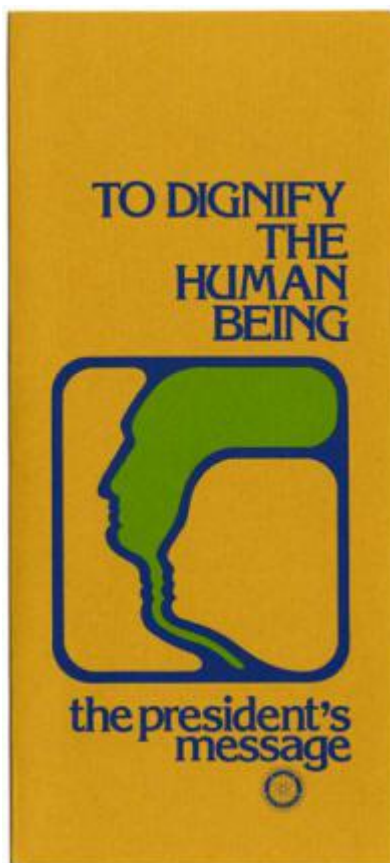


Year: 1975-76

RI President: [Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello](#) from [Rio de Janeiro](#), Brazil.



Theme: To Dignify the Human Being

Convention held at [New Orleans](#), Louisiana, USA on June 13-17, with 13,935 delegates.

District Governor: Raymond (Ray) Sadler, Fortitude Valley

District Conference location: Miami, Gold Coast

Club President: Bob Bell

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Matt Hanus, USA Host parents

Outbound: Beth Fischer, to Newfoundland

PHFs awarded:

Police Officer of the Year:

Some new initiatives were begun this year.

Past President Eric Pinches volunteered to be part of a FAIM (Fourth Avenue In Motion) team which went to Kar Kar Island, Papua New Guinea, to work at the Gorbon Hospital. Here Eric assisted in construction of new buildings.

In August 1975, President Bob Bell brought to the attention of members the need for a Meals on Wheels Service for the Pine Shire. After some discussion, members accepted it as a club project. Considerable initial planning and organisational work by President Bob, his Rotaryanne Marjorie and other members preceded the first Public Meeting to form the service. It was held at the Lions Hall, Lawnton Showgrounds on 28th April, 1976. By the end of President Bob's Rotary year, project planning was well under way. Our Rotaryannes donated \$1,000 to this project.

Since its inception and over many years now, our club has always retained strong links with the Meals on Wheels Service, and these still continue to present date.

The Pluto Pup Van had a very busy year. It operated at many fetes including Strathpine

Kindergarten, Pine Rivers State High School, Bray Park State School, Lawnton State School, Petrie State Opportunity School, Petrie State School, and Our Lady of the Way School,. It also served at the Pine Rivers Rowing Club Regatta, Dayboro Ambulance Rodeo, Raft Race on Pine River, and the Cubs and Scouts Flea Market at Lawnton.

Its versatility was emphasised when the van was used to supply food and hot drinks to people engaged in searching for a lost boy at Bald Hills.

Our Rotaryannes also used the van to sell tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches at the Pine Rivers A H. & I. Show. For the first time and on a voluntary basis, Club members manned the gates for the annual show, collecting admission fees and generally supervising entry into the grounds during the show.

Gary Bryce was the club's nomination for the Group Study Exchange team to Norway. Our nominee in the Study Girl Quest was Robin Tomly. In the Student Exchange programme, Beth Fischer returned home from a year in Newfoundland. The club hosted Matt Hanus from Wilmette, Illinois, U. S.A Matt is now married to Ruth. They and their children now live in Indiana, U.S.A.

Annual functions were continued. Proceeds from the Combined Services Ball were donated to the Y.M.C.A. A freezer was this year's prize for the club's Art Union. Donations to several organisations included a Resuscitator for the Pine Rivers Fire Brigade, oxygen equipment for the Dayboro Ambulance, materials to complete both the toilet block and the dressing sheds at the swimming pool of Y.M.C.A's Camp Warrawee. Of course, work continued at Rotary Park.