducted on a tour of this huge monastery by one of the elderly monks who was extremely entertaining, into rooms seldom visited, the library and treasury, and along the huge basilica walls. After tour a walk down the NMP Corso to lunch at one of their Rotarians brewery. Later a tour of the Pope John Paul 11 Coin Museum where thousands of related coins were on display. Later a visit to Hospice centre with car donated by Rotary. Meeting in the evening at a Greek restaurant, did a heads and tails for a gift given to us by hospice staff, won by Edmund, we gave a gift of 500.00PL for their Hospice project.

Day 9 The morning was to visit Edmunds aluminium moulding plant "Yawal" all types of mouldings melted from huge round bars. After to his friends smallgoods factory, manufacturing all pork products called Alexandria smallgoods, all being retailed in Poland. Lunch was provided to the team at our host Dareks mansion after which the team returned to Edmunds for recreation and prepare for our party night with other Rotarians. A very generous evening.



Day 10 Drive by coach to Krakow, Stopped at Olsztyn, a Rotarians wedding venue restaurant with coffee at the granary Sitak. Walked over the hill past a very old and crumbling castle built in 1200, lunch at Bobolicach castle (Paid for by Edmund) then on to another very old castle Zamek Ogrodzienic to which a few of our team climbed up onto its ramparts, many steps to the top. Drove into Krakow and met by our Rotarian hosts. Our hostess had a red rose for all of our ladies. Dinner with Nina and Rotaract member Marcel.

Day 11 Toured the Royal cathedral and castle on Wawel Hill hundreds of tourists and covers a large area of land. Our guide escorted us all down into the crypt to see all the tombs of past Kings. In the courtyard is a statue of Kosciusko on his horse. The afternoon was spent in 34 deg heat in the Jewish area and museum. Our evening was a meeting with Rotary members of the 6 clubs of Krakow at a beautiful restaurant with white satin tablecloths and plentiful food and drinks. Exchange of banners was exhibited by all our team.

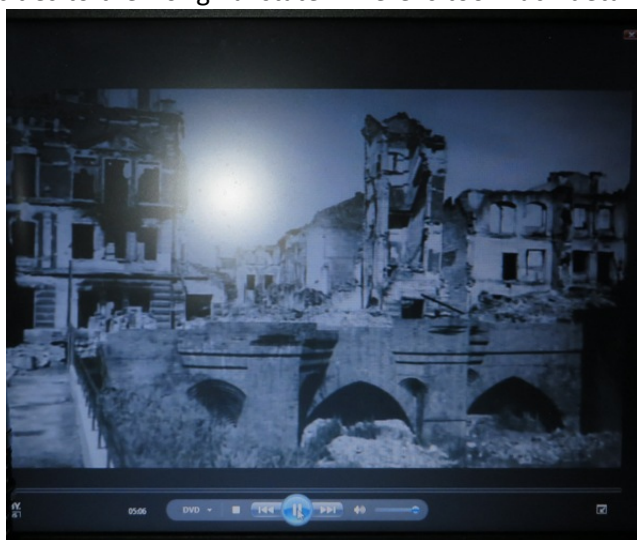
Day 12 Was a day we will all never forget , with a tour of the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a world heritage dating back to the Middle ages site, descending down 380 steps to the first chamber , and gradually descend to 135 metres through many displays of early mining of salt. The site holds many musical and religious events in the huge cathedral cavern. Our exchange concluded in the afternoon after lunch at a restaurant near the mine.



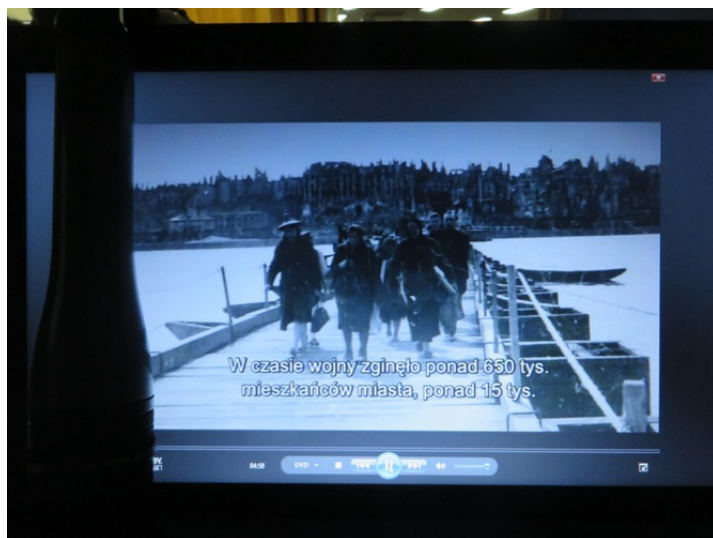
The beautiful banners

15th June marked the dispersing of our team from Poland, and I have to thank all members of our Friendship exchange team with a huge thanks, it was a pleasure to travel with a great bunch of people to which we all got along very well. To the Polish clubs and all their members a huge thank you for this great experience, it was very well organised, even to the hour, and nearly all expenses were gratefully given by the clubs. To Michael and Ewa many thanks, you did a great job with your organising of everything, transport, restaurants, and above all your wonderful hosts. Many thanks team

“Out of the Ashes” movie was given to all the team it shows the devastation of bombing and the rebuilding of the cities to their original state. There is too much detail to include but I have printed some pictures from the movie that shows the achievement.



Thank you Grahame and the following is a little more news on Friendship Exchange in the coming 2 years.



The Bristol Hotel was not destroyed held by the German's.



Then and now photos. To understand the history behind the rebuild you best see the film that Grahame has and happy to lend.

A slide at the end of the Grahame's presentation says it all.

Poland

Sad, amazing, brave resilient, a phoenix
born from the ashes beautiful
Medieval and war torn and communism
and post communism
All represented in one country.

Friendship Exchange District 9650

Italy District 2110 March & April 2016.

Sweden District 2400 August & September 2016.

India District 3010 February 2017

Canada District 5020 May & June 2017.

Please let Grahame Stelzer know of your intentions & interest. Di Hall is the coordinator.

Laughter
always the best medicine

A Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember .. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.
 'No, I can remember it.'
 'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'
 He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.
 Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'
 Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.
 'Where's my toast?'

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 Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.
 After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.
 On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.
 'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'



November Birthday Celebrations

David Francis 20th, Bernie Tresidder 21st, Denver Webb 24th, Susan Dixon 25th, Li Meng Wong 27th, Barbara Read 28th.



Bill and Pat Radford 17th November.

Meeting Preparation & Clean Up
Please if you do not have time to set up please let one of your team know.

June	Sam de Witte, Wayne Salvestro, Jane Deen,
July	Vicki Collett, Chris Pritchard Li Meng Wong,
August	Grahame Holstein, Brian Beesley, Geoff Slack
September	Lindy Dupree, Ray Martin, John Read
October	Ashleigh Hickman, John Read, Grahame Holstein.
November	Karen Miles , Don McLeod , Donnelle Walker

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Four Way Test

Of all the things we say and do:
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and friendship?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
