



FOREST HILL FLYER 2010-2011

Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill

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The Rotary Club of Forest Hill meets at 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm on Mondays at Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132. \$27.00 per head

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>17 January</u>	<u>24 January</u>	<u>31 January</u>
Quiz Night –Blow the Christmas cheer away Chair: John McPhee Thanks and meeting report: Ron Brooks Most interesting Christmas I have had John Donaghey	Heather Barton - Smith family Chair: Gary Baltissen Thanks and meeting report: Stuart Williams Most interesting Christmas I have had Graham Sharman	Judy Leibel - Victoria Police Confident Living Chair: Bob Williams Thanks and meeting report: Bill Marsh Most interesting Christmas I have had Doug Berwick

DUTY ROSTER

<u>January</u>	
Cashier	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Bob Laslett
Greeter	Bob Williams
Emergency	Glenys Grant

ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 9878 4891 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au.** Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



Nil

DAVID'S DIARY

Heather and I have family and friends in Queensland so we have been watching the television news and probably, like all of you, have been amazed at the devastating force of the floods. District has set up a fund to assist the people who have been affected by the terrible floods so if you wish to contribute to the D9810 Queensland Flood Relief Appeal, please forward your cheques to the District Treasurer.

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend last week's barbecue meeting. It was a very enjoyable night and, as usual, our partners excelled with their culinary skills.

The second half of the Rotary year is now underway and it will bring more challenges. We have to decide on a project for the Harper Family Bequest and we have to research a new project which we currently think will be aimed at assisting the health of Indigenous Australians. We also have the *Our Club, Our Future* seminar on 14 February which I hope will produce new challenges in the membership recruitment area.

Like a number of our members, I subscribe to the weekly Rotary International email updates. I find the updates to be interesting and informative because they contain news and stories from all over the world which gives me a wide perspective on the work that Rotary and the Rotary Foundation undertake in order to build safer, healthier and better educated communities. This week's update contained the following quotation from Frank Mulholland, President of Rotary International in 1914-15:

"Service in the Rotarian sense is a mental process. It is an attitude of mind which relates persons and things with action. Thoughtfulness of others is in reality the basis of Rotary service."

I saw the quotation as being a very succinct summary of what we and all the other Rotary clubs do through our community service programs – we think of others and we do our best to make their lives better! A nice thought at this particular time.

Best wishes to you and your families for the week ahead as we continue building communities and bridging continents.

David

David Bremner
President

**** A little puzzle to keep the brain matter fresh.**

**I could not figure it out and had to look at the answer.
See if you can figure out what these words have in common.**

- 1 Banana**
- 2 Dresser**
- 3 Grammar**
- 4 Potato**
- 5 Revive**
- 6 Uneven**
- 7 Assess**

**Are you peeking or have you already given up?
Give it another try Look at each word carefully.**

(You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. Go to the back page.)

Rotary's Power for World Peace

It was a typical autumn in Chicago in 1946. There was a brisk, cold wind out of the northwest. The Chicago Cubs had just finished another unsuccessful season in the National League and Leland Case asked Rotary International founder Paul P. Harris to write another article for the *Rotarian*, the typical, obligatory "It's Anniversary time again, what's in store for Rotary next year?" article.

It was done ahead of the deadline. In point of fact, when Paul Percy Harris lay his head down for the final time on 27 January 1947, the February 1947 issue of *The Rotarian* not only had been printed, but so also was a mailer, ready to be labelled and sent to the Postal Service. So, when Rotarians around the world began to receive their copies, what they found was an issue with a colour picture of Saguaro cactus on the cover, and the obligatory anniversary message from Harris on the inside. Many didn't even know that Paul P. Harris had attended his last meeting, or that the issue of *The Rotarian* that they had just received contained the last writings of Paul Harris.

Some wouldn't find out of the passing of Harris until they received the following month's issue, a memorial to Harris, and most never knew that they had held a copy of Harris' last writings.

[Doug Rudman](#)

Meeting Report 10 January, 2011

No Sergeant session.

Thanks to David and Heather for opening their home. A BIG hit was Heather's potatoes. The modest master chef when asked for the recipe replied:

"Not really a recipe, just the way I do them! Just cut the potatoes into the size you want them [leaving the skin on them] and then boil until almost cooked. I drain them and let them dry and then put them into a pan to go in the oven. Melt some butter and brush over potatoes and sprinkle with salt or crazy salt which has herbs in it. Heat thru in oven and turn until a bit brown – all very easy as you can see! Good luck, Heather"

Rotary's Two score and Two

It was unselfish men who made the movement what it is, says the Founder in this anniversary message.

By Paul P. Harris

Founder and President Emeritus of Rotary International

Glancing back through my anniversary messages of the past, it seemed to me that I had covered every inch of the ground; that I had told everything I knew. Then the thought came to me that I had omitted the question Rotarians most frequently ask me: "When you founded Rotary, did you think that it would come to anything like this?"

My answer to that question is, "No." My thoughts on that day 42 years ago this month when the first Club first met, were far from any such thing. Recall Andrew Carnegie's answer to an adoring lady who asked him if he did not think that his great work was inspirational: "No, madam, I think it was more perspirational than inspirational."

So it was in Rotary. There was no inspired beginning. Young businessmen, mostly from the country, came in response to my call. Unacquainted with city life, we gathered together to help and befriend each other. We had been lonesome and we had found a cure for lonesomeness. We looked forward to meetings as a traveler in a desert looks forward to oases. We banished "Mister" and used first names. Silvester Schiele suggested photographs in our roster and the reading of papers on our respective businesses. Harry Ruggles contributed Club singing.

My plan for our Club provided that only one member of each business or profession would be eligible for membership. We would thus be able to enjoy the fellowship and also to help each other in our respective vocations. The Club grew by leaps and bounds, and representatives of different nationalities, religions, and political faiths came in. Complete tolerance prevailed.

Our peace and tranquility soon burst their bounds, however. We ceased to be content with isolationism and began Community Service, built upon the rock of fellowship and goodwill, and that foundation has never been shaken. Rotary became known as a beneficial influence in the city of Chicago.

Almost contemporaneously, I started a campaign for Rotary Clubs in other cities. Most of the membership considered it a vagary beyond the bounds of reason. So, I went forward alone, but with the sympathy of all. It is a matter of history how Club Number Two was organized in San Francisco, how Rotary went across the Canadian border to Winnipeg and eventually across the sea to the British Isles, where it became an influence throughout the length and breadth of Britain. Cuba came in, and, eventually, Rotary spanned the world.

If I was the architect, Chesley R. Perry was the builder. He is to be credited with as much of the results as any other man. A member of the Chicago Club, he was elected Secretary of the National Association of Rotary Clubs when it was formed in 1910. He served, as my readers well know, as Rotary's Secretary from then until 1942, meanwhile founding and long editing this magazine. And then there were men like the late James W. Davidson, of Canada, who with his countryman Colonel J. Layton Ralston, "planted" Rotary in the Antipodes. Later when Jim's health and strength were failing, he spent three years in completing the span of the world, bringing Rotary to many more lands. After reporting to Rotary International's Board in Chicago, Jim returned to Canada and died.

Rotary came up the hard way, through the work of self-sacrificing men who gave of themselves unsparingly. Now it continues on its miracle-working way. Its fellowship causes men to take up their beds (ill advisedly sometimes, I think) and walk, rather than break their attendance at Rotary meetings.

However, Rotary does yeoman service in countless other ways as well. Note how it is spreading knowledge of the United Nations, wherein civilization itself is at stake. How could Rotary do otherwise? The delegates are assembled to promote international understanding and goodwill. This is the very heart's core of Rotary teaching. Rotarians were members of 20 delegations and chairman of seven of them at the San Francisco meeting of the United Nations. More power, more power to you, my beloved Rotary!

It must be remembered that 1905, the year of Rotary's birth, was not far removed from the horse-and-buggy days. And now we are in the age of the airplane, and the split atom, and still Rotary keeps up. For example, Phil Lovejoy, Ches Perry's able successor, can catch a plane in Chicago, land in London, visit several Clubs, and be back at his desk within one week!

No, Mr. Rotarian, I did not in 1905 foresee a worldwide movement of 6,000 Clubs and 300,000 men. When a man plants an unpromising sapling in the early Springtime, can he be sure that someday here will grow a mighty tree? Does he not have to reckon on rain and sun, and the smile of Providence? Once he sees the first bud, ah, then he can begin to dream of shade.

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Rotary Thought

David Navutulevu can now run free with his four siblings in Fiji thanks to an act of human kindness.

The eight-year-old had never been able to walk normally from being born with a clubfoot. But his life has been turned around after Pagewood couple Nisha and Bobby Buksh arranged to have David flown over to Sydney from his home in Fiji for corrective surgery.

When this reporter met David two weeks ago it was hard to believe he ever had anything wrong with his right foot and when asked how he felt, replied with a grin "happy."

It was a vigorous procedure undertaken at The Children's Hospital at Westmead with nine casts pre-surgery to slowly manoeuvre the foot. Orthopedic Surgeon Dr Paul Gibbons and physiotherapists Alison Chivers and Tony Juarez volunteered their time over the four month period to correct David's foot. "The result has been excellent and David now has a mobile flexible foot suitable for long term wellbeing," Ms Chivers said.

Mrs Buksh said it was very hard to say goodbye to David and his auntie Shany Cerecere, who went back to Fiji on Friday, after staying with them for five months. "It's been such a warming experience - we have become such a close knit family," she said. Ms Cerecere said David had a new lease on life. "Life would have been difficult for him but

now he can now do anything he wants," she said. "We went to La Perouse beach and he saw his footprint in the sand for the first time. He was so happy - I cried."

Mrs Buksh arranged for Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children to pay for the airfares and the Buksh's took care of David and Ms Cerecere for the past five months. Mr Busksh said: "dollars don't matter as much - smiles on people's faces matter."

For details of Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children's work and to make a donation, go to romac.org.au.

SENIOR'S CORNER

"You are either subsidizing your illness or investing in your wellness" Dr. Mitra Ray

Some senior's ask about relationship advice at club BBQs. Here is a similar story.

Cletus is passing by Billy Bob's hay barn one day when, through a gap in the door, he sees Billy Bob doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of an old green John Deere.

Buttocks clenched, Billy Bob performs a slow pirouette and gently slides off first the right strap of his overalls, followed by the left. He then hunches his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move, he lets his overalls fall down to his hips revealing a torn and frayed plaid shirt. Grabbing both sides of his shirt he rips it apart to reveal his stained tee shirt underneath. With a final flourish he tears the tee shirt from his body and hurls his baseball cap onto a pile of hay.

Having seen enough Cletus rushes in and says, "What the heck are you doing, Billy Bob?"

"Jeez, Cletus, ya scared the snot out of me!" exclaims Billy Bob. Then, obviously embarrassed, he says, "Me and the old lady been having trouble lately in the bedroom department, and the therapist said I should do something sexy to a tractor."

FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

We publish the table below to keep us aware of the challenge.

Membership at the beginning of the year	Current Membership	Change
18	18	--

BREAKFAST QUIZ

Something to chew on over breakfast – TWO questions again this week seeing a member got last week's questions correct.

1. Answers to last week's questions

- 1. What is the approximate number of kilograms of food that the average person will eat in their lifetime? (Do not multiply the Christmas week food by *)**

Answer: 27,000 kilograms

- 2. What percentage of surveyed Australian men would lie if their partner asked, "Does my bum look big in this?"**

Answer: 52%

This week's questions.

1. What percentage of the Netherlands is below sea-level?

2. On average, how many kilometres a year does a person travel just in making their bed?

If you don't know the answers, you should pay a fine to the Sergeant. If you get the correct answer, the Editor will pay (this is costing me big time). The answer will be in next week's Forest Hill Flyer.

PUZZLE ANSWER: Take the first letter and place it at the end of the word, and read the word backwards. It is the same word.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

17 January 2011	Club meeting
24 January 2011	Club meeting
31 January 2011	Club meeting
1 February 2011	February is World Understanding Month
3 February 2011	Presidents & Assistant Governors Meeting
6 February 2011	District Leadership Seminar
7 February 2011	Club meeting & Board meeting
12 February 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
13 February 2011	Rotary Leadership Institute - Part 3 (Series 2)
13 February 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
14 February 2011	Club meeting
21 February 2011	Club meeting

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to me by **5 pm next Wednesday** (in Microsoft Word format,) Stuart Williams gsestu2@yahoo.com.au