

Acceptance Speech – Induction of President Sandra Matz

Thank you Robert

- ♦ for your words of encouragement and
- ♦ for your confidence in me and
- ♦ for your promise of support given to me and my team, and

Thank you to my fellow ROTARIANS

- ♦ for having confidence in handing over your club to my care for a year.

For the last 9 years I have valued the friendships and experiences I have made through Hyde Park Rotary **within Australia** and Rotary International **overseas** and the **opportunities** that Rotary has given me to **spend my time with a purpose** and to **get so much back**.

The official guests have been welcomed by Robert, AND also from me personally,
Welcome and enjoy!! but

I want to also personally identify and thank some others for coming this evening
who are VERY IMPORTANT TO ME

Firstly, (and can you stand and be seen please)

- ♦ **My children,**
(who are all beautiful successful people, and all love me unconditionally)...
 - **Renee Shearer**
 - **Rebecca Mitchell**
 - **Jed Matz** **AND**
- ♦ Their **IMPORTANT** loved partners
 - **Adam Shearer**
 - **Paul Mitchell**
 - **Lyndall Philbey** (who was a **Rotary Exchange Student** who went to **New Zealand** about 20 yrs ago)
- ♦ I especially wish to thank **Jed and Lyndall for flying over from Canberra this evening**
Jed and Lyndall had to dash from the airport as there is only one evening Canberra flight but I wonder if there were any politicians returning to Adelaide for the weekend and what the conversation topic was on the plane.
THANK YOU ALL of you, FOR ALWAYS BEING a **SUPPORT** to me (and also for happening to have also supplied me with 5 beautiful grandchildren that I love)
- ♦ It doesn't stop there as I wish to acknowledge the attendance of my **brother** Ken Coates and **and sister in law** Pauline (Ken, doesn't say much but I am sure is 'proud' of what I do with my life.?)
- ♦ In addition **Friend Elaine** (who I have known for nearly 60 years) and **Terry Mitchell** who come to most of the fundraisers I ask them to (they've been to two Rock and Roll quiz nights)
- ♦ Last but not least **Barbara and Robin Anderson** who have been dear friends of mine (and my late husband Peter) and the family for about 35 years and some here will remember that they **went to St Judes in Tanzania** with our Rotary Club about 6 years ago, and are **Friends of Rotary**, and **sponsor a teacher and student at St Judes**, as does **one or both** of their children I think.

And you may not be aware, but I have also known **Ann and Iain McIntyre** for about 35 years as Iain and my late husband Peter both attended Apex together whilst we were living in Port Augusta for 5 years.

It may seem strange to acknowledge my family and close friends individually, but in Rotary we all acknowledge that

- ♦ **FAMILY COMES FIRST,**
- ♦ then work,
- ♦ then ROTARY but for many of us **Rotary is part of us** and thus our family and friends get to **share our great experiences as well.**

I wish to thank Past President Robert Handley **for his encouragement for me to take this role on**, a decision I didn't make lightly.

As a role model, he has performed the role of President in his quiet unassuming manner and left the club and the budget in a healthy state, but I know **he is there** to support me **as are all the Past Presidents of**

the club. And that is why this club is so successful. I look forward to utilizing the offers of support from Past Presidents.

Someone will always assist when needed and, for example, I *need to thank Ian Stewart* in particular for his support in organizing tonight's event. He and I are both quite pedantic about how things should go, but **as a team we get it done.**

And also tonight, Gordon Wilkinson and Theo Kruys and Alan Bartram and Andrew Sullivan and Geoff Pitcher have all played their part in ensuring it has all been perfect for you and for Robert and for me.

Have you enjoyed yourself so far? Well there is more fun to come!!

Every Year in Rotary we have a theme and Wendy launched the RI theme at a District Leadership Training day I attended. Robert and Roy's theme was **PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**. And the theme for this year is **ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES**.

As you know each President can have their own club theme and I want to launch mine tonight.

District Governor Roy added the 5th test to The Four Way Test for Rotarians

Things we Think, Say or Do

- ♦ Is it the truth ?
- ♦ Is it fair to all concerned ?
- ♦ Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- ♦ Will it be beneficial to all concerned? And Roy's 5th Test....
- ♦ **Will it be FUN?**

Well I am going to say that I am wanting to have a year where we use the "F" word a lot.

I want to have an "F" year and I challenge you all to help our club do this and I can guarantee that we will achieve our goals for the year. (I told my **two young granddaughters** this and their eyes looked at me in disbelief!! Astonished)

So what does this "F" year consist of?

- ♦ "F" for Fun
- ♦ "F" for Family
- ♦ "F" for Friendship
- ♦ "F" for Food
- ♦ "F" for Fundraising
- ♦ "F" for Fitness
- ♦ "F" for Foundation

and you will think of more "F's

- ♦ **FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FAMILY & FRIENDS**
are ALL important 'F' words for us.
- ♦ How many 'F's' can we enjoy in one year?
- ♦ The choice is ours

I have had the *opportunity to travel with Rotary and my friends to Africa* and South America, and hosted people from many countries, the last our Group Study Exchange from Taiwan. And I have had my **Rotary Moments** (as Roy would say) such as last Tuesday when on behalf of the club I handed over **funds** (a cheque) to the Rosefield Men's Shed.

This is a workshop for Men where they can bond and discuss men's issues whilst doing carpentry (versus the coffee shop/craft days where we women talk about our health and problems).

And so I am looking **forward** to some of the good jobs as a President in Rotary where I will hand over a cheque, but also the other good times where we

- ♦ stand around together and cook **FOOD**, like sausages for the Unley Primary School or the Council or
- ♦ **FUND RAISE** by selling raffle tickets,
- ♦ or on a bigger scale help **hand over a bus** to a remote village in Peru...
- ♦ or **meet to plan a centre for street children in Bandung** by perhaps raising money at a **dinner** or a lunch, **winetasting** or a **rocknroll quiz night**.

So I just used the 'f' word at least 8 times or more.... And I challenge our members to use it a lot during my year.

My theme for the evening is 'A Touch of Asia, but the subtle messages of my goals really, are

- ♦ to appreciate our own country and
- ♦ to embrace our own culture and other diverse cultures and
- ♦ to work towards a Rotary Club that is inclusive and representative of society
- ♦ to be successful in implementing our support to society in general.

Now is the most exciting part of the evening where the **Leaders of the club for 2013-2014** are to be introduced to you:

Hyde Park Rotary Club has a proud history of service to the community and internationally, and the way this happens is not that I do it all.

We have a team that lead our committees and the committees decide **How When and Why** we go about our Service in Rotary.

I will introduce the **Leaders of those teams within our club for the year 2013 -2014.**

And as I name you, please come to the front and can we can acknowledge them:

Firstly,

- ♦ Right hand person who has already been invaluable in the last couple of months, Secretary **Gordon Wilkinson**
- ♦ Past President **Robert Handley**
- ♦ Treasurer **THEO KRUYS**
- ♦ Director of a new Committee - Public Relations, Membership Development & Publicity **JIM HANDLEY**
- ♦ Director Fund Raising, Foundation, Fellowship **ROBERT COX**
- ♦ Director Community Service **MIKE McAULIFFE**
- ♦ Director International Service and Grants **ROB CESANA**
- ♦ Director New Generations and Vocational Service **Neville Highett (absent)**
- ♦ Director of Club Service and I am delighted to announce you President Elect Andrew Sullivan

On behalf of the members of the club, I would like to thank you for accepting these roles and wish you luck in the coming year. And in addition I wish to introduce you to one of a team of two that will set the tone of our meetings and help to ensure that everything runs smoothly. **Iain McIntyre** (Susan Kay is an apology as she has end of year work commitments).

To close this section, I would like to pass on a message from the incoming District Governor **Wendy Gaborit**, to us all:

- ♦ Wendy said she looks forward to working with us as we engage ourselves and others in Rotary,
- ♦ we get to experience more,
- ♦ change more,
- ♦ and help make our world a better place through our service.

“Best regards to all... seize and enjoy each moment whatever it brings.”

So with Wendy, I wish my committee and the club, good karma for the coming year. And on behalf of us all we look forward to working for the Rotary Club of Hyde Park within the local community and internationally and thank you for assisting us in our causes.

AFTER the Raffle DRAW

In my closing remarks I have a few people to thank:

- ♦ Ian Stewart for assisting me in tonight's organization
- ♦ Gordon Wilkinson for supporting me and meeting already with me weekly
- ♦ Past President Robert for promising to help me in the future
- ♦ The Pagoda for assisting us to thoroughly enjoy ourselves and for their yummy food and for their support to us during the year
- ♦ The Honorable David Pisoni, His Mayor Clyne, DG Roy Armstrong, PDG Peter Ochota, President Greg McLeod, Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, Special guests and partners, and MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Thank you for your company, drive safely and see if you can think of some more “F” words....Fan, Footy, ...