



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>28 March</u>	<u>4 April</u>	<u>11 April</u>
African Kindergarten	Eastern Health Foundation	Multiple Sclerosis
Leanne Pinfold	Steve Haylock	Wendy Oliver
Chair		
Graham Sharman	Glenys Grant	Warwick Stott
Thanks & meeting report		
Chris Tuck	Ron Brooks	Bob Williams
Most Memorable Rotary Experience		
Stuart Williams	John McPhee	Gary Baltissen

DUTY ROSTER

	March	April
Cashier	Chris Tuck	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Graham Sharman	Bob Neilson
Greeter	John Donaghey	Doug Berwick
Emergency	Geoff Hale	John Donaghey

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



- April 1 Gary Baltissen birthday
 April 1 Doug Berwick birthday
 April 1 John Donaghey Club anniversary

DAVID'S DIARY



As I reported at last week's meeting, the Group Study Exchange visit was very successful. The team members are very pleasant and enjoyed the visits we organised to NADRASCA and Yarra Valley Water. Thanks to the Rotarians who helped out with the driving and the lunchtime barbecue. Since GSE commenced some 70,000 young businesspeople have enjoyed the opportunity of being part of an international exchange program. GSE is another wonderful program of the Rotary Foundation.

We have a few people recovering from less than optimum health or about to go into hospital so best wishes to Stan Harper, Bob Neilson and Bill Marsh.

There are a number of matters to report on this week.

Last week Rotarian Kathy Monley spoke to us about the work of Interplast and the people who have been given a chance to live a normal life as a result of the surgical treatment they receive. It was significant that the doctors and nurses volunteer to be part of the program and some have been doing this for many years. The club will be making a donation to Interplast of \$500 to assist with its life-changing work.

I am pleased to advise that Merv Ericson of the Rotary Club of Monash has been selected as District Governor for 2013/14. We congratulate Merv and look forward to supporting him in his role as leader of our District.

The Board has agreed that the club again take part in the Peridot Theatre program for 2011. Eleven seats have been ordered for Friday 6 May to see what promises to be an intriguing production of *Sitting Pretty* written by Amy Rosenthal.

The group reviewing the outcome of the *Our Club Our Future* seminar will be distributing a questionnaire later this week for members to consider. The questions are designed to give guidance to the group as it prepares a plan for the club's future.

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

David

David Bremner
 President

Meeting Report for 21 March, 2011

Chairman John Donaghey started the meeting with a couple of jokes. He was followed by Bob Laslett who told of the memorable phone call in 1994 that has resulted in many hours of enjoyment through the Science Schools Foundation. Bob has chaired this lively group for more than ten years and he filled the members in on the many and varied characters that have served on the committee. The committee has overseen a program that has enabled more than 40,000 students to experience a hands-on taste of science during the later years of their secondary schooling. Now known as The Science Experience, it has for most of its life been supported strongly by Siemens.

Our well-received guest speaker was Cathy Monley from the Rotary Club of Templestowe. Her topic was Interplast and in an entertaining and fact-filled talk she encouraged us to continue to sponsor this well-worthwhile project. Cathy had accompanied an Interplast team to the Philippines and her enthusiasm for her cause was very evident. She emphasized the training aspects of the program as well as the very necessary surgical

procedures that help so many needy people receive self-esteem as well as physical benefits as they recover from burns or cleft palates. She praised the selfless actions of the surgeons and other committed professionals and told of new endeavours to raise funds for this needy cause. Questions flowed despite the evident need for Rotarians to join their partners at the most enjoyable home-hosting provided so generously by Heather and David Bremner.

Sergeant Stuart was very successful in extracting \$38 for the Rotary Foundation. It was another great Rotary evening.

ANOTHER TSUNAMI NOTE

Dear Bob and Heather,

Thank you so much for thinking of us and praying for us. We are all safe including my mother, sister and her family, and Kunio's family. There was a little damage from the earthquake in Yokohama. However, we are under a fear of aftershocks, nuclear affect, and so on.

On the day the earthquake took place, Kunio had to walk home from his office in Tokyo which is 23 km away because all the train system in metropolitan district was stopped. It took 4 and a half hours.

As the nuclear power plants are now in a crucial state, the electricity is stopped for 3 hours every day in Yokohama, too, since our demand sometimes exceeds the supply. It is not just inconvenient but also very frightening when the electricity is stopped between the evening and night time.

I see less items in supermarkets last couple of days. There is delay in delivery as the roads in the northern part are collapsed. Some factories are closed to save enough electricity for the trains and homes.

While I was typing this email, I felt earthquakes twice. I hope the things will go back to normal soon. I am not getting enough sleep.

Thank you again for you email. Please send my love to your family and friends.

Love, Hiroko and family

The Rotary Leadership Institute Committee has been busy planning a number of "Series of Facilitated Workshops" over the coming months. We have put together one for the Whitehorse and Manningham Clusters which will be held on Saturdays - one day in each of April, May & June.

This program is ideally suited to the following members:

- The Incoming President for 2011/12
- President Nominee for 2012/13
- Members who are likely to be invited to serve as President in following years.
- Individual members of the club who would like to attend and gain benefit from expanding their Rotary knowledge and understanding

The program is being run at Hays International Business College in Hay Street, Box Hill South (south side of Canterbury Road - b/w Middleborough & Station Streets). The cost is \$60 for the full series. We are most appreciative and wish to acknowledge Hays International Business College for their sponsorship of the venue for our training.

The dates for the program are: Saturday 16 April, 21 May and 18 June.

If participants are unable to attend all three, they are welcome to switch into another group to continue the program.

A copy of the Registration Form can be obtained from David Bremner.

FOOTY TIPPING

As of Wednesday night, 23 March we had 19 people registered in our Footy tipping Comp. Come on, get with it. It is great fun, very easy to enter. Join Bob Laslett, Bob Williams, Chris Tuck, Cyril Yardin, Merle Williams, many Bremners, and Gazza in attempting to pick winners.

Go on-line to Oztips Join our comp. Register your details, decide on the name you wish to appear and a password

The comp number is 249885 , password foresthill Cost \$30 of which \$6.00 goes to the wonderful work of ROMAC. Rules etc are all there. Weekly winners as well as end of season cash prizes. Cheques payable to the Rotary Club of Forest Hill. Have fun - maintain an interest in the AFL for the season Join our comp.

DO IT NOW

IT IS NOT TOO LATE IF YOU MISSED THE OPENING OF THIS ROUND- There is almost no penalty for not tipping- you get some scores. JOIN NOW.

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The Visit to Chris and Warwick’s farm at Longwood Saturday 19th March was delightful.

Those who attended had a great time and learned a lot - Thanks for being great hosts Chris and Warwick

Home Hosting Night at Bremners was also a lovely night - Thanks Heather and David

Entertainment BOOK –

We will be selling the book again this year. Same price - \$65 and the club makes \$15 from each purchase. Tell your family – please order them from The Rotary Club of Forest Hill. Stuart Williams has order forms – please contact him. (I used it this year and have had over 25 meals and saved over \$600 and used the aquarium voucher and cinema vouchers – excellent value... Stuart)



Graham Sharman and his great catch from last Monday morning. Graham generously brought along some fish for members to enjoy.

Weekly Foundation Thought

This week’s **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about opening doors for those in need.

A Rotary Foundation matching grant for US\$38,900 helped the Rotary Clubs of Istanbul-Findikli, Turkey and East Salem, Oregon, USA purchase six sound-proof booths and equipment to record books from Istanbul’s Beyazit Library. Books on CD and MP3 give blind patrons of the library greater access to knowledge and learning and help to improve the literacy rate in Turkey. Through contributions to The Rotary Foundation Rotarians become partners in opening doors for those in need.

***** Manningham Concert Band -- over 55 musicians**

They have their Autumn Favourites concert on 27th of March BUT A CHANGE OF VENUE: Now at the Ted Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Rd, Lower Templestowe (Melways 32 K7) Time now 3pm. **Cost: \$8 under 12 free - includes tea, coffee, biscuits.**

SENIOR'S CORNER

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this.

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP.' It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times, the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special. A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP. When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so.....it is time to shut UP!

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 – THREE questions this week seeing a visitor got last week's questions correct.

Answers to last week's questions

1. Q. What vegetable has 2 - 4 times the vitamin C of oranges?
A. Green capsicum (twice oranges), red and yellow capsicum (4 times oranges)
2. Q. Where is the hottest part of a chillie?
A. No, it is not the seed which most people say. It is the small link between the seed and where it attaches to the membrane of the pod.
3. Q. Where did Marshmallows originate?
A. The inside pulp of the root of the Marsh Mallow plant was boiled up in sugar

This week's Questions

Q1. What is the happiest time of the week, and what is the most depressing?

Q2. How many trips overseas did Aussies make in 2010?

No question, just a wacky fact - The majority of Australian parrots are left-handed, 20% are ambidextrous. (2 of my kids are left handed. Does that make them parrots?)

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 answers will be in next week's Forest Hill Flyer

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

7 -9 April District Conference

District Assembly

During 2011/12

Are you on the Club Board?

Are you in a Club Officers Position?

Are you managing a Club Project?

Are you serving on a Club Committee?

Are you a new Rotarian?

Do you want to "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"?

Answer "Yes" to any or more of the above questions then you should make time to attend the

D9810 District Assembly

Saturday 7th May

8:00AM - 1:00PM

(Presidents Elect Session concludes at 3:00PM)

Hemisphere Conference Centre Moorabbin

Register to attend with your Club Secretary

NOW!



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