

**ROTARY CLUB HOWRAH**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**1987 - 88**

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ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1987/88

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all Club Members for the way they have supported the Club in so many ways during the past twelve months.

Particularly I would like to thank the following:-

- Lindsay Chivers for his untiring work as Secretary.
- Tony Stacey for his financial management.
- Derek Steele for acting as President in my absence and for overseeing Club Service.
- John Drinkwater for a very successful Community Service Program.
- Ian Dickinson and David Melross for their work as Directors and to Max Dunstone and Alan Morriss for volunteering to take over their responsibilities at short notice and with great effect.
- Syd McClymont for being bulletin editor and program director, both tasks being carried out with the high level of efficiency which we have come to expect from Syd.
- Derek Steele and Dennis Capuano for their assistance with the bulletin and program.
- Hank Bowman for the raffle, conducted with flair.
- George Toepfer and Keith Butterworth for adding some flavour to our meetings through their activities as sergeants.
- Graeme Farrell for his outstanding commitment to the Club generally and social activities in particular.
- George Casimaty, Alan Morriss, Peter Chew and Peter Pitney for allowing the Club to use their homes for social and fundraising events.
- Noel Jacobs for the provision of so much equipment to facilitate our working bees.
- All the other Club Members who stepped in and did tasks when they needed doing to ensure the smooth running of the Club.

For me the highlights of the past year have been as follows:-

1. Our involvement with students and other young people through RYLA, RYPEN, Ann Glass, Stephanie Browder, Indonesian Orphans, Rokeby High, the Science Summer School and Shoko Hatazoe.
2. Our fundraising through the Fair/Jacob George, Auction (George Casimaty), Regatta Wheel (Ralph Wehse and Ian Dickinson), Beer Tasting (Peter Pitney), and manure collection and sales, fines, raffles and the polio plus bowl from our meetings.
3. Our working together at the fair, auction, working bees, manure bagging, woodchops and the weekend camp at Orana.

4. The social activities, superbly organised by Graeme Farrell.
5. Syd McClymont being selected to lead the G.S.E. team to South Carolina.
6. Being able to nominate four Paul Harris Fellows, Noel Jacobs, John Drinkwater, Max Dunstone and George Casimaty.

The major issue of concern during this year has been the high membership turnover, with eight resignations and only four new Members. I know the four will say they make up in quality what they lack in quantity and this may well be true. Our attendance record is not good and this is exacerbated by Members unwillingness to make-up, particularly when on leave from the Club. I have also been concerned that we do not welcome visitors to our Club, and too often visiting Rotarians are alone at the bar and find their own way into the meeting room.

Despite these failings, it has been a good year for the Club, we met our Polio Plus commitment, helped the young and the aged, we had good fellowship and hopefully we learned something about our fellow Rotarians, and perhaps something about ourselves.

I thank the Club for allowing me the honour of being President for this year, I have enjoyed the challenge immensely.

Richard Wyatt,  
PRESIDENT.

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

Club Service Directors Annual Report

1987/88

Club service was provided by 16 different committees all of whom attended to their respective tasks with some degree of success.

While the Club has had a successful year two aspects of the year stand out as depriving the Club of even greater success and they are the loss of good members through resignations and the additional effort required in fund raising to meet the Clubs commitment to Polio Plus.

Seven resignations during the year put pressure on some committees who lost their chairman or key personnel. While some support is gained from new members their lack of experience often meant a heavy work load for remaining committee members.

Each Club function that goes to make up the weekly meeting, many of these thankless tasks, was attended to with the often necessity of asking members to fill a vacancy at short notice. Members responded well and all meetings during the year ran smoothly within Rotary guide lines with the correct recording and reporting of all activities.

Outside activities both social and fund raising were organised by their respective committees with enthusiasm and all were well attended.

It has been a pleasure to have held the office of Club Service Director in a Club with members so willing to undertake their tasks needing only the occasional follow-up or shifting of responsibilities to cover the inevitable unavailability of members from time to time.



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Club Service Director 1987/88

ANNUAL REPORT SOCIAL

During our Rotary Year 1987/88 the following social activities were conducted.

Three Ladies Nights at the Shoreline which included for the first time a Trivia Night. Each night we were able to conduct our own drink facilities with the co-operation of management of Shoreline, we also provided one extra course at meal times at the Club's expense.

Also conducted our traditional Beach & Tennis Days and thanks to Diane & Alan, Marian & George.

A Theatre Night (live) was held in August.

All of the abovementioned ladies/social items we averaged about 10 ladies, which is indeed disappointing. However, the feeling at our recent Club Assembly from the members present, social/ladies functions are a very important part of our Club's foundation and should be continued.

Our annual Christmas Dinner at the Mona Liza and Million Dollar meal at Jan & Peter Chew's place were fairly well attended, thanks to the Chews.

The Change Over Dinner held at the School of Hospitality on June 22nd was a great success being attended by 113 Members and friends.

Polio Plus committee together with the Socials held a beer-wine-cheese tasting at Ethel and Peter Pitney's House and provided valuable finance to our Club project, thanks to the Pitneys.

My thanks to John Anderson and George Gilbert of the Social Committee.

Regards

Graeme Farrell

Items not included that could be considered next Rotary Year - Inter Club Visit and Fishing Day.

HOWRAH ROTARY CLUB.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 1987-88.

The Community Service Committee decided that although Polio-Plus took precedence this rotary year, our on going commitments should be maintained. In the later part of the year a new venture involving our senior citizens was introduced. Our undertakings for the past year are as follows:-

PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS.

All schools south of Howrah including Warrane High and Rosny Matric all recieved a donation towards their book prize giving, with Rotarians presenting these prizes.

MILLION DOLLAR MEAL.

This was held at the home of Peter Chew in December. Prior to the meal an indepth view of oyster farming was most informative. The highlight of course was the meal tastes of the produce. Proceeds of this popular event along with a dollar for dollar donation from club funds going to the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Appeal.

WEEK-END BOYS CAMP AT "ORANA".

Twenty young lads "got away from it all" and enjoyed the ideal situation of this excellent venue. With favourable weather and good support from Rotarians this once again was a great success. The most appreciated event of the week-end being the arrival of Alan Morris and Peter Chew in their boats to give the boys (young and old) trips around the bay. At this point a vote of thanks must go to Mrs. Anne Cotterill, who, for the past few years has volunteered her services as cook/matron.

NATIONAL PARK EXCURSION.

A small party of our elderly folk from the Eastern Shore enjoyed a bus trip to MtField National Park for an aussie barbeque and a walk to view Russel Falls followed by a stop over for afternoon tea at Salmon Ponds on the return journey. Home.

This venture I felt was heartwarming in as much that it recieved such a good response from Rotarians and inner wheel members who all helped to make it more like a family outing.

LILLIAN MARTIN HOME.

To supply wood for the open fire at this home for the aged two wood chops were organized, one to replenish the wood pile for the tail end of last winter and again in May to keep the fires burning until the summer months. Both were well supported and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

CHRISTIAN CAR CENTRE ROKEBY.

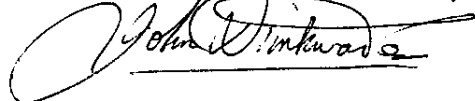
In previous years assistance has been given to them in various forms and again this year their needs are met with a donation in the form of an open shopping order for footwear.

PATHWAY THROUGH HOWRAH.

Further construction of the pathway following the creek down the foreshore had to be shelved until June due to the ground being unworkable.

In conclusion of this report I would like to pass on my gratitude to all members in bearing with me and for all your support throughout the past year and I look forward to serving on next years committee.

JOHN DRINKWATER,



DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES 1987/1988.



REPORT TO CLUB PRESIDENT RICHARD WYATT  
FROM VOCATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR ALAN MORRISS

During this year most activities have centered around the youth of the area.

During November, 1987, Club Members conducted job interviews with Grade 10 Rokeby High School leavers. We also counselled students of Grade 9-10 on employer expectations before they went out on work experience. About 30% of Club Members were involved in both projects as well as outside industry representatives. Two Rokeby High School Students were sponsored for the RYPEN Seminar designed to build confidence and character. The following week the two students were guest speakers at the Club meeting and were obviously grateful for the experience.

A young adult with leadership potential was sponsored for the Annual RYLA camp. The Club is currently hosting a delightful Japanese Exchange Student, Shoko Hatazoe. As an on-going programme Members have given job talks giving other Members an insight into various vocations. A Club meeting transferred to Peter Chew's Oyster Farm provided Members with knowledge of the aquaculture industry and fellowship at the barbeque that followed.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

The International Service Committee has been involved in three major sponsorships during the past Rotary year.

We were able to sponsor Ann Glass, a teacher of the handicapped, to study for a year in the United States as Rotary Foundation awardee.

The sponsorship of nine Indonesian orphans through F.A.I.M., enabling them to gain an education which would otherwise been unattainable for them. The money we provide, nearly one thousand dollars, is administered to good purpose in Indonesia.

Through the generosity of Barry and Suzanne Smith, the club has been able to host Shoko Hatazoe, an exchange student from Japan. While her involvement with the club has been restricted to social events during the first half of her stay, we look forward to greater contact as her knowledge of our language increases.

Each of the above projects helps to remind members of the international nature of our organisation and the part Rotary plays in world peace and understanding.

Max Dunstone  
Director

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ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH INC.

CLUB SERVICE ACCOUNT PROVISIONAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
TO 28th JUNE 1988

Funds on hand 1st July 1987			5736.81
Add nett receipts			
Manure sales	614.73		
Less expenses	<u>15.80</u>	598.93	
Country Fair	5070.12		
Less expenses	<u>2522.88</u>	2547.24	
Chocolate Wheel	6623.14		
Less expenses	<u>4487.08</u>	2136.06	
Beer Tasting	2682.10		
Less expenses	<u>1326.05</u>	1356.05	
Donations		300.00	
Reimbursement Hobbies & Entertainment Exhibition		400.00	
Investment account interest		567.68	
Bank Interest		<u>19.11</u>	<u>7925.07</u>
			13661.88
Less Payments			
Donations			
Rokeby Venturers	450.00		
Lady Nelson Appeal	500.00		
Guide Dogs	100.00		
Christian Care Centre	35.00		
Stephanie Browder	<u>250.00</u>	1335.00	
Book Prizes		322.05	
Orana Camp		435.52	
Group study exchange expenses		435.05	
Exchange student		492.00	
RYPEN, RYLA		270.00	
Elderly citizens outing		206.56	
Polio Plus		5506.00	
Establishment costs, Probus Club		507.80	
IPAC Indonesian Orphans		900.00	
Bank Charges		<u>29.32</u>	<u>10439.30</u>
			3222.58

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ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH INC.

CLUB FUNDS PROVISIONAL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS TO 28 JUNE 1988

Funds on hand 1st July 1987		2368.51
Add Receipts		
Members subscriptions	2860.00	
Weekly dinner surplus	991.40	
Weekly fines	657.32	
Weekly raffle	1027.98	
Polio Plus Bowl	361.19	
Bank Interest	46.28	
Social Functions	3702.50	
Wine sales	1218.00	
Million Dollar Meal	103.00	
Refund Group Study Exchange expenses	35.37	
Sundry receipts	67.62	
Investment interest	381.49	
		<u>11452.15</u>
		13820.66
Less Payments		
R.I. District Dues	1227.65	
R.D.U. Subscriptions	646.00	
Rotary Club supplies	266.28	
Social Functions	4480.13	
Donation Polio Plus	50.00	
Term Deposit	3000.00	
Interstate tour exchange student	1229.00	
Wine Sales	1230.00	
Group study exchange expenses	35.37	
Incorporation costs	415.80	
Rental post box	39.00	
Secretarial & cash expenses	289.39	
Bank charges	16.53	
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