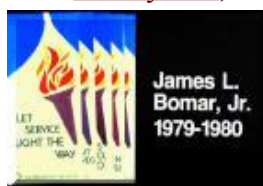


Year: 1979-80

RI President: [James L. Bomar, Jr.](#) from [Shelbyville](#), Tennessee, USA.



Theme: Let Service Light the Way

Convention held at [Chicago](#), Illinois, USA on June 1-5, with 18,309 delegates.

District Governor: Bennett (Ben) Bennett, Caloundra

District Conference location: Gladstone

Club President: Don Hawkins, Tony Marsh

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Molly McKenzie, USA Host parents

Outbound: Merryn Male, to USA

PHFs awarded:

Police Officer of the Year:

This year was the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Rotary. *Rotary In Queensland. An Historical Survey*, compiled by Arnold Bennett was produced to mark the anniversary. All clubs were asked to contribute a brief summary of their activities for inclusion in the book.

Our Rotary year commenced with Past President Don Hawkins serving a second term as President. Very regrettably, President Don became very ill towards the end of this Rotary year, and the club was led for the remainder of the Rotary year by President Elect Tony Marsh.

The Achievement Track at John Bray Park was completed and was officially opened by the Minister of Sport and Recreation Mr Sam Doumany. A feature of the opening was a gum boot throwing competition, an attraction which led to its being reported on television news that evening. However there was no worry that the then world record of 173 feet would be at risk.

A very special project undertaken and carried forward particularly by President Don Hawkins, was the David Brooker Appeal.

David Brooker was a well-known teacher at Pine Rivers State High School and had been diagnosed as suffering from Motor Neurone Disease, an illness which gradually affects the whole body causing total incapacitation. The Club undertook to do whatever possible to assist David and his family.

David required emergency treatment available only in California, U.S.A. An appeal was immediately opened and President Don contacted Rotary Clubs in U.S.A. for assistance. The Rotary Club of Van Nuys accepted the challenge.

Our Club contacted airlines for fares to Sydney and San Francisco and Los Angeles and return. The Federal Government provided fares on QANTAS and TAA provided domestic fares. David and his wife, Beverley, were hosted in California by the President of the Rotary Club of Van Nuys, who not only saw to their accommodation but provided transport for them for all their medical appointments and other needs. This was for a period of several weeks.

The appeal continued and money raised was used to purchase much needed equipment to enable continuing treatment at home and to generally improve their quality of life. While David was overseas receiving treatment, the Club showed an interest in their three children who were being cared for by their grandparents. On their return, the club assisted them for some time. David returned much improved in health and we looked for continued improvement but unfortunately, David's health later went into decline.

For this project, the club nominated for, and received, a Significant Achievement Award from our District Governor.

During a visit to the club in October 1979, Past District Governor Ben Bennett suggested our club research the forming of a second club in the area. A lunch-time club to be known as the Rotary Club of Strathpine was proposed and Peter Baker and Jock Mitchell set out to contact possible members and to determine its feasibility. The Provisional Rotary Club of Strathpine was commenced with Rotarian Peter Baker as President.

The Pluto Pup van attended fetes at Our Lady of the Way School, Marsden Home for Boys, Dakabin State High School, Pine Rivers Soccer Club, Strathpine Infants School, Bray Park State School, Bald Hills State School and Lawnton State School. It also appeared at the Official Opening of the Houghton Highway, an utter disaster for all our efforts.

Many of the usual annual functions were organised. The Careers Night at Pine Rivers State High School continued, Interact and RYLA and Study Girl were promoted.

Members again worked the gates at the Pine Rivers A. H. & I. Show, but this time with a difference, as the club was paid a small percentage of the collection for the service the club provided.

A new venture was commenced when we introduced Safe Cycling Courses at Pine Rivers State High School. These were conducted on Saturday mornings, and arranged through the Adult Education section of the school. Children undertook a course based on a series of lessons and strategies created by the Queensland Government's Road Safety Council. Students were given lessons related to road rules, traffic signs and so on while their cycles were checked for size and safety. They performed a series of cycling activities designed to teach safe handling and obedience to road rules. At the conclusion of the course, students were provided with a certificate to show they had attended the course.

Donations were made to the Hurricane David Relief Fund, Pine Rivers Marching Girls, Carawatha Special School and others.

In Youth Exchange, our out-bound student Merryn Male travelled to Bordertown, New Jersey and we welcomed Molly McKenzie, from Wisconsin, U.S.A.

THE COMMITTEE

Oh! Give me your pity, I am on a committee
Which means that from morning to night,
We attend and amend and contend and descend,
Without a conclusion in sight.

We confer and concur, we defer and demur,
And reiterate our thoughts.
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda,
And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose, we support and oppose,
And the points of procedure are fun
But those various notions are brought up as motions,
And terribly little gets done.

We resolve and absolve but we never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us.
What a shattering pity to end our committee,
Where else could we make such a fuss.

DAVID NEEDS HELP IN HIS FIGHT FOR LIFE

Pine Rivers Rotary Club has launched an appeal to aid a former Pine Rivers High School teacher in his fight for life.

He is Owen David Brooker, of Lawnton. Three years ago, David, as he prefers to be called, began losing the strength of his arms for no apparent reason.

Doctors found he had Motor Neurone disease, which is caused by a breakdown of the brain's motor section — resulting in complete strength loss in arm and leg and throat muscles.

David who in his youth

was a fine athlete was told the disease was terminal.

But David Brooker has fought on with a might to ward off the killer disease.

Although David who is married with three young children has lost: arm use and his legs are weakening he is still striving out surviving.

Now, it appears his will to live has paid off — that's if he can get to the United States for at least six weeks.

There, at Sun Valley just outside Los Angeles Dr William Kroe has successfully treated Motor Neurone Disease. Rotary Club president, Mr Denis Hawkins said

"If David can get there he said there is a good chance his health will be restored.

Mr Hawkins said Dr Kroe would like to treat David for six months but

six weeks is all the Rotary club could afford.

A special David Brooker appeal form will be distributed throughout the Pine Rivers area he said. To start the appeal the

Pine Rivers Rotary Club has donated an initial \$250.

If we can raise enough David will be able to have the further treatment. Mr Hawkins said.

Appeal to help Pine teacher

Rotary Club of Van Nuys

Rotary — 75 Years of Service

"Let Service Slight the Way"



December 6, 1979

Mr. Donald Hawkins
2 Fairway Street
Bald Hills
Brisbane, Queensland 4036
Australia

Dear Donald:

Christmas Greetings to the Pine River Rotary Club from the Van Nuys Rotary Club.

At this time of the year we have much to be thankful for and certainly one of our blessings this year has been the opportunity to get to know more about your Club and to have David and Beverly Booker with us this past year. The Bookers were overwhelmed when you called them when they were here and told them of the support that you had raised for David. Best wishes for the holidays to you and your Club.

May 1980 be a very wonderful, happy and prosperous year for you, the Bookers and the Pine River Rotary Club.

Rotarily,

John S. Fuller
President

JSF/lf



© Killer disease victim, Mr David Brooker, and his wife, Beverly, at home after returning from the United States where Mr Brooker received treatment. See Page 3.



President Don Hawkins receives a Significant Service Award.



President Tony Marsh cuts the 21st Anniversary cake.



Sergeant-at-Arms Peter Curtin. Don't argue with the information in the fines because "It's in the Book".

The following is an extract from *Rotary in Queensland An Historical Survey* Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Rotary (23rd February 1980).

Edited by Sir Arnold Bennett QC, Past President of the Rotary Club of Brisbane, and Past District Governor of Rotary District 260 in 1972-3.

Rotary Club of Pine Rivers was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nundah. It was chartered on 22nd May, 1959 with a membership of 25.

Charter President: Bob Nixon-Smith
Charter Secretary: Eric Brander
1978/9 President: Greville Easte
 Secretary: G.G. McNamara
1979/80 (*75th year of Rotary*)
 President: Donald M. Hawkins
 Secretary: Barry N. Alexander
Membership at 30/6/79: 28

The Club holds career nights for the Local High School. In 1977/8 President Malcolm Douglas was chairman of local Community Youth Support Scheme. Assistance was given to the Pine Rivers Kindergarten and Strathpine Kindergarten, Marsden Home, Pine Rivers Soccer Club and Rugby League Club. Resuscitation units were given to the Q.A.T.B. Pine Rivers.

Meals on Wheels commenced in 1976 and continued through 1977/8 when it became firmly established. In December, 1977 funds were \$1,800 in credit after 17 months in operation.

The Club purchased and equipped a caravan called "Pluto Pup Van" for use at carnivals and shows and also for hiring out. Excellent funds have been raised as a result. Dressing trolleys for the Dayboro and Petrie Ambulances were donated. In 1979, the Club formed the Pine Rivers Sailing Club on Lake Samsonvale.

The Club donated \$400 for a dental hut in Papua New Guinea and also a two-way radio was sent to a Mission Station in P.N.G. In 1973, a Rotaract Club was formed. The Club supports FAIM and RYLA.