



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speakers	Pedro Ximenes
Chairman	Chandra Sluggett
Apologies	Wendy Andrews, Glenys Ferguson, Ken Haines, Bob Laws, Bob Mullins, Nino Malvetti
Guests	Marlene Small, Felix Piedade
Attendance	19 members and 3 guests

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace, Adelaide

President Greg's Announcements

Guest Felix Piedade was asked to introduce himself. Felix is studying at Flinders University and is President of the East Timor Student Group. There are 42 East Timor students at Flinders University, University of Adelaide and University of SA.

Guest Speaker - Pedro Ximenes: Educational needs of Timor Lesté (East Timor)



President Greg, Pedro and Felix and the fabulous Unley Rotary pens

Chairman Chandra Sluggett introduced Pedro who is a member of RC Dili, District 9550 and outlined the considerable assistance in stationery and equipment that had been provided to TL by our club, with support from the Wasleys, Office Works and others.

Pedro has a Bachelor Degree in Electronic Engineering and a Masters Degree in Management. . He came to Australia in June 2011, followed by his wife and daughter, and is currently studying for a PHD in Education at Flinders University.....expecting to finish in 2015. In Timor Lesté he worked for 7 years at the Institute of Business as an academic, delivering higher and technical education. There was a 2 year involvement in assessment and accreditation of higher education with the Ministry of Education. He continues as a counsellor for

school leadership at a technical vocational school. And he loves playing soccer.

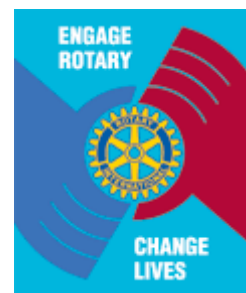
By way of introduction to the topic, Pedro explained that 65% of the 1.2m population was under 25, there are 16 indigenous languages, adult literacy is at 58%, there are 4 proscribed languages for learning, namely local Tetum, Portuguese, Indonesian and English and 72 % live in rural areas. East Timor is quite mountainous and many parts can be inaccessible during the monsoon season. Fertility is high.

There are 1530 schools and 22,730 classrooms. During the withdrawal of the occupying Indonesian forces in 1999, 90% of Timor-Leste's public infrastructure and buildings including schools were destroyed. There still remains a significant shortage of schools in Timor-Leste and 70% of them are in a very poor condition. Children are entitled to free preschool for 2 years and 9 years primary and lower secondary. Some of the most serious issues are:

- Classrooms with adequate water and sanitation are in desperately short supply.
- More highly trained teachers – there has been a doubling from 5,700 to 12,000 since 2003 but training quality needs to be lifted.
- Poverty means that able bodied children are required to work in the fields at the expense of schooling.
- Isolation during the monsoon season.
- Cultural extravagances (such as large dowries) and preference given to boys over girls.
- Far too much language – Portuguese needs to be scrapped.



President Greg



- There is no performance evaluation.
- An overemphasis on academic schooling at the expense of vocational training.

Timor Lesté needs to develop a strategic plan which addresses the issues outlined above. They would be grateful for as much outside help as possible to help address the outstanding needs.

Pedro was thanked by acclamation.

Spots

Jerry Casburn informed members attending the Warrnambool Conference that registrations at the Lighthouse Theatre this Thursday commence at 1pm on Thursday and continue until about 7pm

Mavis Martin recruited Heather Kilsby to clear the Post Box over the next six weeks.

Briony Casburn explained that:

- There is new signage and outside lighting at the Thrift Shop and Rufus had been helped with signage free of charge – a safety switch for the lighting is being negotiated with the landlady.
- The club banner has been sent to Thailand for reproduction; three new pull up banners have been ordered.
- Adelaide Uni Rotaract is having a major working bee at DIK on 24 May.
- DIK has been continuing to assist Rufus with bedding and other equipment.....toilets are being fixed....and sizing of linen is progressing.

David Middleton said that the Warrnambool conference would prove to be an invaluable learning experience for 2015 and urged all attendees to take notes on positive and negative aspects, for later analysis.

Sergeant Alex Jonson managed to select the marble of David Payne for the infernal squares for the **SECOND WEEK IN A ROW!!** The two best happy fines were for Briony winning the pentathlon on Sunday – Stephen W. wanted to know how far she threw the pen – and David M. for making his chauffeurs to and from the Conference miserable.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Rotary International News

Rotary helps Ghana surpass clean water goals

By Dan Nixon and Vanessa Glavinskas - Rotary News – 14 March 2014

For over 20 years, Michael Anyekase has crisscrossed Ghana drilling boreholes and installing hand pumps on wells to provide clean water. Water for drinking, washing, and flushing toilets. "There is nothing more satisfying than when fresh water comes out of the well and the children shout, 'Hey, water! Water!'" says Anyekase, who works for Water in Africa, a nongovernmental organization (NGO).

In partnership with Rotary members from across the globe, Anyekase's dedication has helped eradicate Guinea worm disease and lessen the cases of dysentery, diarrhea, and other common diseases associated with dirty water. In fact, Rotary has provided more sources of drinking water in Ghana than any other NGO, Anyekase says.

Many water projects in Ghana are being carried out as part of the Rotary International/USAID H2O Collaboration. The effort is providing more than 100 villages with clean water through installation of boreholes with hand pumps, along with sanitation facilities and hygiene training.

According to a review of the partnership by Aguaconsult, an independent contractor, more than 85 percent of Ghanaians now have access to clean water, surpassing the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of 78 percent by 2015.

Water cures, educates

Samuel Obour, assistant governor of District 9102 and a member of the Sunyani Central club, has spearheaded several water projects. Last year, Sunyani and Canadian Rotary members installed latrines at a primary school in Sunyani and a washing station and toilets at a busy rural market, with funding from a global grant.

"We have so many people traveling from villages to the market. There was no [sanitation] facility of convenience," says Obour. Market-goers would eliminate outdoors and feces entered the water supply, he says, causing dysentery and diseases like Buruli ulcer. If caught early, this flesh-eating disease can usually be treated with antibiotics. But if left untreated, the disease causes irreversible deformity and sometimes life-threatening secondary infections. Obour and other Rotary members have worked with the Ghanaian health service to educate villagers about the importance of early



A mother in a community near Sunyani, Ghana, bathes her child with clean water drawn from a local well and stored in a 50-gallon barrel in the family's yard.

detection and to supply hospitals with necessary treatment tools. "People who thought Buruli ulcer is caused by spirits will now come to understand that they need to go to hospital for identification," says Obour.

Access to clean water brings benefits even beyond better health, including boosting children's chances of receiving a good education, or any education for that matter.

"Children wake up very early, sometimes 4 a.m., to go miles away to fetch water," says Obour. "Without water, children are not able to attend school [or] some have to go to school late." With water nearby, the burden is lifted. Children can spend more time being children. Families can spend more time being families. And life can take on a new kind of normalcy. An accomplishment that can only be achieved with a team of dedicated resources.

"Meeting the UN Millennium Development Goals is something that no organization can achieve on its own -- not even Rotary, with its 34,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members," says Ron Denham, a member of the USAID Steering Committee and the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Ontario, Canada. "To be successful, we need leverage -- the leverage that comes from collaboration with others who share our goals. The most notable example of this is the international H2O collaboration."

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	Mar	Thu-Sun	20-23	9520 District Conference	Warrnambool
	May	Sun	4	Special Bunnings BBQ	Bunnings
	June	Sun-Wed	1-4	International Conference	Sydney

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
25 Mar 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Mark Chellev: <i>Sherlock Holmes in Adelaide</i>	D Middleton	G Hill	K Haines	C Schirmer C Sluggett
Wednesday 2 Apr 14	Hyde Park Hotel	5.45 for 6.15pm	The great debate with Hyde Park Topic – <i>That fathers of today need to be super dads</i>	Scribe S Baker	V Holt	n/a	P Trimmer S Westgarth

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

March – Apr 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	22 Mar 14	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	29 Mar 14	Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Pam Trimmer (for Stephen Westgarth) & David Pisoni
1	5 Apr 14	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Sheila Evans (for Bob Laws) & Mavis Martin (for Stephen Westgarth)
2	12 Apr 14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Stephen Westgarth (for Mavis Martin)
3	19 Apr 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or as a very last resort contact:

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The Voice of Rotary

Broadcast on 1197 AM RPH Adelaide each Tuesday 7.30-8.00 am

From each Wednesday the broadcast program can be heard on-line at www.rphadelaide.org.au

Information available from Rotarian Chris Hughes (Burnside); Tel: (08) 8379 4633; Mob: 0418 835 977

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March 2014 Program

25 March	Rtn Mary Galea (Strathalbyn)	Rotary Quiz Night – April 12
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Bunnings Mile End Barbeque Dates

ALL the Bunnings Mile End Barbeque dates are the **last Monday** of the month from 8am to 5pm.

NEXT DATE: Monday 31 March; Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

The Back Page

A neat clip

A man was getting a haircut prior to a trip to Rome. He mentioned the trip to the barber who responded, "Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking American Airlines," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"American Airlines?" exclaimed the barber. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at the downtown International Marriott."

"That dump! That's the worst hotel in the city. The rooms are small, the service is surly and they're overpriced. So, whatcha doing when you get there?"

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and we hope to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the barber. "You and a million other people trying to see him. You'll be at the back of St. Peter's Square and from that distance he'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the man again came in for his regular haircut. The barber asked him about his trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the man. "Not only were we on time in one of American Airlines' brand new planes, but it was overbooked and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a beautiful 28 year old stewardess who waited on me hand and foot. And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$25 million remodeling job and now it's the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us the presidential suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the barber, "I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, for as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder and explained that the pope likes to personally meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later the pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down as he spoke a few words to me."

"Really?" asked the Barber. "What'd he say?"

He said, "Where'd you get the shitty haircut?"

Divine Intervention

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish whiskey!"

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

