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From the President:



As our 2016 Convention in Seoul approaches, I look back on the service to ROAR from Secretary Elwood Anderson (AE5EA) and Vice President USCB West Ken Demaray (W8SOO).

These officers have served ROAR well and on behalf of all Members, I thank them for their contributions over the years and wish them well for the future: may their QSO's continue. It is also a time to welcome incoming Secretary Phil Fleming (N9HWO) and VP USCB West Stephen Bloom (KL7SB). Each has a long association with ROAR and I'm sure they will bring wisdom and experience to their roles.

In my incoming President's message I noted the need for our Fellowship to view its activities a bit more broadly than solely via participation in a HF net – although that is of itself currently one of the better ways we have of ensuring contact amongst some of us and keeping the Rotary Banner on the bands.

Unfortunately, we appear to be losing the Sun's cooperation! Recent historical and projected solar indices are not boding well for anything like the regular 'armchair copy' that is now only a memory for DX enthusiasts. My own log shows a steady decline in S Levels from ZL to Europe over the past years and I'm not alone in this. Consider also the challenge that effective HF communications sets for potential members – particularly those new and younger.

How feasible is the concept of an effective HF station to younger, more mobile and less regimented folk? This demographic not only finds Rotary's ways a bit challenging, but sees even modest (let alone the finest) expressions of our HF technology as expensive

inefficient, complex and dated. To them, the mobile phone is the answer to whatever form of communication or data processing needed for business or leisure – it is a platform that has now achieved levels of reliability, capability and flexibility that is difficult to surpass.

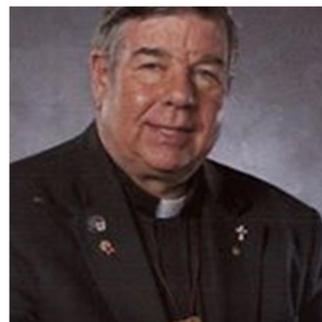
Indeed, as recent disaster response efforts demonstrate, HF communications appear too complex and unreliable in comparison with alternatives such as cellular and satellite communications. In Christchurch's (New Zealand) recent earthquakes the cellular systems proved resilient despite the loss of thousands of structures and in Nepal, effective communications were achieved for text and data via satellite hubs and simple local networking based on hand-held devices.

Perhaps we need to look more closely at what the future hold for our Fellowship? ROAR needs to lead the way in making our radio communications skills more useful to our Rotary Projects and the communities that would benefit from our service. I'd really like to encourage discussion amongst Fellowship members – more particularly from our newer members – on the emerging technologies that can strengthen our appeal and effectiveness. The next Communicator awaits your feedback!

Best wishes to those travelling to Seoul. Don't forget to look for our station there and QSO if you can.

73's from John (ZL2JPM),
President ROAR

Introducing Phil Fleming: Incoming ROAR Secretary:



"Phil Fleming, N9HWO, has agreed to serve as Secretary of the IFROAR if elected at the Annual General Meeting in Seoul, South Korea. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Canton, Illinois, USA, for 25 years, and has served as its President in 2009-10. He

is involved in the Club's Youth Exchange Program as a host and as a Youth Exchange Counselor. In addition to being a ROAR member, he is a member of the

International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians, and the Water, Sanitation, and Health Rotarian Action Group (WASHRAG). He has been attending Rotary International Conventions since 2008.

He is a retired Emergency Manager, after serving as radio officer, deputy director, and interim director of the Fulton County (Illinois) Emergency Services and Disaster Agency, and later served as Director of the City of Canton (Illinois) Emergency Services and Disaster Agency before "retiring." He continues to be active on the volunteer side as a director of the Illinois Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Phil is an ordained Deacon in the Anglican Church in North America, and is an Oblate of Saint Francis in the Franciscan Order of the Divine Compassion, an ecumenical Anglican religious order, where he serves as the Order's Secretary-General.

He has been a ham since 1983. Phil is a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and volunteers with the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES). He is an active member of the Fulton County Amateur Radio Club and a past secretary of the club. He enjoys participating in local and DX communications, and hosts the local 2-meter repeater, K9ILS, at his home. He lives in Canton, Illinois, USA".

Presentation at Goldenview Middle School: Anchorage Alaska.

Please take a look at the attached photos of this year's Engineers Week Satellite Demonstration at Goldenview Middle School in Anchorage Alaska. Mrs. Kendra Miller-Jones and her four classes of science students enthusiastically welcomed me and all my communications gear into her classroom on Monday, February 22nd, and Tuesday, February 23rd, for a total of four satellite passes with each one including an associated classroom presentation. Stations heard and/or worked via SO-50 included Dale, KL7XJ, in Soldotna, Alaska; Bob, N6UK, in Chino, California; John, AL7ID, from Two Rivers (near Fairbanks, Alaska), Dennis, AL5K, on the Anchorage Hillside, and Bob, KL5E, in Wasilla.

During the contacts I found out that a number of the Goldenview students in several classes had previously participated in the Mission to Mars flight simulation training sessions at the Challenger Space Learning Center in Kenai where Dale, KL7XJ., is a mission control instructor. This led to some interesting conversations transmitted through outer space about these kids' interest in STEM careers and their own classroom electrical experiments presently underway which directly related to my presentation (antenna wavelengths, Yagi beam design, electromagnetic fields, etc.) While I didn't keep an exact count of participants and excited onlookers, I believe that I visited with well over one hundred students at Goldenview Middle School at a number of locations on campus during the two days that I was there. We didn't see any sign of a media presence (see below) on either day, but hopefully Kendra's excellent photographs will suffice for publicity purposes.

To wrap everything up, I felt very privileged to have been able to represent AMSAT and the Engineers Week Organizing Committee as one of this year's E-Week Classroom Presenters. Best wishes to all of our participants until we get together for this important activity again next year.

73, Craig, KL4E

New Member: Carl Davis



I am happy to provide some brief information about myself to the Communicator. I have been a ham since about 1993 when I was 14. I learned radio theory from my grandfather who was a radio operator in the US Army during the Second World War. My main interests are

CW rag-chewing, mostly on 40 meters, restoring, building and operating tube radios and public service in the form of NTS message handling. I work for the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and just recently learned of this fellowship and so am very happy to join it.

73, Carl W8WZ



Islands etc. (Communicator 2015-2016 Vol. 1 (p8) featured our QSL Card).



The Author (in white) and the OUPOLIO Team

Last year in September, I had the opportunity to address our District conference and show a video of our activities at OU0POLIO. This gave firsthand insight into our hobby, and surprisingly, many did remember HAM communication before cell phones: hi, hi! In October 2015, our OU0POLIO team met at the Interradio HAM exhibition in Germany. One of our goals was to make other HAM's aware of our special call and to make them interested. An article was published in the German CQDL magazine in February 2016. We combined this visit with selling the Rotary crocus for fundraising (<http://www.rotarycrocus.com>). The German Amateur Radio Club (DARC) leadership team took pride in showing their crocus!

OU0POLIO : Denmark

By Frank M. Garbelmann, 5P2BA

Abstract: In this article, you will read about the concept of OU0POLIO, to be "rolled out" in other countries. A PR Polio awareness and new membership campaign. Ready to be implemented in other regions, countries to run such special event stations.

As Rotarians, we all like to make a difference in the life of others – that is why we are in Rotary - it is as simple as that. HAM radio is our wonderful hobby and it can make a difference, for example, in public relations (PR) and by creating awareness in our fight against Polio.

Looking back ...

Inspired by the 110th anniversary activities celebrating Rotary, 15 other operators (non-Rotarians from various countries) and I applied for the special Danish call sign OU0POLIO. We have been QRV from Flora Fauna,



Looking forward

Our OU0POLIO special event station is both active and successful (active until Dec 31, 2016). We have been contacted by "Old Man" (OM) Horst Hoferichter, DG2FAJ – he is a Polio patient - who was inspired by the article in CQDL magazine and has a strong desire to contribute. Horst has applied for the call DL0POLIO and he will sponsor the first 1,000 QSL cards. This Call sign will be in the air from June 1, 2016. Our German ROAR member OM Bert Raeymaekers, DJ0MEW, is also part of the small DL0POLIO team we have formed. We are sure others will join in. As you can see, we keep the ROAR banner high!

WE have a dream!

Through OM Bert, we are in contact with a Rotary club in Sweden and with HAM operators who are willing to bring a special Swedish call xx0POLIO in the air. It is our aim that others countries will follow our example. Please apply for call signs in your country with "xx0POLIO".

Help us to make the HAM radio community aware of our strong message "ZERO POLIO" by informing your national Amateur Radio Society, involving Districts, writing articles for HAM magazines etc. Get involved to support Rotary by introducing new members through conversations on the air and highlighting what Rotary is all about.

I am sure you will be amazed by the feedback you get. We have met operators who have been exchange students, or related to Rotary in various ways. The moving story of Mike, G4AYO, will forever be in my mind – he shared a personal story of his Dad, Leonard Charles Hewitt, born in 1910. You can imagine the medical situation in those years! Despite his polio disease; he joined the RAF in WWII to make a difference for his country. The disease gave him a number of life challenges but, as Mike said, "Dad mastered it well and he was a loving and caring Father". He passed away in 1988.

Let us continue in our efforts for a world that is free of Polio, for the children of the world.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, if I can be of any inspiration or if questions come up.

Vy 73s de Frank, 5P2BA

Frank M. Garbelmann, PHF, Charter & Past President, Aarhus International Rotary Club, Aarhus, Denmark – District 1450. SWL since 1978 and HAM operator with a focus on outdoor activities, QRP, emergency communication.

Silent Key : Wally Gelok VK6YS

Sadly we have been advised that our very good friend and ROAR member, Wally Gelok VK6YS has passed away on March 23rd 2016.

Wally was a past Rotarian and operated VI6POLIO for us as he was a Polio Survivor. Wally made contact with Bill VK4ZD when we first activated VI4POLIO some 4 years ago. He was one of the first VK Rotarians to put his hand up to operate another Polio Awareness station.

He had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease or Motor Neurone Disease. We have known Wally since 1978 when we all got our VK Novice Licenses. We have visited him and his family on numerous occasions. Our last get together was in August last year. We both felt it was our last visit and was all the more poignant for us.

Vale Wally: You will be sorely missed. Diane VK4DI

ANZO ROAR Report May 2016



ROAR members from Australia and New Zealand continued to be active during 2015-16, holding regular nets on Sundays and Tuesdays with Europe on 20 metres and a local 40 metre net for Australia and New Zealand on Sundays. The nets were held every week over the past year with around six members on 40 metres and normally

up to 15 members on 20 metres.

The 40 metre net met at 0600 Zulu Sunday on 7110 Khz with Bill VK4ZD, Peter VK3KCD, Noel VK2IWT, Phil VK2MCB, Reg VK7KK, John ZL2JPM, Doug ZL1BFS and Rob ZL1RD regular participants. The 20 metre nets were held at 0630 Zulu on Sundays and Tuesdays on 14295.2 Khz with Sunday having the greater popularity. 20 metres continued to be a great net with all of the Australians and New Zealanders mentioned above participating with the addition of Henk VK2GWK from time to time.

Regular European participants were John G3OKT, Brian G3LUW, Nick G4HCK, Les PA0SDZ, Malcolm PA3AHC, Jean-Pierre F1CFA, Alain F4GHB, Pertii EA7GSU, Klaus HB9CQS, Miika OH2BAD and Coco YO9BC.

The one limitation and irritation for the ZL members on 20 metres was the limited propagation between ZL and Europe at 0630Z for significant parts of the year. While not a problem for VK, the movement of the Grey Line makes it difficult to impossible for ZL to make contact with Western Europe. Starting an hour earlier would be beneficial for ZL but this would mean our intrepid European friends getting out of bed quite early.

ROAR membership is currently listed as 18 VKs and 6 ZLs. Unfortunately Wally VK6YS became a silent key a short time ago. Wally was a dedicated ham and Rotarian and will be sorely missed. RIP Wally.

Phil VK2MCB

ANZO ROAR VP

Treasurer's Position becoming vacant

Our Current Treasurer Ed Tyler N4EDT wishes to step down from the position. Applications for the position can be sent to President Dr John Moriarty ZL2JPM at Pres@ifroar.org.

As the accounts are currently held in the USA it would be appropriate for a North America member to take on this role.



ROAR AGM

The ROAR AGM will be held in **Business Lounge 2b** commencing at **8.30am** and concluding at 10 am on **Monday May 30th**

President John ZL2JPM has asked PP Bill VK4ZD to chair the meeting.

Stephen Bloom KL7SB: VP USCB West

I was originally licensed as a Novice in 1976 as WN2IDP in Huntington, NY, and upgraded to General later that year as WB2IDP. I come from a whole family of hams, Dad WA2QAO (silent key 1980), brothers Michael (then WA2RAT, now W7RAT) and Bob (then WA2SLY, now KC7KNY). My main ham radio interest, then as now was CW. I was real active in NTS Traffic handling nets and was the manager of the New York City Long Island CW Traffic Net (NLI). My first real job, while I was in College was at a commercial Ship to Shore CW station, Amagansett Radio/WSL when I was 17 years old in 1981. If I live long enough, I figure I may have a chance at being the oldest living professional telegrapher. I left

WSL shortly before it closed in 1985, and also worked for a short time at Galveston Radio/KLC.

After 1985, I got busy with regular life. I was one of the early computer hobbyists (the High School Computer Club and Radio Club were pretty much one and the same), and that eventually lead to my career as a software developer/consultant. I lived in apartments and condos and other than a bit of VHF, was pretty much QRT. I moved to Portland OR in 1989, eventually got the call W7NUT but wasn't active. I visited Alaska a couple of times on vacation, fell in love with it and out of the blue got a contract offer here in February 2001. I was up here about 3 weeks later, figured I'd stay a year or so, and well, I'm still here and not planning on leaving anytime soon. Once I got here, I found a local IRLP node, and also started operating a bit at the Elmendorf AFB Club Station KL7AIR, and found out I still enjoyed it. My career had gone from very low tech (CW op) to high tech (software engineer), but the Code still had that magic. When we bought a house in 2005, I made sure I'd be able to put up a tower finally GOT the tower up in 2007, and I've been having a blast since.

The station and my activities have been evolving as time goes on here. Station is currently

HF: Main Transceiver is a Elecraft K-3 with a SPE Expert Amps 2K-FA Amplifier and P3 Panadapter.

Backup/secondary is a Kenwood TS590S. Antennas are a Tennadyne 12 Element Log Period for 10-30, and various dipoles and inverted vees for 40-160 on a 70 foot guyed Rohn 25 tower. Future plans are for a Four Square vertical array for 40 and up and/or a loop.

VHF: Main all modes transceiver is an Icom IC910-H, with several FM Dual band backups for 2M and 70CM. Main antenna is a Cushcraft A6270-13S Triband (6M/2M/70CM) Yagi. I am the owner of IRLP Node #8919 and the antenna for that is a vertical mounted on the side of the tower.

Travel/Portable Station: Elecraft K3, SPE Expert Amps 1.3-FA Amplifier, Microkeyer II

I'm a regular check-in to the Alaska Snipers Net (1800 local on 3.920). I can sometimes be found on the IRLP Alaska Net Reflector (node 9109). I'm a member of SOWP, FISTS, and CWOPS and the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club. I like to travel and have operated as HB0/KL7SB, TF/KL7SB, J79SB, E51RAT, and 9H3AK. I'm a member and Past President of the Anchorage Midtown Rotary Club, and have had the pleasure of operating the Special Events station at the 2013 International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal (CR6RI) and 2014 in Sydney, Australia (VI2R). I was also one of the operators for W1AW/KL7 and W1AW/0 North Dakota,

which was ..amazing! I plan on yearly or so returns to J7 and E51.

A few years ago ..just after my tower went up, but before anything other than wire antennas were actually on it, a strange man knocked at my door. His name was Allen Brier and his call was N5XZ. At the time he was on a "2 on 2 off" schedule for one of the oil patch consulting companies and he was just curious who the owner of the tower was. We chatted a bit and operated a bit. Even though it was only 100W and a dipole, I guess he could see I still had some CW chops. The Local Radio Club was desperate for a CW op for Field Day and he talked me into it. That was pretty much the stab in the heart to my finances and free time. I loved contesting as a kid, though I was never *that* serious about it, and it just all came back at that Field Day. Did a few more at the KL7AA Club Station, eventually got invitations from a couple of the big M/M contest stations and ...I'm hooked. Gee, thanks Allen :). I was one of the ops at KL7RA ..definitely the best contest station in Alaska and one of the best in the country. Sadly, Rich passed away in November 2015, so that is no more, but I will always have the memories and the honor of knowing one of the best amateur ops and just plain good person ever. Rich RIP.

I've also done a few contests with the San Diego Contest Club (NX6T) at their "Nash-Ville" (named for the late W6HCD who owned the property) portable location, and have started doing some international travel for contests. So far, 2014 CQWW WPX CW Contest as a single op from VK6NC ..the Northern Corridor Radio Group near Perth, IARU 2014 and CQWW CW 2015 from Rarotonga (South Cook Islands) as E51RAT, using the station of E51AND, CQWW CW 2015 as part of a M/2 op at the station of 9H1XT as 9H6A, and 2015 Trans Tasman with VK4ZD and VK4DI at their VK4HH contest station. The last couple of years I've operated ARRL SS CW from the station of VE7SZ as VA7AAA and Allan is graciously allowing me to return there for IARU and SS CW this year. Other plans for 2016 are WAE CW at VY2TT, CQ WPX CW at VP9GE, CQWW RTTY at PZ5RA, CQWW SSB at 9H6A (bringing a couple of other KL7s as well to join the local Malta ops) and CQWW CW with the group at KH6LC. Hurray for Frequent Flyer miles!

I have been a Rotarian since 2003 with the Rotary Club of Anchorage Midtown

ROAR President's Report for the year 2015-2016

Although my term as Roar President commenced on 1 July 2015, its effective starting date was at the São Paulo convention a few weeks earlier. That convention highlighted several ROAR: engaged membership and the changing face of that membership.

At São Paulo five new members joined ROAR and since then other new members have joined at a rate of about one a month. Whilst it is extremely encouraging to see membership steadily increase I am still left with a question which, as yet, remains unanswered: how do we increase the value and scope of our Fellowship to new members when many of them are unlikely to engage in our HF nets (cost and the practical constraints of erecting effective HF aerials in urban settings, et cetera)? Moreover, how can we make ROAR appeal to younger potential members? To those who have been in ROAR for some time, I suspect these questions are less troubling but they are shared with many other Fellowships and, indeed, are central to the future of a great many Rotary clubs.

That said, it is pleasing to see, despite declining solar activity, our HF nets continue to be the mainstay of international fellowship. In this regard, I pass on my thanks and best wishes to ROAR members in Japan. For years they have had one of the most well attended networks within the Fellowship and are a striking example to everyone. Similarly, the work done every week by John (G3OKT) compiling net reports from Europe and ANZO cannot be left unremarked! My thanks also to Phil (VK2MCB) for keeping John primed with news from Australia and New Zealand.

Conventions play a huge role in promoting Fellowships. Whilst we did not have an active station at our São Paulo booth, we were provided with generous support from LABRE and many QSO's were made from an off-site station with call sign ZW110ROAR. My thanks to Gustavo (PT2ADM) and his team of helpers from LABRE who not only provided equipment and signage but whose presence helped to make our ROAR booth look extremely professional. This year, in the lead up to Seoul Convention, work is being done on an active station using the call sign HL16RI. My thanks to Kim (HL4CCM) and to Past President Bill (VK4ZD) for working together to establish a station. I trust all will be well on the day!

This year ROAR has been invited to share in a Convention program presentation on Fellowships organised by Lawrence Tristram, President of Rotarian

Singles Fellowship. This is an example of collaboration which I heartily endorse and I thank Past President Bill (VK4ZD) for agreeing to present our component of this program item at Seoul.

Our Communicator is not only a great way to share the things we do amongst our members but it is also a requirement of Rotary International and our presence at Conventions is conditional on meeting all of our obligations as a Fellowship. This year we will have published two Communicators and I express my thanks to Diane (VK4DI) for offering her assistance as publisher and of course to all of you who have forwarded articles for publication.

The Communicator is probably the best vehicle we have for developing dialogue, sharing ideas and providing potential members with examples of what they can share in. I'm pleased with this year's Communicators and I would urge members to share their activities with the President and the Publisher in the year ahead. There is no such thing as too much copy!

All members of ROAR possess skills which may be very valuable to others - such as in times of local or overseas emergencies arising from natural disasters or by mentoring others wishing to acquire knowledge of radio communications and its associated systems. Whilst we have seen a number of ROAR initiatives promoting Rotary's focus on Polio Eradication (see recent Communicators) I'm sure there are other opportunities for collaboration not only with other Rotary Fellowships but also with our local communities where ROAR members' skills can be applied to the betterment all concerned. This is an area where I believe dialogue amongst us would be very constructive and may provide a pathway for rejuvenating our membership and adding value to Rotary.

I add my thanks on behalf of our members to Andy (AE5EA) and Ken (W8SOO) who have held office for many years, and also to Phil (N9HWO) and Stephen (KL7SB) who have offered to assume the roles of Secretary and Vice-President USCB respectively: welcome aboard! And to the other ROAR officeholders, my thanks on behalf of our members for your contributions to your area.

This is an extract from an article submitted by ROAR-Japan chairman Kyoshi (Tim) Masuda, JH1NVZ in the ROAR-J March 2016 newsletter, very loosely translated by Bill Main, VK4ZD.

Tim joined Rotary in 1971. He succeeded in getting onto the cover of 'Mobile Ham' magazine. As a result he was contacted by OM Mori, JJ1KMW. Thus began ROAR-Japan.

Otaki San was always scolding Tim San for not being a diligent ROAR member, but Tim was very busy in his business, spending 10 months of the year overseas. Tim was born in Korea during the period of time when Japan ruled Korea. He was repatriated to Japan at the age of 10 when he was in public school in the fourth grade (after the war) and did not return to Korea again until 1963 when Japan established diplomatic relations with South Korea. At that time South Korea was a very poor country and the exchange rate did not favour South Korea. Many bullet holes were visible in the buildings of Seoul as a result of the civil war which had now ended. Tim recalls riding in taxis that were remodelled Jeeps and the roads were rough, but he learnt to bite his tongue and not comment.

It was at this time that Tim met Mr Y.G. Kim, HM1BB who was a military officer with the KCIA. Their common interest in communications led Tim to being able to utilise Mr Kim's car that was provided to Mr Kim as an officer of the KCIA. It certainly helped smooth the way for Tim San when, if there were any objections, they would be told "it's KCIA". At the time there were no HL calls and now he cannot find any of them as they have almost all died out.

In those times Koreans were very poor and there was not the same anti-Japanese sentiment that is evident today. Tim was and is still very fond of Korean people. He studied hard to learn the Korean language. There were real advantages in trading between Japan and Korea. The rates of exchange between the USA, South Korea and Japan were very different from what they are today.

There is no doubt that the large sums of money provided by the Japanese government at that time, to the new government of South Korea, played a part in the development of South Korea in the short term. The exchange rates also played a role in the black market. The US military released a lot of Collins radio equipment onto the market in South Korea which Tim was able to purchase at excellent prices. These included valuable second hand vacuum tubes and metal tubes such as the 4CX1000A. He also bought a 30L1 which is a very heavy piece of equipment. This was facilitated by HM1BB. At Haneda airport it was declared as "This is just a high frequency bonding machine for the repair of broken plastic parts". There were 2 or 3 burnt resistors provided as evidence to support the claim, just in case there was a need to convince customs clearance inspectors. Remember, this is a story about what happened 53 years ago.

Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio AGM
To be held in the
Kintex 1 (Exhibition Center I), Seoul Korea
Business Lounge 2B
0830 to 1000 on Monday, 30 May 2016.

Agenda

1. Call to order,
2. Confirmation of the meeting Chairman
3. Confirmation of Meeting Secretary
4. Registration and introduction of the attendees,
(An attendance register will be available)
5. Apologies Received.
 - a. President John (ZL2JPM) tenders his apology and may join the AGM via SKYPE.
6. Tribute to Silent Keys – information from the floor
 - a. Wally Gelok VK6YS
7. Minutes of the last meeting
 - a. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGM held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. (see attached minutes):.
Resolution: that the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted.
 - b. Matters arising from 2016 minutes
8. Report of annual activities
 - a. President John, (ZL2JPM) (Attached)
 - b. Vice President ANZO Phil (VK2MCB)
 - c. Incoming Vice President USCB West Steve (KL7SB)
9. Treasurer's report
 - a. Confirmation of the Treasurer's Report
 - b. **Resolution:** that the Treasurer's Report Be accepted
 - c. Vote of Thanks to the Treasurer.
10. Tributes:
 - a. Resignation of Secretary **Dr Elwood Anderson, (AE5EA)**. The fellowship is indebted to Andy for his many years of service. Office-bearers serve on behalf of the members and their voluntary efforts merit our thanks. We wish Andy well and trust that he will keep in touch with us.
 - b. Resignation of **Ken Demaray (W8SOO)**. Ken, after many years in this role, has resigned as Vice-President USCB West. Ken has been active on the Atlantic net and more recently in contact with past President Pertti (EA7GSU). Again, the fellowship thanks Ken for his years of service and trust that he will continue to be active on the nets.
11. Election of Officers.
 - a. Philip B. ("Phil") Fleming (N9HWO) has made himself available to assume the role of Secretary of Roar. He is seconded by President John.
 - i. **Resolution:** That Phil Fleming be appointed Secretary of ROAR.
 - b. Stephen Bloom (KL7SB) has made himself available to assume the role of Vice President USCB West. He is seconded by President John.
 - i. **Resolution:** That Stephen Bloom be appointed Vice President USCB West.

12. Succession Plan.

Officers in ROAR are proposed and confirmed at the AGM. Terms for offices other than President are "sine die", but for the President, the term is 3 years. Although the next President's term commences in July 2018 – some time away - it is desirable that this office move throughout ROAR 's regions (e.g. by 2018, the previous two Presidents will have been from ANZO, and prior to that, Europe). President John seeks expressions of interest or suggestions of potential candidates for his successor.

13. Discussion:

a. Confirmation of an earlier suggestion from outgoing Secretary, Andy AE5EA:

1. When someone makes a dues payment between April and June, we currently give them credit for the year in which they pay - we should give them credit for the remainder of the year plus the next year.

b. If we want Rotarian amateurs who are in arrears on their dues to continue to be members of ROAR, I suggest that during the next Rotary year we contact all who are in arrears on dues and actually no longer a member of ROAR and offer a one-time opportunity to pay dues for 2015-16 and we will forgive all back dues owed. For most of these Rotarians, I have an e-mail address and for those for whom I don't I have a home address. Snail mail would be a little costly, but I think it will pay for itself in membership renewal.

14. General Business

15. Next Meeting

16. Close.

HL16RI Active from January 1, 2016 until June 1, 2016
Celebrating Rotary International's Convention in Seoul



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ROAR In the House of Friendship

We will be in Booth 2639 in the House of Friendship. Come along and meet us. We will be operating the Remote station of PDG Jae-Ho Kim, HL4CCM.



Kim's QSL Card



The QSL card for the Convention