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| | 11 February 2004 | 16 February 2004 |
| Program | Virginia Haussegger Partners by Invitation | Joint meeting with Canb East "Women make better Rotarians" |
| Job Talk | | |
| Introduction | Val Bland | Peter Evans |
| Appreciation | Wagdy Hanna | |
| Fellowship | Des Henderson Kelly Keith Avent | Bruce Hall Des Pain |
| Raven Recorder | | |
| Trash & Treasure | Robin Cromer Des Henderson Kelly | Piers Booth Bob Ellison |
| Birthdays | Frank Sheldon | Frank Macklin 17/2 |
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| Anniversaries | | Jacki & John 16/2 |
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To-night we welcome Virginia Haussegger popular ABC reporter and News reader and in 1996 the winner of the United Nations Media Peace prize.

Rotary Grace

*O Lord and giver of all good
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days*

Raven Deadline Sunday p.m. to nhart@netspeed.com.au
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THE RAVEN

Meeting 4 February 2004**Present**

Members 29

Guests and visitors 2

Make-ups 1

Percentage 72

Guest Speaker

Senator Gary Humphries – member of the Rotary Club of Canberra

Gary was sworn into the Australian Senate on March 3 2003 and is still the newest Senator in Federal Parliament. Gary had held the ambition to be in the National Parliament for at least 30 Years and is honoured to be representing the National Capital in the National Parliament.

It has not been a quiet year with 2 Leadership Challenges in the Labor Party, the resignation of the Governor General and the war in Iraq to name a few of the crisis that occurred in the last 12 months.

Gary turned up on his first day in the new job expecting he would know the ropes after 14 years in Politics and 1 year working for Senator Amanda Vanstone before that, but he has found himself on a steep learning curve whilst coming to grips with Federal Politics. He recalled one instance where he had just finished making a submission to a joint policy meeting on regional airlines and feeling very pleased with himself only to be told that the joint party

room was traditionally a forum for the House of Reps not senators.

The last year has been busy for Gary as in addition to his role of representing the ACT he is also a member of 7 parliamentary committees which sit both in the ACT and interstate from time to time and he is often required to fill in for various Ministers at official functions in the ACT when they are unable to be here.

Gary replaced Senator Margaret Reid who retired from Parliament after 22 years, thus the 2004 election will be his first opportunity to become an elected representative of the ACT
Thanks Jacki Cauchi Raven reporter

RYLA

Gary announced that Chantelle Siggers who is our delegate to RYLA being held 31 January to 7 February will speak to us shortly of her experiences at RYLA.

It is opportune therefore to be reminded of the importance of RYLA in the Rotary Program. RI Pres Jonathon Majiyabi spoke at a celebratory dinner in Perth recently. Here is an extract of what happened as reported to RI.

More than 400 Rotarians and invited guests joined RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe at the University of Western Australia's Octagon Theatre in Perth on 16 January to mark the success of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program.

Born some 44 years ago in Brisbane, Queensland, as a "gundoo" — an aboriginal word meaning "festival" or "fun together" — RYLA aptly returned to the land of its origin as the centrepiece of an RI presidential celebration.

In a speech full of praise for the resourcefulness of Australian Rotarians, President Majiyagbe addressed the need for leadership training for young people in a world of increasing complexity. "Every year, thousands of young people participate in RYLA events sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts — and everyone involved makes important contributions to this beneficial program," he said. "Through RYLA, Rotarians mentor young leaders — like the energetic young men and women we have met today. In turn, these young leaders bring a fresh burst of enthusiasm to a Rotary club by supporting club projects, providing new ideas for service, and strengthening or starting Interact and Rotaract clubs."

The RI president recounted how RYLA started as an act of Rotarian hospitality in 1959. When Brisbane Rotarians learned that Queen Elizabeth II was sending her young cousin Princess Alexandra to the centennial celebration of Queensland province, they planned a series of special youth activities to make her feel welcome and at ease.

"Australian Rotarians decided to create an annual youth program, based on this event," President Majiyagbe said. "From there, the idea began to spread to other countries and

within a few years, RYLA events were being held throughout the Rotary world."

Keynote speaker Past District Governor Rev. Allan Male, who has been associated with RYLA for almost 40 years, spoke passionately about the lives that he had seen blessed by the program. Many employers now recognize that attendance at a RYLA program is a mark of an outstanding young person, he said.

David Yardley, an ex-RYLarian explained how the program had turned his life around, rescuing him from the scourge of peer pressure that was pushing him into undesirable activities. He now works with young people through theatre groups and Drug Arm, a nonprofit agency that helps them develop healthy lifestyles without drug abuse.

Rotarian Ron Mildenhall and his son, Sam, who each attended RYLA programs — in 1969 and in 2002 respectively, bantered onstage about the old and young generations and the relative merits of RYLA then and now.

The celebration also featured a well-attended workshop on the essentials of a successful RYLA experience and a buffet dinner and fellowship that the "family of Rotary," including the RI president, enjoyed in an informal and relaxed atmosphere under the stars in the lush university gardens.