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PRESIDENTS REPORT

What can I say.....District Conference was amazing! Eight of us attended, four of us for the first time, and we had a ball (well, I know us Rotarians did but I'm not sure how much my husband loved having our two children on his own for the whole weekend...in a tent...in the thunderstorm!). The program was full of interesting guest speakers, some which included the following:

Rob Pennicott talked about his circumnavigation of Australia on a 15ft dingy, overcoming fear and using determination to achieve his goal. He raised money for Polio Plus and continues to give a large percentage of his earnings to community programs.

Layne Beachley is a multiple World Champion in surfing. She talked about her career goals and explained to be the best person you can be it all lies in your mind. She talked a lot about having clarity of vision and quoted "what you focus on is what you create". She founded the Aim for the Stars Foundation which helps young women fulfil their potential. I was lucky enough to meet Layne and grab a quick photo.

Holly Ransom was the final guest speaker and I would have to say she had the best talk of all. She is from a club in Crawly in WA that is very similar to our club. She talked about the way that Rotary needs to change in order to survive (i.e. Facebook, shorter meetings etc). Many of the things she mentioned, we are doing in our club which was very reassuring. She said that one of the most important things is getting to the WHY we are each in Rotary.....this will be the drawcard for new members. Again, this ties in well with what we have on our own website with our photos and our members words on why they have joined Peninsula 2.0.



We had a fun Chinese themed dinner on the Saturday night with our club members dressed up as noodle boxes (see photo above). We didn't win best dressed but hey....it was fun making the costumes. We did win a commendation award though for our website. Thanks to Jeff and everyone that has been contributing and updating posts.

Ask anyone that went to Conference, and I'm sure they will say that it was a truly inspiring weekend. To be in a room with over 500 fellow Rotarians was heartwarming. To know that we are all volunteers, dedicated to helping people in many different communities, really makes me proud to be a part of Rotary.

For more photos from Conference, click [here](#) to take a look at our Flickr page.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

9th Apr	Russ
23rd Apr	Nigel
25th Apr	Catherine



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PRESIDENTS REPORT continued ...

In news other than the Conference, Linda and I went to the GSE Welcome Dinner at Safety Beach Lifesaving Club on the 11th March. It was wonderful to hear about the five guests' who have come from Ohio, USA. They are a wonderful bunch of people from different professions and are very excited to be involved in Rotary. We hope to have a past GSE member as our guest speaker in a few months to tell us all about her experience.

We will be having our first joint meeting with the Peninsula Rotaract Club on 16th April - something we will be doing each quarter. We hope this will build a closer relationship between both of our clubs and allow us to assist these fantastic young people to be the best they can be. To help in this regard, we have agreed to cover the cost of one of their members to attend the Sydney Convention. We hope this will bring them much inspiration and knowledge to use in the future. We have also decided to have a joint Changeover Dinner in June. More details of this fun event will be distributed in the coming weeks.

We had a very successful bbq fundraiser at the Frankston Ironman over the weekend of 22nd/23rd March. It was wonderful to work alongside many of the members from Rotary Club of Frankston. Thank you to everyone from both clubs who came down to help. A full report can be seen on the next page, but I am pleased to announce that we raised a total of \$5336 which will be split between the two clubs.

Our other club projects are progressing nicely and many coming to fruition. Please take a read over the coming pages for more details.

And finally, just a quick note to say that on Tuesday we celebrated our 1 year birthday. Now we know that you normally only celebrate your Charter date, but we thought it was fitting that we celebrate the milestone of being together as a group for one year. We have had so much help from so many people over this time, including fellow Rotarians, our mentors, family and friends, and we thank everyone of you who has helped us become a successful club already. The next year is going to be huge and I really cant wait to see where it takes us.

Until next time.....Kim

CURRENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Birth Tree Project (from Linda Reeve)

The Birth Tree Project (BTP) continues to grow and take hold in the council chambers. The BTP Committee members are meeting with council representatives on Monday 31st March to discuss how the Birth Tree could complement the existing council initiative "Welcoming Babies" (more details [click here](#)). Keep checking facebook/twitter/website for updates.

For more specifics of our BTP, click here: http://youtu.be/BEknM6or_Eo



Fun Run (from Heather Lancaster)

Things are still in full swing for our inaugural Fun Run on 23rd November this year. We have been continuing to liaise with Seaford Little Athletics Club and have agreed to meet with them on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (Riviera Park, Eel Race Road). We have also recently heard from Seaford North Primary School. They are very interested in being a partner with us and we hope to attend their next school council meeting in April to present our ideas and planning. If any club member is interested in coming on board this project team, we would love some more help - just contact me directly.

CURRENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Youth (from Ann Cousins)

The wrist bands have arrived and are being distributed to schools. I will bring samples to the next meeting. A sausage sizzle is being organized and Wendy has ask if we could consider helping them. They will let us know dates soon. Some members are attending the Anti Bullying Forum on Friday 4th April. Any members would be welcome to attend and 'show our Rotary flag'. The idea of a breakfast/fruit bowl has been muted and they are looking into the feasibility of one in Frankston. Our club may be interested in assisting in this but we need to know more details before we commit. The Youth Centre is very appreciative of our support.



Frankston Ironman BBQ (from Oya Boyacioglu)

Once again it was a great event, made possible by Trudy Poole and many helpers. The Ironman BBQ this year had a special aspect to it, in seeing the Rotary Clubs of Frankston and Frankston Peninsula 2.0 working together for the community. We have raised funds in excess of \$5000. The good news is that Frankston Council has renewed the Ironman contract until 2016, so see you all next year.

GET TO KNOW A CLUB MEMBER.....

Three things you may not know about Gill Casey:

- 1- Works as integration Aide at Kingswood Primary School Dingley
- 2- Loves travelling and planning trips
- 3- Has two sons aged 21 and 24

Why did she join Rotary: "To be able to be part of something Bernie and I could do together (even though I can't get him to come to the meetings). I have always been on committees from when the kids were at Kinder to when they were at high school and enjoy the camaraderie of being on committees. I have very good organisational skills, and enjoy the planning process of events.



FACEBOOK TIPS ... FACEBOOK FANATIC



Facebook Notes simple text editor you can use to type documents or blog entries. While status updates that you post to your Wall have a limited character length and no HTML capability, Notes lets you write full-length posts with formatting, tagging and pictures. Use Notes to publish content that is too long to post to your Wall or that requires formatting. The Notes feature link appears under your profile picture on the left side of your home page. Have you read the notes on our facebook page? <https://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo>

To visit our own Peninsula 2.0 club Facebook page, click [here](#). We would love to have you as our friend!



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Club Meeting @
Frankston South
Community Centre**

April 1, 2014 @ 7:15 pm – 8:30 pm

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Tue

Project Groups

April 8, 2014 @ 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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Tue

**Peninsula 2.0 &
Rotaract joint
meeting @ Karingal
PLACE**

April 16, 2014 @ 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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Wed

**Social Night @ To be
decided...**

April 22, 2014 @ 6:00 pm –
9:00 pm

APR

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Tue

**Community
Breakfast @ St
Paul's Church Hall**

April 26, 2014 @ 6:30 am – 9:00 am

Heather & Phil are this weeks Volunteers.

APR

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Sat