

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

REPORT ON CLUB ACTIVITIES 1977-78

General Report

Members,

On behalf of the Board of Management I have much pleasure in reporting on activities of the Rotary Club of Howrah during the 1977-78 year and drawing attention to the enthusiasm and involvement of members. The year has seen a development of the club in areas of service and through this service a greater awareness of the meaning and possibilities of Rotary has been apparent.

The stated objectives of the club at the beginning of the year were:

- (a) to become more aware of the possible areas of Rotary service by planning and carrying out a wider range of service activities;
- (b) to continue the education of members about Rotary;
- (c) to increase the membership of the club and by so doing increase the capacity to carry out worthwhile and satisfying projects.

These objects have been achieved because of the leadership of directors, the support and co-operation of all members of the club and the sharing of the many tasks associated with the smooth-running of a small organisation involved in so many activities.

I have no doubt that the attendance of members at club activities reflects the enjoyment obtained from a varied program of activities including club meetings, service and social activities.

A feature of the year has been the increased involvement in community service and youth activities and the participation of members in club and district Rotary activities.

Specific Projects in Service Areas

Club Service (Director: Ian Lawless)

The sound administration of the club has been the basis of an enjoyable and successful year. The following specific comments are recorded to remind members of achievement in this area.

Membership Development

The membership of the club is now 30 compared with 25 at the end of 1976-77. There have been 7 new members inducted into the club during the year and 2 resignations have been received.

Attendance

The attendance of members has improved from an average of 89.6% in June 1977 to 93.05% at the beginning of May, 1978. Nine (9) members have 100% attendance for 1977-78 and 3 members (Rotarians David Armitage, Roger Calvert and George Casimaty) have 100% since the inception of the club. In addition the club was second in the attendance rating at the District Conference in Burnie during March, 1978.

Bulletin

The club bulletin continues to be a feature of the club - it is an important means of communication and of developing Rotary information among members. The club is indebted to Rotarian Eric Meagher for the quality of his work as Editor of the bulletin.

Fellowship

Extremely enjoyable and varied social activities have contributed to the life of the club. The major activities have been: theatre evening, Christmas party, barbeque, tennis day and dinner dance. In addition mixed groups from the club have been involved in social events associated with service activities.

2. Community Service (Director: Terry Morrisby)

The following community service activities have been carried out to the credit of the committee and to the benefit of the club.

- (a) Sponsored 2 boys at YMCA camp at Carlton.
- (b) Supported a wife to accompany her seriously ill husband to Melbourne.
- (c) Support to Christian Care Centre to provide school clothing for needy children.
- (d) Supplied and erected an electric barbeque at Cremorne for the Cremorne Progress Association.
- (e) Supported the Multicap Princess Quest.
- (f) Guided the organisation and conduct of the first club fair.
- (g) Arranged a number of speakers on needs of youth at club meeting.

Through these activities the club has developed an image of service in the area it serves.

3. Vocational Service (Director: Roger Calvert)

The Vocational Service Committee has made a worthwhile contribution to club activities by arranging several interesting club meetings on employer-employee relationships, youth activities and films on vocational service.

In addition "Pride of Workmanship" plaques have been distributed to southern Rotary clubs and an informative evening was held for retired people on suggested retirement activities.

4. International Service (Director: Pat Triffett)

In this area the culmination of several activities, for which planning began in the previous year, has brought considerable pleasure and satisfaction to the club.

International Youth Exchange

Our first incoming Rotary Exchange student, Terhi Aakkula from Nurmijarvi, Finland, has been with us during the year. Terhi's presence has given greater meaning to the international aspects of Rotary and we are delighted with her contribution to the life of the club and her personal interest and involvement in club activities.

Our first outgoing Rotary Exchange student Susan Tremayne is currently in the U.S.A. and being hosted by Rotary Club of Carrizo Springs, Texas. Reports indicate the wisdom of the choice of Susan as our representative and we look forward to hearing of her activities when she returns.

Rotary Foundation

The club became a 200% club during the year and the fines sessions, so ably conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms Peter Allen, besides contributing to Rotary Foundation have been a most enjoyable segment of club meetings.

The club made its first nomination for a Rotary Foundation Award but unfortunately the application was not successful.

World Community Service

The club has continued to support the education of 4 Indonesian orphans and has gained a great deal of satisfaction from this.

Matched Districts and Clubs

Initial steps have been taken to establish contact with the Rotary Club of Otziwarongs in South West Africa as part of the Matched Clubs Program.

5. Rotary Club of Noumea

The club made contact with the Rotary Club of Noumea and arranged assistance for a party of language students from Rosny College during a visit to Noumea. Reports from Mr. B. Muir, the teacher accompanying the party, indicate that President V. Cevaer and his club arranged a truly Rotarian welcome for the party. Mr. Muir will address the club on the 6th July, 1978, and Rotarian Cevaer will be visiting Tasmania early in August.

Financial Report (Treasurer: Derek Steele)

A detailed financial report on the year 1977-78 will be provided following the 30th June but a summary for the period 1/7/77 - 22/6/78 is as follows:

General Account

Balance at 1st July, 1977	\$ 600
Receipts	784
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	1,384
Payments	785
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Cash on hand at 22nd June, 1978	\$ 599
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Service Account

Balance at 1st July, 1977	\$ 365
Receipts	2,905
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	3,270
Payments	2,863
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Cash on hand at 22nd June, 1978	\$ 407
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Summary of Credit Balances as at 22nd June, 1978.

General Account	\$ 599
Service Account	407
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The club wishes to express its appreciation to Treasurer, Derek Steele for the excellent manner in which he has managed the financial affairs of the club and for his personal contribution to many areas of activities within the club.

Appreciation

In presenting this report I wish to acknowledge the excellent manner in which the Board members have co-operated to lead the club during the year. The enthusiasm, willingness to share the many tasks, effective management and consistent attention to the affairs of the club have contributed greatly to the successful year. In particular the work of Secretary Phil Keane and Treasurer Derek Steele in essential but less obvious areas of club activities is greatly appreciated by members.

The members of the outgoing Board look forward to supporting the incoming Board for 1978-79 in the same effective way that we were assisted by the Board of 1976-77.

We wish the Board for 1978-79 a successful year and thank members of the club for their co-operation and support during this year.

For and on behalf of the Board.

T.J. Leo
PRESIDENT

26/6/78