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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks and Meeting report
26 September	Membership Night	Ray Smith	Chris Tuck
03 October	Prison World & Ministry <i>Rev Ian Whitehill</i>	Warwick Stott	John McPhee
10 October	Footy night <i>The Williams duo</i>	Bob & Stu Williams	Bob & Stu Williams
17 October	RYLA attendee <i>Clay Tucker</i>	Glenys Grant	Warwick Stott

THIS WEEKS CELEBRATIONS

It's Chris's birthday on 30 September, so please remember to wish him well.

DUTY ROSTER

	September	October
Recorder	Ron Brooks	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Mike Finke	Stuart Williams
Emergency	Ray Smith	Glenys Grant
Cashier	Nancy Notman	Mike Finke

ATTENDANCE

APOLOGY – IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend bringing a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 9878 4891 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS to Ray by 10am at the LATEST Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM *should* be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409**

530 435. Please give him a call or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

JOHN'S JOTTINGS, COURTESY OF OUR PRESIDENT

What a great night we enjoyed last Thursday at the Primary School Speech Contest held at Burwood East School. Thank you to all Rotarians and partners for the effort put in and in particular to the magnificent team putting on the supper. The chatter noise level attested to the success and can be witnessed in Mike's latest podcast. A special thanks to Bob supported so well by Barb to ensure that the night went well.



Last night whilst we were small in number, we were able to welcome back Chris and the Lasletts back from overseas and we enjoyed the story of an exuberant guest speaker as she reported on her experiences whilst in Mongolia for 14 months as a health worker.

The meeting commenced with an invitation from the Rotary Club of Agra Tajmahal , to come to Agra to be involved in Polio Free India ,6-8 January 2017, and a toast to that club and India followed.

From the board, it was decided that we would not participate in Lift the Lid proceedings on October 7th. We are busy with our own Market and the Farmers market where we will be manning the egg and bacon stall. Our thin resources would be over committed, following on from our heavy commitment during the past 10 days. Also we will decline the invitation from Whitehorse Community Chest Market on 30th October, as we consider that promotion of Rotary and membership will be better served at our Farmers Markets and more likely to produce fruit.

Leading up to Christmas, it was decided that our final meeting for the year will be December 12th, a club forum at my place, thus enabling Bucatini to maximise Christmas bookings from groups at that time of the year. December the 5th will be at Bucatini. The New Year will commence with a BBQ at the HOME of Bill & Judy Marsh on 9th January and back to Bucatini on 16th January.

Our next meeting is of course our Membership promotion meeting, and it is important that we maximise member participation on the night, to meet and greet our visitors, and our partners are most welcome in support of gender participation.

Enjoy your week in Rotary John

Rotary Serving Humanity.

Primary Schools Speech Contest Thursday 15th September 2016

This was the 4th year we have run the event.

This year it was held at Burwood Heights Primary School in their Esther Woods hall which has recently been heated.

The weather was difficult with flooding of several rail lines making transport tough and it was cold and wet.

We had approximately 80 in attendance with Orchard Grove our new school this year.

The aim is to promote public speaking skills and as the judges are from Toastmasters they also give feedback to each speaker.

We had twelve speakers competing as follows-

Clodagh Brooks Burwood Heights on "If I could change the world."

Mia Barrett Blackburn Lake "Australia is a great place to live."

Zahlia Ligthart Whitehorse "Who has positively influenced my life the most."

Leila Bermar Parkmore "If I could change the world."

Vrushti Doctor Mount Pleasant Road "I found a frog in my garden."

Michelle McCabe Orchard Grove "If I could change the world."

Jeremy Chan Blackburn Lake "Australia is a great place to live."

Kristy Pratt Burwood Heights "If I could change the world."

Peter Hammond Whitehorse "Australia is a great place to live."

Amy Driesen Parkmore "Who has positively influenced my life the most."

Amir Armakanrad Mount Pleasant Road "If I could change the world."

Thasanya Jayasumawa Orchard grove "Australia is a great place to live."

MC was Deborah Roffey with chief judge Gillian Russell and the other judges were Linda House, David Pilgrim and Cate Press. The other Toastmaster volunteer was Deborah's husband Gerard who was a time keeper along with Mike Finke.

Our huge thanks to all the judges who as usual gave of their time and expertise to make the night the success it was with their professionalism and positive feedback to all participants.

Jeremy Chen was placed first, Clodagh Brooks second and Vrushti Doctor third in what must have been very difficult to judge as not only was the standard so high but the deliveries were varied as well.

One of the persons "who has positively influenced my life" a grandad of one of the speakers found that the speaker on the podium wasn't adjusted correctly which contributed to the sound not being as good as it might and so many at the back of the room didn't hear so well which was a pity. He adjusted it after the event.

The supper was a highlight with Nancy not only bringing yummy savoury dips and biscuits but also supplying tiered plates which gave the supper a very professional look. Kathy Donaghey, Judy Marsh, Robbie Brooks, Heather Bremner, Marg McPhee, Barbara Williams, Mike Finke and Stuart Williams all brought along a supper with our thanks.

Barbara supplied tea, coffee, drinks for the youngsters etc so a big thank you to you Barbara.

Pres John co-mceed well with Deborah and kept the night moving along and Ray took the photos, Mike time kept, Stuart assisted the judges, Bill not only prepared all the certificates but also assisted as did Bob Williams.

Assistant District Governor Alma Reynolds assisted with the presentations as did Whitehorse Councillor Denise Massoud who is a great friend of our club and we thank them both for their time.

Thank you to Burwood Heights principal Esther Woods and all the staff and students there for their assistance in hosting the event and setting up and clearing up the room.

Thank you also to all the families and teachers from the other schools who attended to make it a great night.

Another terrific event for our club

Bob W

MIKE's Comments

"Wasn't it a fantastic speech night?"

It's a genuine pleasure to be part of something that recognises the efforts and successes of young students like the ones up on stage on Thursday night, and it fills me with optimism for the future to see them at such a young age. If they get comfortable in standing up for things they believe in and making their case, the world will be much better for it.

Did you notice the two most popular speech topics? Why Australia is a great place to live, and If I could change one thing about the world. And the students who gave those speeches were genuinely passionate about those topics. They had plenty of examples of why Australia was great. The natural beauty, the economic opportunity, the inclusion of people from diverse backgrounds, the space. Other students were just as passionate about identifying problems in the world they felt should be addressed, and how it would be improved by eliminating those problems.

It reminded me of what we do here at Rotary. Each week, we get together and make two toasts, one to Rotary International, and one to our great country, Australia. We recognise the benefits we've had by being here: some of us from birth, some of us arriving later from other places. It's the lucky country, and we're lucky to be here. At the same time, what draws us together here, and what's drawn us to Rotary, is the knowledge that there are things that need work, and we can participate in that work. Poverty, disease, ignorance, and conflict: Rotary provides a framework to help tackle these. What those kids said in hope we can help to bring about in practice

The link to the podcast is <https://soundcloud.com/mike-finke-167583478>.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING AND SPEAKER

Reports

- SW -Polio plus donation, Grand Final Breakfast, MASH's Purple Day
- WS- MEMBERSHIP next week, Egg & Bacon Stall-9 October
- Jonathon Usher-12 November- St Patrick's Community Centre
- JM- distributed DG Carol's thankyou letter- suggested schoolies week in TimorLeste for next year ?

Good news

- WS- no longer a farmer- good/bad news?
- SW- carer for BW at MCG
- RB- good news for the vet but not sure for the cat
- BL -missed typhoon



Speaker

A bubbly speaker, distributor of moon cakes, and another successful refugee story. (Judy remembers with affection Lynette Phuong as a prep at Orchard Grove and her elder sister Lynnie). Lynette had been involved in many humanitarian projects- one of the latest taking her for a 14-month stint in Mongolia. She worked with the Mongolian Health Professionals Association in Ulaanbaatar (You already knew that was the capital I'm sure). Amongst her many achievements she survived the coldest winter there in 45 years without eating their staple diet of meat, learnt the language and designed an android app. She also was instrumental in establishing a national nutrition labelling scheme which will help improve the healthiness of the nation while encouraging much greater use of fruit and vegetables. She inspired with her survival techniques that included journal writing, meditation and "chewing gum paper art".



Bob L

Visit to Manningham Club 19 September

I visited Manningham club on Monday night to give an Interplast presentation.

Their venue, Casavini restaurant has been sold to developers and from next month Beau Monde hotel will be their new venue. The Whitehorse cluster meets there as does Doncaster club so it should be able to cater well for them.

I sat next to Jeffrey Tan who was our Assistant District Governor when I did my first stint as President in 2006 and he has been providing fund raising dinners all that time. However, he has now sold his food importing business and at 66 y.o. is also winding down his dinners which take him all over the world. He is off the USA soon then Chile and has done dinners for the South Australian Premier and other dignitaries. He has made nearly 3 million dollars for organisations over the years with a big percentage for Rotary Foundation. The last two dinners raised \$22,000 and \$40,000 respectively and they can be for over 200 people. An amazing man.

I always enjoy visiting Manningham as they are so friendly and Stuart's mate, President Christina made sure I had a photo with her for our respective Face Book pages.

PDG David Alexander spoke of Manningham and their support for the Peru Pampachiri dental project which over last three years meant that 500 chronic dental cases could be treated.

The club had donated \$1,000 to Interplast in June and Christina and Roger will also come to the Interplast fund raising event on the 12th November where "The Amazing Jonathan" whom we saw at conference will perform.

Bob W

DIARY DATES

Monday 26 September	Membership Webinar
Saturday, 8 October	Blackburn Market (new location)
Sunday, 9 October	Whitehorse Farmer's Market
Friday 14 October	Hope-Katolo Fundraiser "The Girl on the Train"
Friday 18 November	Peridot

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Roster starts again on 4 October

COINS AND STAMPS

We are now up to 28kg of coins and a wad of notes which I am coordinating in the district. I have just had word from RC of Manningham that they have a few kgs for me to pick up. We are well on our way to our third lot of 60kg of coins (UNICEF take them in 60kg lots). The 120kg of coins and notes already sent were valued by them at \$4,700. So when you come back from your overseas trip with those coins and notes you cannot get rid of, please let me help you convert them into support for underprivileged children overseas.

Ron

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

September	Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
November	Foundation