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## *This Week's Program...*

**Club Assembly. President JP** and his Board of Directors will answer questions about their reports, which will be emailed to members prior to the meeting.

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...*

*Happy Birthday, Lawrence ..... Tomorrow, February 1<sup>st</sup>!*

## *Future Programs...*

Feb 7: [Evening meeting] **Kelly-Anne** will give her Rotary classification talk.

Feb 14: **Valentine's Day! Bring your sweetie.**

Feb 21: **Ashley Beck**, Beaconsfield High School, will tell us about her Adventure in the Environment in Cornwall.

## *Special Events...*

June 2: (Friday) **Our Annual Auction.** In just five months we will host our most important event of this Rotary year, that will provide the lion's share of the funding of our club's budget for 2017-2018.

## *Last Week's Meeting...*

Because roads and highways were dangerously slippery, with freezing rain continuing to cause many fender-benders and worse, we decided to cancel our January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

However, everything was back in good shape by Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, so we did have a Board meeting. Unfortunately there were several regrets, but all of the usual reports were submitted, so there should be no problem to have everything in the hand of our members in time for their perusal prior to today's Club Assembly.

Today is the last day of January, Rotary Awareness Month. One of the most important Rotary events, that happens every January, is the **International Assembly**. Just like a Club Assembly or a District Assembly, the International Assembly is all about learning new stuff we didn't already know. The big difference that make the International Assembly special is that it teaches us stuff that is brand new.

The International Assembly held every January in San Diego is where all District Governors-Elect get their marching orders, so they will be well prepared to lead the clubs in their district forward from July 1<sup>st</sup> this year until June 30<sup>th</sup> next year.

Two big things that happen at the International Assembly are what I want to talk about in this issue of *The Lakeshorian* : Our new incoming President of Rotary International and the theme that he will use to remind us that, with our actions, we are making a difference through our Rotary service.

The President of Rotary International in 2017-2018 will be **Ian H. S. Riseley**.

A Rotarian since 1978, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham in Victoria, Australia.

He is a chartered accountant and has been very active in his community, in his country and internationally, especially in East Timor, an island north of Australia that was invaded by Indonesia in 1975. After the Indonesian occupation ended in 1999, humanitarian support was provided by

Australia, before and after East Timor became a sovereign nation in 2002. In recognition of his work there he was awarded the AusAID Peacebuilder Award.

Riseley's other honours include the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

He and his wife, Juliet, a past district governor, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of the Rotary Foundation.

President-Elect Riseley's theme for 2017-18 is:



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

About this theme President-Elect Riseley says, "Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better."

