

A reception for 20th Anniversary of the Salamanca Rotary Club,

Friday 17th May 2013

Rotary International is an international service organisation whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Rotary Club of Salamanca is one of 47 Clubs in District 9830 and its members part of the 1450 Rotarians in that District.

The Club was granted its Charter on 12th May 1993 and has not looked back since that day. The Club is proud of the fact that since its inception it has been a mixed gender Club largely comprising Hobart professional and business people. Although the membership is relatively small Salamanca Rotary punches well above its weight.

A brief tour of your web site shows that the Rotary Club of Salamanca is different from, but the same as other Rotary clubs. It is different from other clubs in that it might be described as a no nonsense can do organisation. It meets for breakfast and not for dinner or lunch; its meetings are in the nature of business meetings, and there are neither prayers nor national anthems at Rotary Salamanca. But it is the same as all Rotary clubs in that the members have fun, enjoy fellowship and above all they translate the Rotary motto of Service above self into action thus improving communities both at home and abroad.

In that marvellous book put together for this very anniversary District Governor Wilcox congratulates the Club on its proud record of service which is detailed in the book. Over the last 10 years the Club has raised nearly \$200,000, money that has been spent on community development and support, health and disability, youth development

and education, charities and appeals and international projects. Your 20-year history is redolent with stories of service, support for aged care homes, hydrotherapy exercise for the elderly, Cancer Council's Relay for Life, Ronald MacDonald House, bush fire relief, Louie's Van, quiz nights, and many many catering events are but a sampling of the service you have given to improve our community. On the international scene the Club has been busy supporting such projects as Group Study Exchanges, Rotary Friendship exchanges and the Youth Exchange Programme. In addition there is your work in Fiji, sponsorship of children in other countries who are in need like Kim Chi and you have always helped out when people in other countries suffer as a result of floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters.

You have achieved much in a short 20 years. You have received the Club of the Year Award You can all be proud of your record of service. You are an important cog in the Rotary wheel, that is - "an international service organisation whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. I congratulate you all you and say it is good work that you do. Keep it up. A toast to the Salamanca Rotary Club.