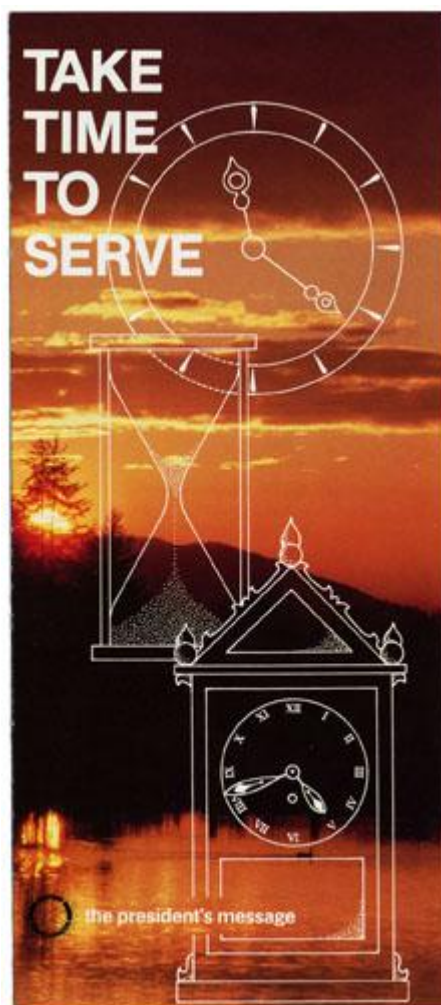


**Year:** 1980-81

**RI President:** [Rolf Klärich](#) from [Helsinki](#), Finland.



**Theme:** Take Time to Serve

**Convention** held at [São Paulo](#), Brazil on May 31 - June 4, with 15,222 delegates.

**District Governor:** William L (Bill) Upton, Aspley

**District Conference location:** Surfers Paradise

**Club President:** Tony Marsh

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Molly McKenzie, USA                      Host parents

Outbound:

PHFs awarded: Homan O'Hara

As mentioned, President Tony Marsh came to the leadership of our club early and one of his first duties was to arrange a function to mark the Twenty-first Anniversary of our Club.

It was a wonderful evening with many guests filling the room in the new Greyhound building at Lawnton Show Grounds. Guest Speaker for the evening was Mrs Florence Bjelke Petersen. Also present were Past District Governor Alan Maskell and Rotarian Ivan Franklin, Past President of our Mother Club, Nundah who cut the 21st Birthday Cake. Fortunately Past President Don Hawkins who had been on leave of absence because of illness, was well enough to attend. During the evening he officially handed over the presidency to Tony Marsh. For those of us who were there, what an emotional moment that was. His address to the club is reproduced on this page.

What a sad year for the Club. There seemed to be so much sickness, and every member's family

seemed to have a worrying time. The Club lost Don Hawkins, Jim Hassall, Peter Curtin and Eric Pinches. It was devastating to the members.

A special donation was sent to the Heart Foundation in memory of Eric Pinches who had a record of 100% attendance for 21 years.

As a major project, it was decided to raise funds and commence to erect a building in the woodchop arena at the Lawnton Showgrounds to be named the Hawkins Hassall Hall in memory of our two outstanding Rotarians.

The club presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Charter member and Past President Homan O'Hara. An approach was made to the club to assist in the establishment of a home for handicapped people, to be called Handihome. It was pointed out that parents of handicapped people must always be on call to help handicapped children, and receive no rest from these stresses and strains. There was also the disturbing problem of parents who themselves were becoming too old to care for their adult handicapped children. The idea of Handihome was that it would be a centre for the handicapped, handy to home, where parents might be able to leave their children for short periods. Our Club willingly helped and were represented on the organising committees which finally led to the establishment of the first Handihome at Kallangur. Some years later, a second Handihome was built in Strathpine.

At a special dinner meeting, the club was visited by Dr Ed Tscharke. He had come personally to thank the club for the work done at his Gorbon Hospital on Kar Kar Island, PNG, by members of this club in their F AIM teams, as well as for the donation of a Gas/Battery/Electric portable refrigerator to be used to carry vaccines to the hospital.

Investigations and work done on the chartering of a new Club had progressed to the formation of a provisional club, chartered on 16th July, 1980. The Charter Night for the Rotary Club of Strathpine was held in the Lions Hall, Lawnton on Saturday 27th September, 1980. There were 191 present, representing 35 clubs of which 33 were from District 960. One of our members, Rotarian Peter Baker became their Charter President. The Rotary Club of Strathpine met each Thursday at lunch-time.

On a similar theme in the area of Youth Service, investigations had been made into the possibility of establishing a Rotaract Club in the Pine Rivers area. Things looked promising.

Several other service projects were carried out. After a few years of practice, members were now becoming very adept in handling the problems of gate control at the Pine Rivers A. H. & I. Show. A team of Rotarians continued to provide the Safe Cycling Courses through Pine Rivers S.H. S. and also conducted their Careers Night for the benefit of senior students.

RYLA and Study Girl International Quest received support. Members provided transport and supervised a team of young collectors for the Cancer Fund Door-knock Appeal. We assisted the Sub-normal Children's Welfare Association at a Carnival at Carawatha Community Centre at Lawnton.

As a special project, members spent several weekends on working bees and painted the Q.C.W.A. Hall at Petrie, carrying out some maintenance and repairs to the building before repainting.

To raise funds for our service projects, the Club conducted an Art Union with a magnificent rocking horse as first prize. Members spent many hours in various shopping centres and flea markets selling tickets. We also advertised and collected bits and pieces from various areas in our district to have material to sell at a Trash and Treasure Stall at the Aspley Flea Market.

Of course the Pluto Pup van was on its busy round of school fetes presenting Rotary's name at the State Schools at Lawnton, Bald Hills, Bray Park, Kallangur, Pine Rivers High, Dakabin High as well as at Our Lady of the Way School, Marsden Boys Home and the Lawnton Kindergarten. It was used when a tagged Fishing Contest was held in the area.

At our Twenty-first Anniversary Dinner we sadly farewelled our Exchange Student Molly McKenzie, who was returning home to U.S.A.

Our Rotaryannes arranged a delightful Progressive Dinner for us to mark our Christmas function for the year.

### **TWENTYONE YEARS**

Twenty-one years as we walk down that memory lane of Rotary Pine Rivers.  
From a humble beginning and many ups and downs we have survived to this time - 1980.

Briefly, some of the highlights, not necessarily in chronological order, have been surviving the early days and raising of money - the Wood Chop at Petrie, the Rotary Concert, the purchase of the Pluto Pup Van, the Mud Crab Derby, the monster Cent Auction - just to name a few projects.

Our early involvement in the start of RYLA until we now have a world-wide project; the Youth Exchange Programme with which our Club has always been heavily associated; the Interact Club at Pine Rivers State High School was one of the earliest clubs in our district; and our Club had the first District Interact Conference.

Projects include the early public meetings to get the Public Library off the ground and then a donation towards books; cricket wickets at Marsden Boys Home and the Rotary Park at Petrie; the Scout Den at Petrie was painted and a lot of work at the Y.M.C.A. at Camp Warrawee for the dressing sheds - one of our latest projects; the dental hut in the Highlands of P.N.G. and two way wireless to the Mission Station for Jill Rickwork; the visits to Kar Kar Island by the teams of our members in the F.A.I.M. projects; the work to help the Girl Guides at Kallangur in order to finish their Den.

This will just cover a very brief part of that 21 years and as we come of age it is very fitting to think that this year we will complete the cycle and produce an off-spring and be proud to form a new club.

Don Hawkins