

Introduction (40 years)



At the end of this year, I will celebrate my 20th Anniversary as a member of the Rotary Club of Pine Rivers so I have been privileged to serve for almost half of the life of the Club. In that time I have seen many changes, both in Rotary and in the society in which we live and serve.

As I read through the history of our club so ably brought to life by Dick Dancer, it seems to me that over the years a pattern emerges. A pattern not just of service to the community, but of an ability to rise and meet each new challenge, no matter how daunting or difficult.

Although our club has never been great in numbers, I believe we have been and continue to be, great in our contribution, not just in our skills and talents, but in that most precious of all things - our time. In saying that, I also include our partners. Too often their efforts are largely unnoticed or not acknowledged, but how many times have they been there to help us "man the van" or work at the swap meet, and yet their time is just as valuable as ours, if not more so.

It is a truism that being in a Rotary club in this day and age is challenging and demanding in ways that many of us never expected when we first joined. Our society is changing at a faster rate than ever before. Yet, through all this change and mind-boggling complexity, we still maintain our Rotary ideals of Truth, Fairness and Service above Self.

At the end of the day I believe the history of this club shows that we, as Rotarians, have contributed to the greater good, and who can ask for more than that?

**President Brian Haynes
1998 - 99**

about this history

*I like to think of Rotary as a club where fellows meet
To enjoy each other's fellowship on one day every week,
To extend a hand of friendship, to share the other's load,
To offer them a helping hand along the troubled road,
Where a man's worth can be valued not by gold he may have won
But the kind of life he's living and the good he may have done,
For Rotary is a brotherhood of true and trusted men
Who live a life of service and I'm glad I'm one of them.*

Anon

In 1999, the Rotary Club of Pine Rivers Inc. is forty years old - forty years of meetings and friendship, forty years of sharing and trusting and helping and forty years of living a life of service and fellowship. This is an attempt to tell that story.

Our Club Historian is President Ian Craig who has preserved much of the club's material, copies of Bulletins, annual reports, minute books, photographs, and other memorabilia. The enormous contribution of Rotaryanne Rose Craig must be acknowledged. What is written is largely her work. With tremendous drive and energy, Rose has done all the original research. What countless hours she must have spent poring over all the old Club Bulletins and other scarce sources to glean the information required. We owe her our greatest and deepest thanks.

Past President Ron Heitmann reproduced some of our Club's photographs, and assembled the finished product. Our gratitude goes to him for his contribution. My thanks go also to my Rotaryanne Esma for her help with the manuscript.

It has not been my intention to stress any one year or any one project more than another. It has not been my intention to fail to mention the work of past and present Board members, secretaries, treasurers, directors, sergeants-at-arms and so on. All were equally important. What was written depended on the information available.

I am conscious that some important events and much detail have been omitted. This has sometimes occurred accidentally, sometimes because the information was not available, or perhaps, as in the case of some activities which re-occur annually, in a search for brevity.

I am deeply conscious that the work of our Rotaryannes has not been recorded in the detail I would have liked. As Rotarians, we know that without the support and help of our Rotaryannes, our Club just would not function. We know we owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude. They carry a dual role. So often they support and work beside us in our enterprises, yet still undertake a separate programme of Community Service activities.

I hope you find this short history of the Rotary Club of Pine Rivers interesting and informative, yet easy to read.

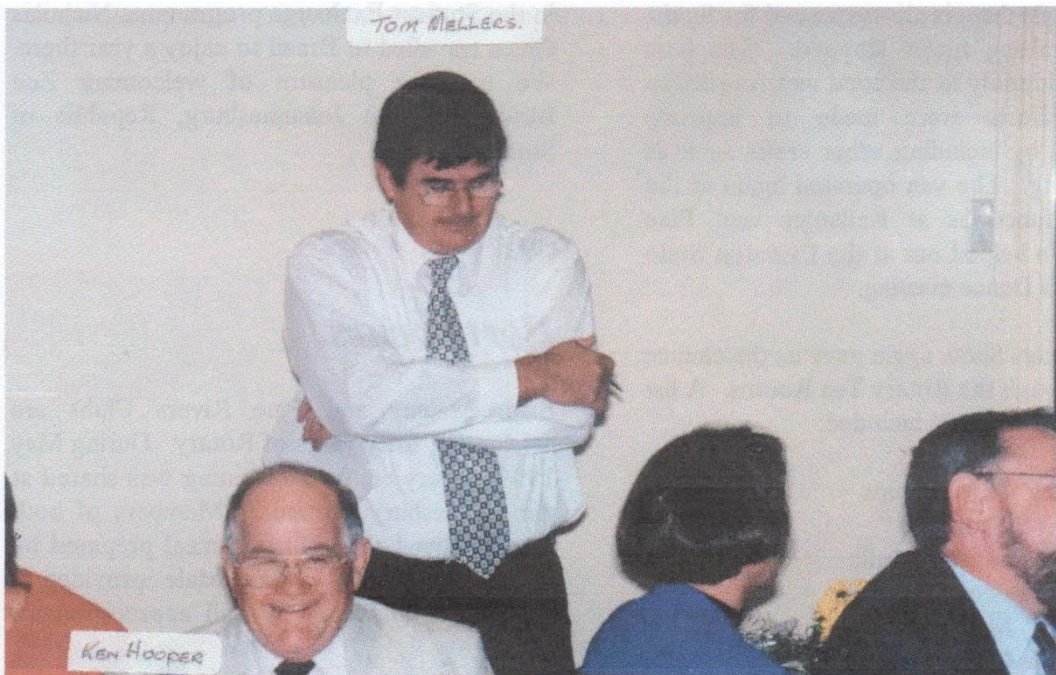
Dick Dancer

Forty years

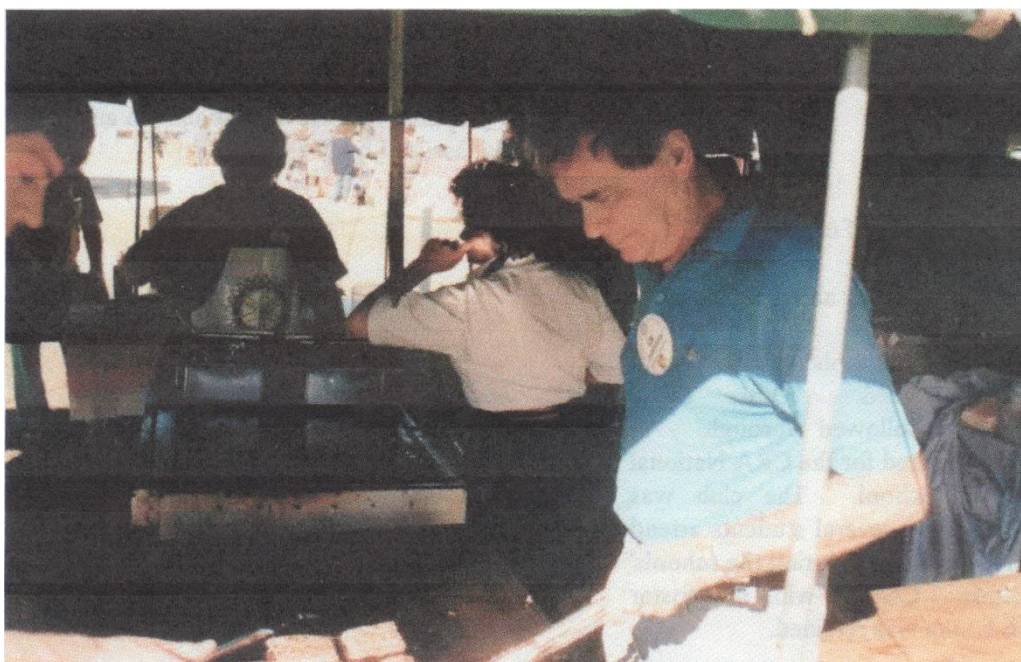
Both Maleny and Pine Rivers Clubs are celebrating forty years of Rotary. During May 1999, a very enjoyable evening was shared at the Shaftesbury Campus. Members of both clubs enjoyed the delicious meal prepared by Shaftesbury. Rev. Alan Male provided a memorable address. We all appreciated his message.

A special evening was planned for 10 July 1999 to mark the fortieth anniversary of the chartering of the Club. An endeavour was made to find past members who were invited to attend the anniversary celebrations.

A history of the club's activities for the period was prepared by Club Historians Ian and Rose Craig, assisted by Dick Dancer.



Rotarian Tom Mellers, a prominent Sargeant at Arms in recent years, has never been known to let the truth get in the way of a good story.



Len Chamberlain, Ronnie Crawford, and Bev Bell preparing hamburgers at the Swap Meet.