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MEMBERS WHO HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE AS TO

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ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

THE FIRST SIX YEARS OF ROTARY WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF HOWRAH
(EASTERN SHORE OF RIVER DERWENT)

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1975 - 1976 1980 1977 1981 1978 1982 1979

--- INTRODUCTION ---

In November 1975, two District Governor Special Representatives, Don Dudgeon and Bill Barnard from the Rotary Club of Bellerive, were assigned the task of forming another Rotary Club within the town of Howrah and to the South Arm Peninsula. - After personal contacts by these two Rotarians with some 22 people, they called an informal meeting on January 27th 1976 and with the guidance of Harry Beltz and Cliff Vicary of the Bellerive Club, a successful evening was achieved. At the first official meeting of the club on March 25th 1976, the following members were elected as office-bearers :-
President- David L. Armitage. Vice-President- Trevor Leo.
Secretary Rod Menzies . Treasurer - Chris Oakman.
Directors - Alan Morriss, George Casimaty, George Bales & David Secomb.
On Saturday June 5th 1976, the club received its Charter with a membership of 25 and since that time, only seven(7) charter members have left the club. The present membership now stands at 39.
David Armitage had the benefit of his office as President from March 1976 June 30th 1977.

The main history of our club had come from the various annual reports submitted from both Presidents and their Directors.

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-- INFORMATION --

David, at the 20th June 1977, in his annual report, spoke of the excellent fellowship that is so much a part of our club. At the time of our charter, the club boasted of 25 members and a prospect of an increase to 30 in that year. The twenty five members consisted of Peter Allan, David Armitage, George Balex, Peter Calvert, Roger Calvert, George Casimaty, Graeme Farrell, John Gould, Noel Jacobs, Phil Keane, Ian Lawlexs, Trevor Leo, Ian McFarlane, Eric Meagher, Rod Menzies, Alan Morriss, Terry Morrisby, Henry Nogajski, Chris Oakman, Garry Powell, David Secombe, Derek Steele, Don Sullivan, Tony Stacey and Pat Triffett.

David in continuing with his report, spoke of -
Attendance - as being a hobby-horse with him and felt that any member who cannot attend the majority of meetings or make-ups, is obviously not really interested in being a Rotarian and did not make any apology for the statement. He had been pleased with the club's effort for the year of 90.50%. Club Bulletin - David spoke of the club's Bulletin in saying that so much praise has been lavished on "flashing Eric" for the standard of his publication including personal praise from the District Governor that anything that he might say must be an anti-climax. Sufficient to say "Well Done Eric", --- Thanks had been extended to Graeme Ferrall for well organised events under "Fellowship", although some events had been disappointing in attendance. - Under Programmes, two members, Tony Stacey and Derek Steele had shown a lot of forethought in organising a varied and interesting array of speakers during the year. - With Finance - the club's Budget of \$1,000 had been achieved after running a major raffle and lucky envelopes at two regattas. Club Service, over all, had a very successful year under the leadership of Alan Morriss.

Unfortunately, Henry Nogajski had been left high and dry as one of the Directors, after David Secombe and John Gould had resigned from the club. Roger Calvert joined the committee late in that year and both Henry and Roger had undertaken to distribute "Pride of Workmanship" plaques to all Southern clubs. With Community Service, Director George Casimaty decided to make haste slowly. Some projects that had been undertaken, covered assistance to the Bellerive Fair, Transport for Senior Citizens to various functions, white Elephant Stall at Sunshine Home, Heart Foundation Door-Knocks, donations to Clarence Garden competitions, a donation as assistance for the Carlton River District Ambulance, and cutting, loading and delivering of wood to the Lilian Martin Home. Appreciation to George for his leadership.

International Service - under the Directorship of George Bales, provided the sponsorship of four orphan children in Indonesia and had become a 100% member of the Rotary Foundation and had accepted the responsibility of sponsoring a Finnish Exchange Student for 1977/78.

In finalising his report, David, said it would not be complete without reference to our Charter Secretary, Rod Menzies, who, unfortunately had to resign from the Club in June 1977. In our early days, Rod, as an experienced Rotarian, being previously a member of the Rotary Club of Bellerive, was a tower of strength in establishing our club. He had designed and produced our Bulletin, prior to the Club's Charter and achieved many things in the interests of the club. His resignation meant a sad loss to all members. No cloud is without a silver lining, however, Phil Keane stepped into the Secretary's job and had occupied the position for the remainder of that Rotary Year and re-elected for the following year.

1977 - 1978

The Howrah club had entered its second charter year, with the election of Rotarian Trevor Leo as its second President, Trevor taking office on the 1st July 1977. At the end of his term, Trevor mentioned of the activities of the club in areas of service and through this service a greater awareness of the meaning and possibilities of Rotary had been apparent. -

1. To become more aware of the possible areas of Rotary Service by planning and carrying out a wider range of service activities,
2. To continue the education of members about Rotary,
3. To increase the membership of the club and by so doing increase the capacity to carry out worthwhile and satisfying projects.

These projects have been achieved because of the leadership of Directors Ian Lawless, Terry Morrisby, Roger Calvert and Pat Triffett who secured the support and co-operation of all members and the sharing of the many tasks associated with the smooth running of a small organisation involved in so many activities.

Attendance : Members had improved from an average of 89.6% in June 1977 to 93.05% at beginning of May 1978. While Roger Calvert, George Casimaty and Eric Meagher continued to have a 100% attendance; later Eric, unfortunately, missed out through ill-health.

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 had contributed to the life of the club. Major activities covered Theatre evenings, 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.

Community Service - Director Terry Morrisby has sponsored 2 boys at the Y.M.C.A. camp at Carlton. Had supported a wife to accompany her husband, seriously ill, to Melbourne. Support to Christian Care Centre in providing school clothing for needy children. Supplied and erected an Electric Barbeque on a public reserve at Cremorne. Support of the Multi-Cap Quest. Organisation and conduct of the first "Country Fair". Arranged a number of Speakers on needs of Youth at Club meetings.

Vocational Service - Director Roger Calvert with his service Committee had made a worthwhile contribution to club activities in the arrangement of several interesting club meetings on Employer/Employee relationships, youth activities and films on Vocational Service with the addition of "Pride of Workmanship" Plaques, having been distributed to Southern Rotary clubs.

International Service : The culmination of several activities under Director Pat Triffett in which planning had commenced in the previous Rotary year, has brought considerable pleasure and satisfaction to the club. Headings as follows :-

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International Youth Exchange- Our first incoming Exchange Student -Terhi askkula from Finland, had been with us during this Rotary year. Terhi's presence had given greater meaning to the International aspects of Rotary and we were delighted with her contribution to the life of the club and her personal interest and involvement in club activities. Our first outgoing Exchange Student Susan Tremaine, had been in the U.S.A. and was hosted by the Rotary club of Carrizo Springs, Texas. Reports indicated that the wisdom of the choice of Susan as our representative had been very wise after hearing of her exploits, upon her return to Howrah.

Rotary Foundation- The club became a 200% club during the year and the Fines session, so ably conducted by Serg .A.Arms Peter Allan, besides contributing to Rotary Foundation have been a most enjoyable segment of club meetings. The club had 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 four Indonesian Orphans and has gained a great deal of satisfaction from this project.

Rotary Club of Noumea : - The club had 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.

Finance:- Treasurer Derek Steele. Trevor continued his report by expressing his appreciation to Derek for the excellent manner in which he had managed the financial affairs of the club and for his personal contribution to many areas of activities within the club, and thanking Phil Keane for his work as Secretary.

1978 - 1979

Rotarian Alan Morriss became the third President of our club, taking office on the 1st July 1978. At the conclusion of his 12 month period, he had submitted his annual report. Alan had issued his thanks to the officers and directors with members for their assistance and participation in club activities, living out this years theme "Reach Out". He felt that most of the planned goals had been achieved.

Services - in detail :-

Attendance - Unfortunately the club had slipped to 3rd position in progressive monthly figures.

Bulletin - Our Bulletin is No 1 in our district. Full credit to be given to Editor Eric Meagher.

Fellowship - Many successful functions had been held throughout the Rotary year.

PROGRAMMES - conducted by Chairman Alan Bell, had been well balanced and interesting.

Rotary Information - capably managed by P.P.Trevor Leo who covered promulgated information with cassette tapes and Bulletin articles.

Member Development - a very busy section of club activities controlled by Peter Calvert. Eight(8) inductions enabled us to reach our goal, net gain of 6 new members and 2 resignations.

Rotary Foundation - Had almost achieved 300% plateau due in no small way to the zeal of Serg. A. Arms Henry Nogajski.

Community Service - Under the directorship of Rotarian Noel Jacobs, the club had many achievements and some frustrations. In the achievements, Firewood had been supplied to the Llian Martin Home. Funds provided and used for emergency situations. Citizenship Awards for each Eastern Shore High School. Guest Speakers on community service themes including Clarence Council Reserves. Successful Annual Country Fairs and Country Ball. Equipment for childrens playgrounds on Mortyn Place Reserve and attempted formation of Rotract meeting.

Vocational Service - This difficult portfolio had been handled by Director Max Dunstone and his committee in a very successful manner. but not without frustrations.

1. A visit to the Hobart Exchange(Telephone)
2. Guest speakers in relation to Vocational Service.
- Assistance to the Rokeby Christian Care Centre.

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International Service - Directed by Andrew Koo, who later had resigned from the club. Members saw the departure of "Tehri Askkula for her homeland, Finland and the departure of our second outgoing student Kate Pitney, daughter of Rotarian Peter Pitney, for the U.S.A. The crash course of Japanese language for outwaed students initiated by Andrew Koo, had been continged. Our participation in the worldwide 3.H.Programme must be developed over the next four years.

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1979 - 1980

Tony Stacey received the office of "President" in July 1979 and had provided an interesting Annual Report at the end of June 1980. Information as follows :-

In emphasising special features, he spoke of the success of the Four Services that had been achieved with the limited amount of Funds, then available. He thanked Secretary, Lindsay Chivers, the Four Service Directors and members of the Board for their assistance, time and effort during his term of office. He had elaborated on the following services :-

Attendance - Our club had always been noted for its high attendance even while our average remained in the 90's but some members do not make any attempt to make up when they miss a club meeting.

Programme - Under the chairmanship-Pat Triffett, had been very active and fortunate to have excellent Guest Speakers from within and outside of the club. Several Combined meetings had been held.

Public Relations - under the guidance of Graeme Ferrall, had gained a vast amount of publicity on radio and newspapers to cover activities, in forwarding toys to New Guinea, manure and woodchip sales, and the Art Exhibition. Supplaments in Suburban News Newspaper to publicise our Country Fair, had been very successful.

Club Bulletin/Historian - Chairman Eric Meagher continued to maintain the Bulletin of the high standard we have come to expect. As always we would like to see more contributions and interest from all members. Eric is currently engaged in compiling the club's history and hopeful of having a full publication, in the near future.

Finance - Chairman Henry Nogajski with Treasurer Bob Jones, had provided a progressive Financial Statement to the 30/6/80.

Serg.A.Arms - John Colless and Trevor Leo; both of whom had maintained a high standard of club meetings with an eye to future funds through Fines. It is a tribute to them that their entertaining Finew session raised over \$311.00 for Rotary Foundation.

World Community Service - Tony described the sponserhip of four Orphan Indonesion Children and the assistance rendered by the Salvation Army. In conjunction with the Sandford Girls Guide, toys were sent to a Salvation Army Hospital and School in Mount Hogen, New Guinea. RThe assistance for Leprosy Patient in Papua New Guinea and Indonesia is the only outstanding project the for year's programme.

Membership/Developement- Membership at 30th June 1979- 35.

Membership at 31st January 1980. New members 3, Termination - I.(37)

75th Anniversary - Chairman Max Dunstone - An usual unusual project planned to celegrate this 75th Anniversary. of Rotary.

Fellowship - Cbmmittee chaired by Wayne Watson. This committee had been very active and held many successful functions during the year.

Fellowship activities covering the following -

Theatre Evenings - Ladies Nights - Barbeques -Roger Calvert - Barbeque John Novy - Christmas Party-George Casimaty and Annual Ball, Peter Calvert.

Annual Country Fair - Convenor, Pter Allan. The Fair held on January 19th 1980 had been most successful todate. With gross takings in excess of \$3,000, we hope to make a nett profit of approx \$2,700.

General - Eric Meagher had kindly offered to donate half cost of the Club'sn new Rotary Emblem. The Board had accepted "Eric's generous offer with thanks. If any member would care to make a donation to off-set half cost, they would be most grateful.

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Community Service-Items, directed by Alan Bell :-

Rotoract - Two meetings had been held during the course of the year but lack of numbers proved a failure.

Mortyn Place Park - Alan continued with his project and planned to construct a childrens swing.

Community Service Awards - Books were awarded to students at three Eastern Shore High Schools.

Rokey High School - An amount of \$100.00 had been provided by our club towards the cost of a commembrature Medal.

Art Exhibition - Our first Art Exhibition held at the Rosny College although well supported, was not a financial success.

Christian Care Centre - A garden wheel barrow and two garden hoes had been presented to this Centre.

Million Dollare Meal - replaced our weekly meeting. This successful function had been held at John Novy's home, raising the sum of \$140. in which this amount will provide books for a needy family in the Rokeby area.

Electric Barbeque - A second unit had been installed at the Beach Reserve, Cremorne.

Vocational Service, Items, by Peter Calvert:- Work Experience Programme. 22 Students from Clarence High School were given work experience. First time our club and this school had participated in such a scheme.

Young Seeking Employment - Project held at Rosny College October 24th 1979. A panel of experts from the department of Social Security, Commonwealth Employment Service, Local Aid Service and various local Government youth support schemes were present.

Vocational Service Week; A file "employing Handicapped People" had been shown at one of our regular weekly meetings.

Youth Night - During the month of December 1979, the Rotary Clubs of G Howrah, and Bellerive, together, sponsored a Youth Night at the Shoreline Hotel, some 270 people were present.

During the course of the Rotary year, the club had made visits to the Llanherne Drome, Airport Fire Station and the Green Island Oyster Farm.

Items listed under International Service - direction by Peter Chew

Exchange Students - The club welcomed back, from the United States, Exchange Student Kate Pitney and later in the year, Sheila Hendricks from Fort St. John, Canada.

Japanese Language Course, had been arranged for outgoing students but accomodation problems had arisen. Matched Twin, a book on Tasmania had been posted to our "Matched Twi" club, Jeboronge in South West Africa.

Toys to New Guinea - Transportation of soft toys to Papua New Guinea.

F.A.I.M. - Perusasion had been made to all our members and wives to become members of F.A.I.M., for twelve months. Our club had boosted two Life Members to this project and since then, such had increased to 5 members. Rotarian Noel Jacobs had visited P.N.G. in July of 1980 to assist in completing a building project at Rihona in the Rihona Valley under the bonnet of F.A.I.M.. Congratulations had been to Noel in which Tony stated that it is Rotarians like Noel who make our wonderful world of Rotary International, work so well.

Rotary Foundation : (Group Study Exchange) Chairman Alan Morriss had the pleasure of hosting the Study Group from North Carolina for two days, taking them to points of interest in and around Hobart. The exercise had proved to be very successful. Special thanks extended to Ian Dickinson for his co-operation and assistance. The Fines session held at our regular weekly meetings, raised the sum of \$320.00 for Rotary Foundation. Our total contribution to the Foundation that year had been \$390.00 which gave a 400% status.

International Service, caoably led by Rotarian Peter Chew; elaborated on the matter of Youth Exchange: Peter in his report to our President welcomed back from the United States, Exchange Student Kate Pitney of whom had submitted a report of her activities and backed by slides of her visit to Oregon U.S.A.. A welcome had been extended to Sheila Hendricks and incoming student Corrine Cevet of the Noumea Club.

1980 - 1981

In previous years, each of our Presidents have had a method of controlling the "Helm" of the club and in their particular manner have been equally successful. With our new President, Rotarian Peter Allan, his Annual Report provided consistant plodding to some of our members who had been diligent in furthering the interests of Rotary within our club and in fact had made a claim of being the first President of our club to survive a "take over bid" !!!

In submitting his report, Peter spoke of Club Service where John Novy had been elected Director but due to pressure of his work with other committments could not continue to hold office. Peter spoke of our first exposure and fund-raising project, had been Rotarian Alan Bell's "Art Show" held in Arthur G. Wilson's Showroom, Cnr Harrington & Davey Sts by courtesy of Graeme Farrell. Alan had really put his heart into this venture, niw an Annual event, and his enthusiasm so being contagious, drew many other Rotarians along with him as to making the show such a success. This year's Show turnover had been ninety Eight Paintings and \$1,394.00 in cash which netted a profit of \$253. 00.

Another Fund-Raising project, the "Country Fair", at Sandford Hall raised a nett \$1,700.00 and we are also now the proud owners of our own demountable stalls. The down turn in income, had been blamed mainly on the lack of stock for the White Elephant Stall. As this yearly event is to be held earlier in this coming year, Peter emphasised the importance of members producing more items and not necexxarily from themselves.

Another worthwhile fund-raising project, combined with Fellowship, is our fertiliser field days when our members get the opportunity to get down to business and commune with nature. To those members who for one reason or another have been denied the enjoyment of these frolics on outings, I strongly recommend they consider their committments and come along. We are held in such high regard by the community for our efforts that when we stop off on the way home for some light refreshment, the locals stand aside at the Bar!

In Peter's year of 1980/81, the club had raised \$1,122.60c for the product of their labours- which is probably some sort of social comment on our consumer society. With "Fellowship", Rotarian Ian Lawless had been to the fore, with his enthusiasm and excellent organising of a very successful Christmas function at the Royal Hobart Golf Club and a very successful and amusing night at the Theatre Royal in hearing Eric Sykes and Jimmy Edwards. Coupled with Ian, tthe club also owes a debt of gratitude to Max and Leslie Dunstone for the games night at their home. Appreciation also extended to George and Marion Casimaty for our tradional Tennis day and to Alan and Diane Morriss for their Barbeque at Primrose Sands.

As our Club Programme had been outstanding and our Programme Chairman Rotarian Henry Nogajski had been hiding his light somewhat in the past and of the quality of the speakers he has arranged, Henry deserves a pecial mention in this report for his efficency and I truly express my appreciation for the way he filled the programme, rationed out the club assemblies and relieved me personally of any problems with meetings. In the area of Membership/Development, we have had Rotarians John Colless and P.P. Alan Morriss working hand in hand covering Rotary Information in a combined Programme of gentle education for the club in which has been well received and obviously in many areas well absorbed. Unfortunately we had not received the new members we wanted and in fact have had one or two refusals from intended visitors . Our new member on the form of Laurie Stevens has luckily joined us and very welcome he is. Two good Rotarians were lost to the mainland when Serg. A. Arms Leigh Parnham and Community Service Director Tony Lyden, crossed over Bass Strait. Leigh to Ballarat and Tony to Sydney. Leigh had been a very popular Serg.A.Arms and like Tony a thoroughly committed Rotarian.

Attendance figures for the year could have been better and improvement obtained if members accepted the responsibility of "Making Up". Make-Up is part of Rotary and failing to make-up is failing yourself, not just the club.

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On Rotary Foundation, we have continued to reach for higher plateaus and more of our members are coming to appreciate the value of Rotary Foundation in the world at large. A small community such as ours in Tasmania must always profit from the Foundation far in excess of anything we can put into it. When we lost Leigh Parnham, our second Serg. A. Arms Syd. McClymont had to carry on by himself in raising funds for the Foundation. He had managed with great success and at the 24th June 1981 had raised \$448.00 in Fines. The club must also thank Syd. for the way he managed the "Country Fair".

In Public Relations : Committee Chairman Graeme Ferrall had achieved great success in this field by way of advertising and much of this year's success goes to his efforts. It has been suggested to the incoming Public Relations Officer that some of the effort should be used to follow by publicising the results of our operations and keeping the community informed.

Last, but far from least in Club Service, our "Bulletin" - Once again our Editor and Historian Rotarian Eric Meagher has kept us informed, amused and often in suspense. Eric has now produced his final edition and I would ask members to be upstanding for a moment and to show our appreciation for his work as Editor over the past Five years.

Community Service - started out under the enthusiastic directorship of Rotarian Tony Lyden, who, despite a serious operation while holding office performed his job with great success. He with Rotarian Alan Bell saw the completion of our Mortyn Place Childrens Reserve. Unfortunately due to inflation of costs, completion of the work fully required, had not been exercised. Our assistance to the Rokeby Christian Care Centre has continued and this years assistance to \$307.76 had been made towards school clothes, shoes and family assistance. Rotary Service Awards were presented to the Rokeby High School presentations evening as a further indication of our ties with that school.

This avenue of service and also the first to become involved in the Eastern Shore Joint Project Scheme which it is hoped will bring close co-operation between the Four Eastern Shore Rotary Clubs to the general advantage of the community.

A Rotary Youth Leadership was made to Miss Glenda Cripps who attended the R.Y.L.A. Seminar at Spring Bay in early April 1981. Miss Cripps later addressed the club when she received her Award and her comments were duly noted by the incoming committee.

International Service - under the directorship of Rotarian Fred Hampton had a mixed year of success. One of the successes was Rotarian Noel Jacobs involvement with a F.A.I.M. project in P. N. G. where he spent three weeks helping to build the Rihone Laboratory. He also found time to raise Kodak's profits and his enthusiastic illustrated account of his exploits to this and others Rotary Clubs, has met with an appreciative welcome. Still on F.A.I.M., all our members and their wives have again contributed for 12 months membership and we now have six Life Members.

With the I.P.A.C. project 81/29, we have continued to participate by sponsoring the education of Indonesian children by the Salvation Army. Rather than become involved in more IPEC projects, your Board has enlarged our commitment to this project by increasing the numbers of orphans we sponsor from 4 to 6. This year the cost has been \$360.00 and it is believed this money is being really well spent. One of our speakers during the year was Colonel Craig of the Salvation Army and her illustrated address left us in no doubt of the worthiness of this project.

In Exchange Students - our experience this year was traumatic. An emergency call from the District Youth Exchange Committee resulted in record-breaking organisation of host families - then the whole thing had been cancelled, then it started again two weeks later. We bowed out. A book prize was donated to the language course at the Rosny College and a gift of Language Tapes which the District Governor has promised to subscribe \$120.00 towards the cost, is somewhere in the pipeline. It is intended the club will host an exchange student during 1981/82 and to this end an outgoing student, to leave in January 1982; has been nominated from six applicants; she is Miss Louise Morris of Rokeby Road and on completion of the District formalities and confirmation of her selection, the young Lady will be invited along to our club.

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The Vocational Service - under the directorship of Rotarian David Hudson involved greater interest from members with quite a cross-section appearing as guest speakers on their individual vocations. Some twenty students from the Clarence High School part in our work experience programme and the club appreciated the assistance given to this project by individual members. As a further invol with school leavers, five of our members volunteered to contact mock interviews at Clarence High School involving some 40 students and comments from both sides of the table indicate this to be a worthwhile project for other years.

In concluding his report, President Peter gave the quotation -There ends the reading of the first question and felt that in our main avenues of service we have had a reasonably successful year. From his own point of view he had been extremely gratified at the way the members have reacted to his suggestion that we all "consider our commitments". The interest that has developed in Rotary ideals and the number of members who have become involved Rotarians in the short space of 12 months has clearly demonstrated that by putting a little more in, you get a lot more out. As you know we started out this year with great doubts in our financial situation which as it later transpired was not as black (or should that be red) as it first appeared. During this year, Rotarians David Hudson and Tony Lyden with a small group of enthusiastic converts, organised an Auction as a fund-raising exercise. Undaunted by the size of the project they carried it through with the utmost total involvement of the club to finally nett a profit in excess of \$9,000.00. In the words of our retiring District Governor, "Well Done Fellows".

President Peter continued with an explanation on Finance in saying that it is interesting to note that our total turnover this year had been \$33,528.46c which he believed a record for our club and appeared to be left with a credit balance in excess of \$14,000. This year we have learned to use money rather than just collect it, and the side effects appeared to have justified this approach. By spending on advertising we have more than earned it back; by lending we have encouraged others. We guaranteed \$791.00 to the Inner Wheel Club for their project and encouraged them to go out and collect it, they did and paid us back. We subscribed to the Royal Hobart Hospital Overseas Patient Treatment Appeal to the sum of \$500.00 and they passed their target and are paying us back. It is suggested to the incoming board that replacing funds already spent is perhaps more obvious goal than aiming at a nebulous project. Once the commitment has been made, the enthusiasm is self-generating.

Summing up, President Peter had taken the privilege of adding his personal thanks to those Rotarians who by their example have made this a successful year and without in any way reflecting on the other members of the club. To my Board, I say thank you Rotarians for not being either over-enthusiastic or over-obstructive; to Treasurer Bob Jones for balancing the books; to Vice-President Eric, Past President Alan Morriss and Past President Tony Stacey for their moral support when required. To Henry Nogajski for a marvellous job of Programming even to the elimination of Club Assemblies; to Secretary Lindsay for his constant surprises; to Rotaria David Hudson and in his absence, Tony Lyden, for getting the club involved; to John Cotterell for his general assistance and stopping argueing; to Peter Calvert and Jacob George for stepping into the breach; to Ian Dickinson for the "chooky Poo; to Graeme Farrell for advertising it and to the other members who bagged it, transported it, stored it and sold it; and finally, to every other member of our Rotary club of Howrah, who in one way or another has given support and commitment during this last year.

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1981 - 1982

July 1st to 31st December

Rotarian Pat Triffett had accepted the position of President from President Peter Allan on the 1st July 1981 but unfortunately, due to illhealth, Pat could not carry on. Vice President Noel Jacobs then automatically accepted the position

Noel, in his half yearly report, stated by paying tribute to the Immediate Past Present, Pat Triffett in which Pat had organised our our Rotary Year with skill and left little for Noel to arrange as incoming President. However it is re-assuring to see Pat is recovering and back to his usual bright and cheerful self.

Noel stated that objectives that Pat had set for the club were well founded and believe that these objectives will be met, by the end of this Rotary year, with your continued support. Already serious in-roads have been made into our allotted tasks.

I would like to thank every member of our club for their loyal support, , since accepting the position of President, especially Alan Bell and Graeme Farrell for their excellent performances in the "Art Show" and Annual Fair, respectively. They have once again displayed their true Rotary spirit and organising ability for the benefit of the club. Appreciation is extended to John Anderson, George Casimaty, John Fraser and Bob Jones, all of whom have performed their duties efficiently.

Membership of the club has been steadily growing, thanks to the efforts of Past President Tony Stacey and his committee. With more new members in the "pipeline", we hope to achieve a minimum of 40 members by June 1982. The Attendance figures have been disappointing at stages throughout the year and I would impress upon members the need to keep up our attendance. Thanks to Bob Jones for his hard work. Howrah has a splendid reputation to this area, together with Fellowship and it my wish that this reputation be preserved.

My congratulations are extended to Eric Meagher. He has had the honour of becoming the first "Paul Harris Fellow", of this club. Eric works tirelessly for the ideals of Rotary and this club in particular, is indebted to him.

I express my sincere thanks to the Board of this club. The Secretary, Syd. McClymont, Treasurer John Colless and Directors - John Cotterell, Laurie Stevens, Chros Wyatt and Jacob George who have given much of their valuable time to ensure that this club meets the objectives of Rotary. The first half of my year has been very successful and I look forward to the remainder.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Past President Peter Allan in having been appointed as Special Representative to District Governor Jock Geeves.

Prior to elaborating on the work performed in each of the Four Services Noel, drew attention to Garry Powell, who had been ill for a large portion of this year. Garry's friendly personality has been missed by all club members and I know you will join me in wishing Garry a speedy recovery. Details of "Club Service"

"Club Service" - Director John Cotterell stated that the first half of the Club Service year had been a successful and to some extent, time consuming one. To date everything which we planned to do in our annual programme has been done and there is every indication that the second half year will fulfil our expectations.

A number of club service events of significance occurred during the half year and these will be touched on later, however, the primary event from a Club and Service point of view was the presentation to Eric Meagher of a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding service to the Club and the Community. Few can attain to Eric's height physically, but we can aspire to attain the same heights in service. Congratulations Eric!

The Art and Craft Show under the auspices of Alan Bell showed this year that after careful nurturing it is and will remain an annual event of significance. Not only was it a financial success but it was clearly a social event of which the Club could be proud.

The Country Fair was unlucky in that it was held on a bleak, windy day, but that was the only unlucky thing about it. The result was a credit to Graeme Farrell and his committee, and the financial result was only marginally less than the past January Fair. As a result of a survey conducted by Graeme, it appears that the change of date will be permanent.

We set out with the intention of getting membership up to 40 or 40+, however, before we had even thought about getting a drive going the numbers had dipped through resignations and transfers to 33. Present membership is now 37, the half year having welcomed to the club Abel Reeve, John Drinkwater, John Frazer and Jacob Eapen. Additional membership proposals are in the pipeline and every effort will be made to reach the magic 40 before the year is out.

The Club was also pleased to confer Honorary Membership on Don Sullivan who had retired from active employment before he had qualified for Senior Active Status as a Club member.

A Brief Report on balance of Club Service activities :-

Attendance - Going through a bad patch and every effort must be made to meet attendance obligations.

Classification/Membership Development - Working well in finding candidates and classifications.

Public Relations :- We have had more media exposure in the last half year than in any previous period.

Bulletin - appearing regularly, but quite often it would seem unread judging by questions which arise.

Rotary Information - The Club has purchased audio - visual presentation from R.I. for use at Club meetings (and for hire to other clubs). The first of these presentations have been shown in the half year.

Fellowship - The Club is well known for its fellowship, however, there is some cause for concern in the number of members who do not attend functions, particularly those which have been advertised well in advance. Fellowship is an important part of Rotary life and to miss out when it would have been possible to attend reduces each member's chance of getting full value from Club membership, and ultimately weakens the Club. John Anderson and his sub-committee have worked hard and will continue to work hard to provide fellowship opportunities - please take them.

Auction - The next major fund raising activity has not yet been decided, however, the second half year will such and activity under the auspices of Abel Reeve and the Auction \$5,000 subcommittee.

Programme - The programme of speakers has been varied and it is refreshing to see a number whose message, in the end, has not been a plug for money.

We feel that all in all the first half year has been successful and look forward to improving where we can in the second half.

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Vocational Service - Director Laurie Stevens in presenting his half yearly report stated that, because of the way the programme has been organised, there has not been a lot of activity in this committee for the first half year. The main programme will be implemented in the second half the Rotary Year.

Job Talks - There has been some interesting job talks by Rotarians and new members have been encouraged to give their talks as soon as possible. These talks have been extremely popular with members of the club.

Work Experience Programme - There have been several meetings with the Head Master of the Rokeby High School and in conjunction with their committee we will be shortly asking for Rotarians support with the work experience programme. Dates proposed for this programme are April 28th 29th & 30th. The following conditions are to apply to students participating in work experience :-

1. Work experience will last for three consecutive days and students are expected to assume the various obligations of a worker including the expectation to complete a normal working day.
2. Students will be covered by a TGIO Insurance Policy; thereby releasing the firm or organisation from responsibility in this area.
3. Students must not receive any payment as they will be visiting in an excursionary capacity.
4. Contact will be maintained with the student during the placement to ensure maximum co-operation and coordination.
5. Students selected will be placed according to their abilities and interests.

Other programmes to be implemented during the following four months, are -

1. Facing Lives problems - A panel of students to discuss current problems facing them today.
2. Introducing Young Australian Leaders - Approximately eight students from High Schools (Seniors, Prefects, Sports Captains suggested) who by their reactions to a variety of questions illustrate their potential when they complete their education.
3. Arrange to Tour A Factory in our area
4. Employer/Employee Relations - An appropriate speaker to outline problems that exist in this important area.
5. A Chorus of Housewives - Seven or eight Rotarian wives to be asked to attend a club meeting and relate conditions experienced in their daily shopping. This programme could provoke interesting questions from members.

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Community Service - In his half yearly report, Director Jacob George stated that this years activities began with the attendance of Past President Pat Triffett and himself at a meeting of the Retarded Children's Welfare Association at the Bellerive Community Health Centre on 27th July 1981. In August, we had a successful Manure Sale which again proved that it is a definite money raising proposition. On the 16th August, a team of Rotarians and wives made a very conscientious effort in collecting a few tons of firewood for the Llian Martin Home for the elderly. On 19th September, a working party helped to prepare and repair the approach way and the bridges at the Mortyn Place Park.

Our major community service project for the year - the weekend camp for the under privileged children from the Rokeby, Mornington, Warrane and Ridsdon Vale was conducted on 28th & 29th November - 81 at the Seven Mile Beach Camp.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director Dick Wyatt outlined three sections of his half yearly report - Firstly with -

World Community Service. - The club has supported I.P.A.C. project 81/26 by providing \$360. for the education of 6 Indonesian orphans for another year. Several items of correspondence have been received from our Salvation Army contact Rotn Ayryl Richarde of Queensland and Christmas Cards have been received from four of the students.

F.A.I.M. - Most club members and some of their wives contributed to this aspect of Rotary service. Several more became life members.

ROTARIAN GEORGE JACOB has personally delivered a letter expressing our desire to establish personal contacts with Rotarians of the Kottayam Rotary club in Kenala, India. This is not the club with which we were officiallly matched, but we felt that there could be more meaningful involvement with Jacob's personal contact.

WORLD UNDERSTANDING WEEK - will be celebrated on Thursday 25th February -82.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROJECTS

1. Louise Morris left Hobart on 11th January for a year in Japan as an exchange student. This will be of tremendous benefit to her and also to this community when she returns.
2. A female Japanese student will arrive here in March and will be hosted by this club. This project will require the assistance of all club members to ensure that the responsibility for this young lady is not shouldered by just a few members.
3. ROTARY FOUNDATION
 - (a). The year has been highlighted by the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellowship to Rotarian Eriq Meagher.
 - (b). The club has made payments which bring us to the 700% plateau.

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In finalising the balance of his yearly report, President Noel provided reports from each of the Directors a balanced and active programme of service within our club, Community and International. It is particularly pleasing that this programme has been achieved with the majority of the club membership, participating. Noel had come to the chair, after Pat Triffett was forced to resign from office due to illhealth. Pat had planned a full and active year and Noel believed that all of the objectives have been met. Noel spoke of the Membership of the Club in having grown steadily over the past few months and the quality of our new members had impressed him greatly. He would like to pay tribute to the Membership Development Committee for their efforts, especially when you take into consideration their task of replacing members of the calibre of those who resigned throughout the year. Noel spoke of the sterling work of our Secretary, Syd. McClymont with John Colless, our Treasurer and both the Service Directors and members of the Board, for their assistance, time and effort during the year. To all those members who have contributed in some way, I am extremely grateful. I extend my best wishes to President George and his directors for a very successful year ahead. I am certain that with their guidance and the support of our members the Club will prosper and make a significant contribution to this District. Noel Jacobs (~~President~~)