



"Service Above Self"

"He profits most who serves best"

— FIRST ANNUAL REPORT —

AND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1977

DISTRICT NO. 283

OFFICERS 1976-77

President: D.L. ARMITAGE Treasurer: C. OAKMAN

Vice-President: T. LEO Secretary: R. MENZIES

Sergeant at Arms: D. SULLIVAN

DIRECTORS

A. MORRISS
G. BALES
G. CASIMATY
H. NOGAJSKI

==THE ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH==

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1977

Fellow Rotarians, thank you for the privilege of being Charter President of the Rotary Club of Howrah in 1976-77.

In reviewing the formation of our Club and its subsequent activities as the year progressed, the feature that has impressed itself on me most of all is the wonderful spirit of fellowship that is so much a part of our Club.

When Howrah Rotary was chartered on June 5th, 1976 we had twenty-five Charter Members with good prospects of increasing our numbers to around thirty within the year.

However, Rotary International, who predict a 10% loss in every Rotary Club Membership each year, proved to be closer to the mark and we quickly lost three of our Charter Members for varying reasons. We are fortunate, however to have gained four new Members in Henry Green, Reg Sampson, Max Dunstone and Andrew Koo and I am sure that with men of this calibre joining our Club we can look forward to a bright future.

In a brief outline of the history of the year I would like to make the following comments:

CLUB SERVICE (Director Alan Morriss)

Attendance As all Members will know, attendance has been a hobby horse with me this year as I believe quite sincerely that one of the great strengths of the Rotary Movement is the attendance rule. I believe that any Member who cannot attend the majority of meetings or make-up is obviously not really interested in being a Rotarian and I make no apology for this statement. Our attendance figure for the year was 90.5% and was not bad, but can be improved on in the coming year. Of the original Members those who, with me, made the effort to have a 100% attendance were Roger Calvert, George Casimaty and Eric Meagher.

Club Bulletin 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 I might say must be an anti-climax. Sufficient to say, "Well done Eric".

Fellowship Functions were ably organised by Graeme Farrell although some were not too-well attended. Meeting fellowship was first class and there is no doubt that some budding friendships have been established during the year.

Programme Tony Stacey was instrumental in organising a varied and interesting array of speakers during the year aided by Derek Steele. Thanks for a good job in this most important facet of our activities.

Finance Our budget target of \$1000 for the service account was achieved after running a major raffle and attempting to sell lucky envelopes at two Regattas. Both projects proved rather onerous but valuable lessons were learned for the future.

Treasurer Chris Oakman has looked after our "interests" in capable fashion reflected in the statement of accounts which follows. Club service has had a very successful year under the leadership of Alan Morriss.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE (Directors (1) David Secomb
(2) Henry Nogajski)

Initially the vocational service committee consisted of three Members, Director David Secomb, John Gould and Henry Nogajski and the future looked bright. Unfortunately David and John resigned from the Club leaving Henry "high and dry" as Director of a "committee of one" consisting of himself. Roger Calvert joined the Committee late in the year and we have now undertaken to distribute "Pride of Workmanship" plaques to all Southern Clubs. I am sure vocational service will develop quickly in the new year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Director George Casimaty)

As a new Club and acting on advice of more experienced Rotarians was decided to "make haste slowly" with community service projects. Some projects undertaken were, assistance to the Bellerive Rotary Club with their fair, transport for senior citizens, a white elephant stall at the Sunshine Home, Heart Foundation door-knock, delivery of pamphlets to schools for Crime Prevention Poster Competition and a donation to the Clarence Garden Competition. We also made a donation to assist the Carlton River District Ambulance and cut and delivered a load of wood to the Lilian Martin Home. For a year where we decided to move slowly much was achieved under the guidance of George Casimaty.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (Director George Bales)

During the year we have sponsored four orphan children in

Indonesia, we have become a 100% Member of the Rotary Foundation and we have accepted the responsibility of sponsoring a Finnish Exchange Student in 1977-78.

A very good year for George Bales and committee.

R.V.L.A.

Chris Jacobs and Doug White were sponsored by this Club to attend the seminar at George Town which I am sure will be invaluable to them in their present and future lives.

This report 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, was a tower of strength in establishing the Club. He designed and produced our Bulletin and our Banner and achieved so many things which only I would know about.

His resignation from the Club is a sad loss to the Club and a personal one to me. No cloud is without a silver lining, however, and Phil Keane stepped into the Secretary's job in a very capable fashion and has now undertaken the job for a further year. Well done Phil!

D. L. Armitage

DAVID L. ARMITAGE

RECEIPTS

	<u>1976/77</u> Actual	<u>1977/78</u> Projected Estimates
Entrance Fees	522.00	108.00
Subs	832.00	832.00
R.D.U.	49.50	30.00
Fines & RD	369.86	300.00
Dinner Levies	410.60	250.00
Donations	580.05	-
Functions	15.80	50.00
Bank Interest	32.50	30.00
Miscellaneous	94.85	100.00
	<u>2907.16</u>	<u>1700.00</u>
Balance Forward		600.00
		<u>2300.00</u>

PAYMENTS

	<u>1976/77</u> Actual	<u>1977/78</u> Projected Estimates
<u>Rotary International</u>		
- Percepta Dues	339.23	350.00
	6.72	
- Rotary Foundation	238.10	430.00
- Rotary District	162.50	163.00
<u>Secretarial</u>		
- Badges - Directries	254.78	50.00
- Printing - Stationary	180.75	150.00
- Postage - Petty Cash	49.00	50.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
- R.D.U.	154.00	154.00
- Key Rings - Car Stickers, etc.	87.00	50.00
- Banners	460.00	-
- Donations	40.00	50.00
- Pinners, etc.	171.50	-
- P.O. Box Hire	50.00	50.00
- Sundries	113.78	100.00
	<u>2307.16</u>	<u>1597.00</u>
Surplus Carried Forward to 1977/78	600.00	703.00
	<u>2907.16</u>	<u>2300.00</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING 30/6/77

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIVED

Entrance Fees	\$ 522.00
1976/77 Dues	832.00
R.D.U.	49.50
Fines & BD	369.86
Dinner Levies	410.60
Donations	580.05
Functions	15.80
Bank Interest	32.50
Badges & Banners	79.85
Miscellaneous	15.00

2907.16

PAID

Rotary International	\$ 408.33
R.D.U.	154.00
Rotary Foundation	238.10
Stationary	180.75
Secretaries Expenses	49.00
Badges & Banners	739.40
District Dues	162.50
Donations	40.00
Dinners	171.30
Sundries	163.78

2307.16

Balance as at 30/6/77 600.00

2907.16

SERVICE ACCOUNT

RECEIVED

Raffle	\$ 976.00
Donations in Lieu of Raffle Ticket Selling	41.00
Lucky Envelopes	423.19
Bank Interest	12.47

1452.66

PAID

Rotary Projects (Spensership 4 Orphans)	\$ 208.00
R.Y.L.A. Associated Expenses (2 awards)	194.00
Donation Barry Neale	100.00
Disaster Relief Fund	9.10
Fund Raising Expenses	522.09
Banner	51.60
Miscellaneous	2.40

1087.19

Balance as at 30/6/77 365.47

1452.66

In addition \$352.67 raised and paid direct to Southern Womens Auxiliary of Sunshine Holiday Centre.

TREASURER:

AUDITOR:

C. LARSEN

D. STEELE