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Rotary District 9675

Humanity in Motion

Monday 21st September 2020



Concord Rotarian Alan Wright is an exemplary citizen whose many years of voluntary community work across a number of organisations is legendary.

Having attained the milestone of his 90th year, I thought it was only fitting that I reproduce notes of his life and achievements written by fellow member Judy Love.

Born in Concord, Alan joined the Holy Trinity Anglican church in 1949 and over the years he served in many capacities, Sunday School, Superintendent Chorister, Treasurer, Secretary, Parish Councillor, Church Warden, Synod Representative, Parish Nominator and organiser of the Senior Fellowship's monthly luncheon.

In the same year, Alan joined the Liberal Party at the North Strathfield branch, then the Concord West branch. He has held the positions of Secretary of the Yaralla Conference and was Treasurer of the Electoral Division of Lowe for 30 years.

Alan became President of the Concord West branch and then delegate to the local, state and federal conferences. He has campaigned for all Local, State and Federal elections since 1949, missing only three.

In 1953, Alan married Lorna Mutton, joining a family who were already



heavily involved in community affairs.

Elected to Concord Council in 1968 he served as Deputy Mayor from 1970 to 1971 and as Mayor from 1972 to 1973.

In 1969 Alan joined the newly established Concord Heritage Society then the Canada Bay Heritage Society serving for many years as Chairman.

In 1972, Alan served the first meal for Concord *Meals on Wheels* and was appointed as Chairperson for Concord Community Food Services Inc.

For several years he organised local door knock appeals for the *Salvation Army*, *Red Cross* and *Freedom from Hunger*.

He is also a Past President of the *Society for Providing Service to Needy and Neglected Children* (Ardill House) and a former Deputy Chairperson of *Integricare* which are providers to several child care services, including Ardill House.

Alan has been a representative on the *Strathfield North Public School Council*, is a Past President of *Concord West Toastmasters* and a Past President of the *Rotary Club of Concord*, being awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship and a Paul Harris Sapphire Pin.

As a parent, Alan managed a Concord junior soccer team and was appointed a life member of the Cabarita Swimming Club.



In 1990, Alan's service to the community was acknowledged with an award of the Order of Australia medal and in 2008 he was Canada Bay Councils' Citizen of the Year.

My conclusion is that Alan Wright is not only a good bloke but an excellent family man and friend to many, a fantastically hard working member of the community and a truly great Rotarian.

A belated "*many happy returns*" Alan and our wish for many more to come.



...another member to makes us proud

Announced in the Australia Day Honours List was the awarding of the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia to **Helen Susanne McCaffrey** for *Service to local government and to the community of Canada Bay*.

Although promised at the time a short bio on her life would be in my hands soon after, Helen is quite shy broadcasting her achievements and therefore this did not eventuate.



However following the long awaited awarding of the prestigious gong last week Helen has supplied a (very) brief rundown on the event.



A lovely day yesterday with my kids Adrian and Penelope to the Award Ceremony that was cancelled in May due to the pandemic.

The recent presentations are occurring over a two week period, with a limited number attending, however it was a beautiful day.

I managed to touch base with the Governor's

partner, Denis Wilson who was a Dubbo boy, the year behind me at Dubbo High who was taught by Ken Murray and his wife Katherine as was I.

It's interesting to hear my kids take on the day, probably not something to be put in print!!! Basically they thought those community members who received awards were more meaningful than the high flyers.

Was fortunate to touch base with Alan and Lorna Wright this afternoon and we compared notes. Both have received OAM's (As has Evelyn Scott).

and now, some statistics to ponder...

The current population of Earth is more than 7 Billion and the statistics can tell us the numbers, the distribution, various races and other information of the population.

As the population is so large, a purely statistical report, for most people, would not make meaningful sense. Therefore, someone has produced this set of statistical report condensing the 7 billion in the world into 100 persons, and then into various percentage statistics. The resulting analysis is relatively much easier to comprehend.

OUT OF 100:

11 are in Europe
5 are in North America
9 are in South America
15 are in Africa
60 are in Asia
49 live in the countryside
51 live in cities

12 speak Chinese
5 speak Spanish
5 speak English
3 speak Arabic
3 speak Hindi
3 speak Bengali
3 speak Portuguese

2 speak Russian
2 speak Japanese
62 speak their own language.
77 have their own houses
23 have no place to live.
21 are over-nourished
63 can eat full
15 are under-nourished
1 ate the last meal, but did not make it to the next meal.
The daily cost of living for 48 is less than US\$2.
87 have clean drinking water

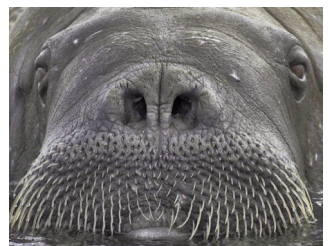
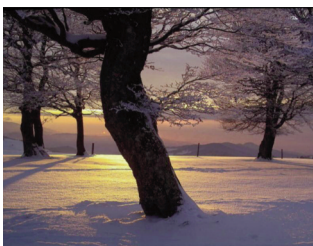
13 either lack clean drinking water or have access to a water source that is polluted.
75 have mobile phones
25 do not.
30 have internet access
70 do not have conditions to go online
7 had university education
93 did not attend college.
83 can read
17 are illiterate.
33 are Christians

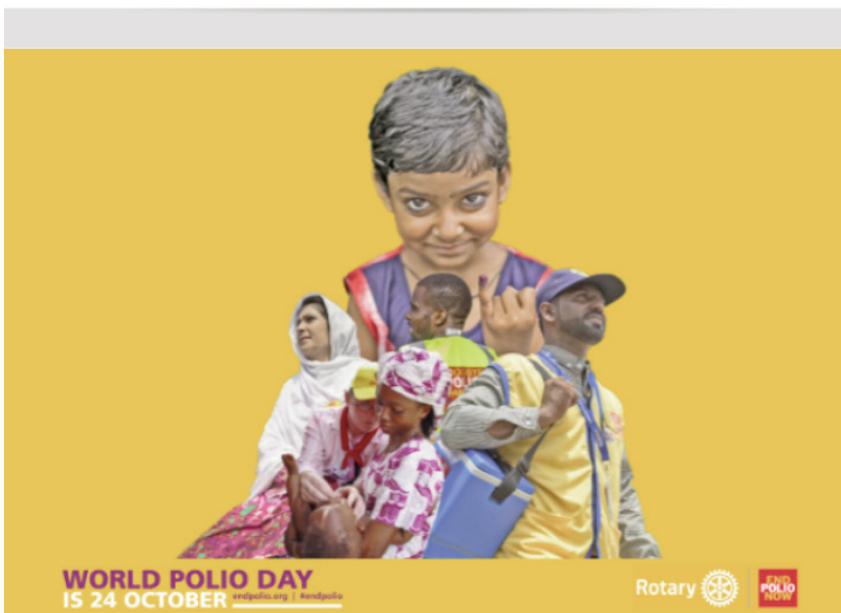
22 are Muslims
14 are Hindus
7 are Buddhists
12 are other religions
12 have no religious beliefs.
26 live less than 14 years
66 died between 15 - 64
8 are over 65 years old.
If you have your own home, eat full meals & drink clean water, have a mobile phone and the internet, and gone to school, you have no reason to complain.



Some beautiful images which need no captions

Patrick Notley is an autistic German photographer, who assembled this slide show. A Google search found some controversy about the validity of Patrick Notley and the origin of this slide show. But, no matter where the images came from or who put them together into this presentation, the photographs are stunning and well worth viewing.





World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians and Rotaractors across the globe to raise awareness about our work to eradicate polio for good. If we stay committed to making progress, polio will be the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

In our fight to end polio, we've used our collective strength to defeat this devastating disease in almost every part of the world. This year, the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus – showing that eradication is possible even in very difficult circumstances. Wild poliovirus still paralyzes children in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and as long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere.

Let's Take Action

A polio-free world is possible, but we can achieve it only by taking action together. With the challenges to vaccination programs posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, it's even more crucial that Rotary continues to build awareness and raise funds for polio eradication.

Join the effort to vaccinate children and end polio by organizing a World Polio Day event for your community. In 2019, Rotary members held more than 5,900 events in 136 countries. This year, online events and activities will allow us to expand our reach even more and inspire others to join us.

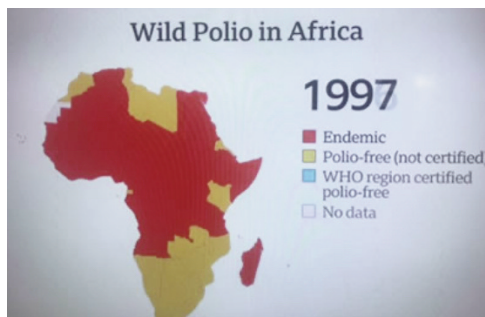
Our market will be held on the Sunday prior to Saturday 24th October and is surely an obvious vehicle to promote this wonderful Rotary inspired program to the Concord community and garner much needed financial support.



And while we're on the subject

African Region – Nigeria, Wild Poliovirus Free!

It was so good to hear the great news that the African Region of Nigeria has been certified as Wild Poliovirus free. As Rotarians we should feel so very proud of helping to achieve this amazing milestone.



The heart-rending tale of a hard working immigrant in America

Every morning, the CEO of a large bank in Manhattan walks to the corner where a shoe shine is always located. He sits on the couch, examines the Wall Street Journal, and the shoe shine gives his shoes a shiny, excellent look. One morning the shoeshine asks the Executive Director, "What do you think about the situation in the stock market?"

Arrogantly the Director asks "Why are you so interested in the stock market?"

"I have a million dollars in your bank," the shoeshine says, "and I'm considering investing some of the money in the capital market".

The asks the shoeshine his name and is told John H Smith.

Arriving at the bank he asks the Customer Manager if they have a client named John H. Smith.

"Certainly," answers the Manager "he is highly esteemed with one million dollars in his account."

The Director comes out, approaches the shoeshine, and says, "Mr. Smith, I would like you next Monday to be the guest of honour at our board meeting and tell us life story. I am sure we will have something to learn from you."

At the board meeting, the Executive Director introduces him to the board members. "We all know Mr. Smith, who shines our shoes, but Mr. Smith is also an esteemed customer with a million dollars in his account. I invited him to tell us the story of his life. I am sure we can learn from him."

Mr. Smith began his story. "I came to this country fifty years ago as a young immigrant from Europe with an unpronounceable name. I got off the ship without a penny. The first thing I did was change my name to Smith. I was hungry and exhausted and wandered around looking for a job but to no avail. Suddenly I found a coin on the sidewalk. I bought an apple. I had two options: eat the apple and quench my hunger or start a business. I sold the apple for two dollars and bought two apples with the money. I also sold them and continued in business. When I started accumulating dollars, I was able to buy a set of used brushes and shoe polish and started polishing shoes. I didn't waste money on entertainment or clothing, I just bought bread and some cheese to survive. I saved penny by penny and after a while, I bought a new set of shoe brushes and polishes in different shades and expanded my clientele. I lived like a monk and saved penny by penny. After a while I was able to buy an armchair so that my clients could sit comfortably, and that brought me more clients. A few years ago, when the previous shoe shine on the corner decided to retire, I had already saved enough money to buy his location on this great site.

Finally, three months ago, my sister, who was a hooker in Chicago, died and left me a million dollars.





Guest Speaker

Jenny-Lee Scharnboeck Head of Partnerships at Take 3 for the Sea joined us as our guest speaker last Monday.

Jenny-Lee introduced us to **Take 3 for the Sea**, the work they have undertaken and impacts achieved over the last decade along with ideas on how we can work together in the future!

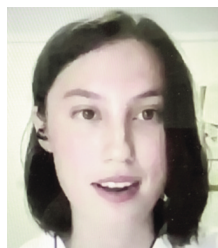
Wherever we are, we are connected to the sea. The ocean provides us with the oxygen we breathe and the climate that sustains us. We need a healthy ocean for our own survival.

Plastic pollution is killing wildlife, devastating oceans and threatening the health of our planet. Plastic represents a disconnection. It's a material designed to last forever that we often use only once. Poorly managed plastic leaks into the sea

The ocean is downhill from everywhere.

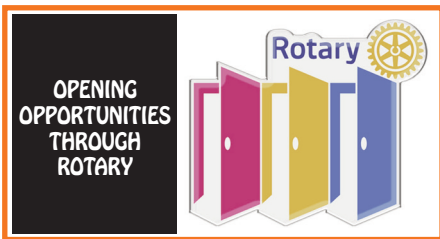
Through education that inspires participation, **Take 3** is building a global movement of people who are connected to the planet.

Take 3 pieces of rubbish with you when you leave the beach, waterway or...anywhere, and you have made a difference.



Rotaractor Nicky Byrne was one of the participants at the meeting and is keenly interested in the subject of waste management, having produced an assignment earlier this year proposing "**a new waste management policy targeting packaging.**"

Nicky has offered to write a few articles on the subject for me to reproduce and as the Take 3 program is one of President Angela's main focuses for her year, I readily accepted. Thank you Nicky and **WATCH THIS SPACE!**



District 9675 Conference 2021

Friday 19 March to Sunday 21 March 2021

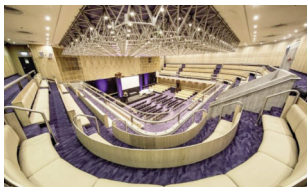
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DG Warwick invites us to join him in the centre of Sydney to experience wonderful speakers, to enjoy the fellowship that is Rotary and to open opportunities for our club, our community and for the wider world.

Very early bird rate: **\$195** - Register & pay before 31 October 2020

Early bird rate: **\$235** - Register & pay before 15 January 2021

Full registration: **\$275** - Register & pay after 15 January 2021

Day/event rates are available at: <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>



AUSTRALIANS ALL LET US REJOICE
 FOR WE ARE YOUNG AND FREE
 WE'VE GOLDEN SOIL AND WEALTH FOR TOIL
 OUR HOME IS GIRT BY SEA
 OUR LAND OF BEAUTY
 ABOUNDS RICH
 IN NATURE'S GIFTS AND RARE
 IN HISTORY'S PAGE, LET EVERY STAGE
 ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR
 IN JOYFUL STRAINS THEN LET US SING "ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR"
 BENEATH OUR RADANT SOUTHERN CROSS, WE'LL TOIL WITH HEARTS AND HANDS
 TO MAKE THIS COMMONWEALTH OF OURS
 RENOWNED OF ALL THE LANDS
 FOR THOSE WHO'VE COME ACROSS THE SEAS
 WE'VE BOUNDLESS PLAINS TO SHARE
 WITH COURAGE LET US ALL COMBINE
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Covid19 Self Test

A new and easy test for Covid19 is doing the rounds and it's simple and quick.

Take a glass and pour a decent dram of your favourite whisky into it; then see if you can smell it.

If you can, then you are halfway there.

Then drink it. If you can taste it then it is reasonable to assume you are currently free of the virus, because the loss of the sense of smell and taste is a common symptom.

I tested myself 7 times last night and was virus free every time thank goodness.

I will have to test myself again today because I have developed a throbbing headache which can also be one of the symptoms.

I'll report my results later.

Rotary Grace

O Lord Thou Giver of all good,
 We thank Thee for our daily food.
 May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
 Help us to serve Thee all our days

ROTARY'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1) Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities.
- 2) Use my vocational experiences and talents to serve in Rotary.
- 3) Conduct all of my personal, business and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others.
- 4) Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.
- 5) Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society.
- 6) Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others and to improve the quality of life in my community.
- 7) Honour the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavour or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians.
- 8) Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

Good decisions don't just happen.

Ask yourself these 4 questions:



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?



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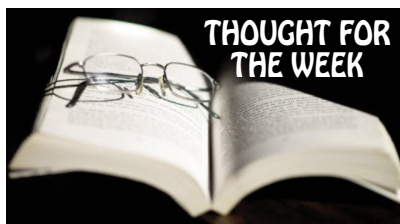
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If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

