



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

4 April	11 April	18 April
Eastern Health Foundation Steve Haylock Chair	MS Wendy Oliver	TBA
Glenys Grant	Warwick Stott	
Thanks & meeting report		
Ron Brooks	Bob Williams	
Most memorable Rotary Experience		
John McPhee	Gary Baltissen	

DUTY ROSTER

APRIL	
Cashier	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Bob Neilson
Greeter	Doug Berwick
Emergency	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



A very special one
Wedding anniversary for Stan and Joan Harper April 7. Get well Stan.

DAVID'S DIARY



Heather and I are away this week enjoying a Probus trip to Kangaroo Island so thanks very much to Vice President Ray Smith for looking after things.

Our footy tipping competition is underway. We have a few new recruits this year including a golfing buddy of John McPhee and me, Brian Gobbi. Why not talk to some friends and support Stuart Williams by inviting them to sign up for the footy tipping – it makes reading the daily papers much more interesting!

I forgot to mention last week that 22 March was World Water Day. Did you know?

- About 70% of the earth is covered in water. Freshwater lakes and rivers, ice and snow, and underground aquifers hold only 2.5% of the world's water. By comparison, saltwater oceans and seas contain 97.5% of the world's water supply.
- If all of the world's water were fit into a one gallon jug, the fresh water available for us to use would equal only about one tablespoon.
- On a global average, most freshwater withdrawals - 69% - are used for agriculture, while industry accounts for 23% and municipal use (drinking water, bathing and cleaning, and watering plants and grass) just 8%.
- During the 20th century, water use increased at double the rate of population growth; while the global population tripled, water use per capita increased by six times.
- Over 800 million people lack access to safe drinking water, 2.4 billion to adequate sanitation. Each day almost 10,000 children under the age of 5 in Third World countries die as a result of illnesses contracted by use of impure water. African and Asian women walk an average of 6 kilometres each trip in order to fetch water.
- You can survive about a month without food, but only 5 to 7 days without water.
- Rotarians have contributed over \$89 million in water and sanitation projects over the last ten years.

You wonder where these facts come from – I subscribe to an email newsletter from the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (WASRAG) that provides interesting and inspiring stories about what Rotarians like you and I are doing to make a difference in the world. You can arrange your own subscription at <http://startwithwater.org/page.aspx?name=membership> and be inspired!

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

David

David Bremner
President

From the Editor *** Just a thought ***

I read in a profile on Jack Thompson. “98 percent of our population live comfortably, apparently able to ignore the indigenous people living in Third World conditions. Surely 98 percent of us can do something constructive about this shameful situation.”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Meeting Report for 28 March, 2011

The meeting was attended by 13 Rotarians, 1 Partner and 2 Guest Speakers.

PP Stuart Williams spoke of his Most Memorable Rotary Moment being a GSE Team Leader to the USA. The Sergeant collected \$38.75 in fines.

The guest speakers for the evening were Leanne and Melanie Pinfold.

Leanne (a Vet.) and Melanie (a Physiotherapist) spoke of their experiences with World Youth International, an organization that assisted them to visit Kenya to conduct humanitarian work.

During their visit, they recognized a need to support The Hope Katolo Nursery School, which was attended by 47 children who lacked the appropriate nutrition, access to clean water supply and appropriate school building facilities.

Through their efforts, they have raised \$27,000 to rebuild the school, provide one meal a day and uniforms to the students, a rain water tank and pay for teacher training.

In addition, additional staff including teachers and cooks have been employed.

The school now caters for 105 children.

In future our speakers hope to get the school registered with the Kenyan Government (to gain government financial support) and make the school self-sustainable.

This was an excellent presentation and all present were very impressed as to what the two speakers had achieved. Their contact details will be provided to our Secretary PP Ron Brooks.

Chris Tuck

This is Stuart's "Most memorable Rotary Experience"

Rotary has enriched my life. Rotary has provided me, an ordinary man, with many opportunities to be involved in extraordinary things.

Firstly, being involved on the District Youth Exchange committee was a privilege and gave me an enhanced understanding of Rotary and people both here and overseas.

ROMAC involvement has given me emotional moments and highlighted how Rotary can change individual lives for the good.

But I would have to highlight Group **Study Exchange**. Chosen to be the Team Leader of the 2000 team to Colorado, USA was an honour and an eye opening opportunity. The 5 weeks we spent away still lives vividly in my mind. I gained an excellent knowledge of America and its amazing people. I gained a good knowledge of Rotary and Rotary's birthplace and the country that is still its major funding base. Most memorable was the personal friendships that I made and have been able to continue 11 years later. GSE gave me the wonderful opportunity to live in Rotarians homes, talk to them in depth over meals and spend time with the Americans doing their normal day to day activities.

I saw many sights, flew in small planes, witnessed a man blow his brains out with a gun, visited Columbine High School, met Governors, Mayors, industry and civic leaders, but most importantly I was befriended by some truly delightful people and outstanding Rotarians. I still communicate with more than half a dozen of those Rotarians every week. I have been back to stay and catch up with my host families twice since then. Some have visited here.

Being a GSE-team leader in 2000 has been my most memorable Rotary experience.

Another message related to Tsunami-

Dear Glenys and Roger

Hello dear friend! Thank you so much for sending me your sympathy!!!! How are you doing?

So sorry I have been busy a little bit because of the tragedy. That earthquake causes so many problems to Japan, even more.

But thanks of this happening, I realized how much I love my family and friends. And Thanks of you, I could feel that I'm not alone and everyone is not alone.

By the way, do you have an account on Facebook??? If you have it, please be my friends on Facebook as well!

Through Facebook, I could get so much courage to face the reality what is happening here.

Money is helpful but the love from family or friends always complete the game.

And here is a good news! I quitted my job and preparing for going to photo school in Tokyo! Finally I could decide this way.

I hope we can go far as we want to. The situation is getting worse here so I might come back to Australia!!!! LOL!

I hope no more big earthquake will come. I hope the radiation plants won't explode. I hope everyone can sleep without the fear.

I hope we can drink the tap water like before. I hope I won't be afraid to open the window to get the air. I hope we can see Sakura this year, too.

So please be safe and happy because I have no tears left in my eyes!

I'm in Tokyo living with my boyfriend.

Today, I'm going back to my hometown, Kofu to see my parents and cute dog till this weekend!

So please keep in touch more!

Love all the time.....

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Sayuri 

Square Eyed Stu at the Movies

The Company Men a movie with a stellar cast that tackles an aspect of the Global Financial Crisis. Three corporate execs are impacted severely by the downturn. It is not an engaging film but really brings home the reality of so much of our flimsy reliance on possessions, wealth and living a life we get accustomed to. Very powerful and so much to talk about after. A stunning actress - Rosemarie DeWitt came to my notice, mostly filmed from behind in figure hugging jeans. A good 3/4 stars. Losing our job can be devastating and a massive reality check. There has to be questions asked about the morality of some corporate behaviour.

Stu

FOOTY TIPPING

It is still not too late to register in our Footy tipping Comp. Come on, get with it. It is great fun, very easy to enter. Join us in attempting to pick winners.

Go on-line to Oztips Join a comp

Register your details, decide on the name you wish to appear and a password

The comp 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

*** Well week one threw up a couple of surprises and a draw – therefore no one gets 8 winners. Gazza, Bill Marsh (in hospital recovering from a knee replacement) and Mark Bailey are 3 of our leaders. Slow out of the blocks were Chris Tuck, Rachel Bremner, Lachlan Williams and "The Qld Tiger". Good tipping to you all this week.

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ATTENTION ****

Entertainment BOOK – Is for sale NOW

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)

Weekly Foundation Thought

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about Ambassadorial Scholar Alumni.

Four alumni who traveled from the USA to study in Buenos Aires, Argentina have formed Project Patagonia, which provides educational support for school children. The alumni are constructing a multi-media library to meet both short and long-term educational needs at two schools for low-income students in rural Argentina. They are also providing school supplies and nutritional support. Ambassadorial Scholars represent the very best in intellect and character and they are future Rotarians. *Every Rotarian, Every Year* – imagine all we can accomplish today and tomorrow. Consider inviting local Rotary Foundation alumni to become members of your Rotary club.

SENIOR'S CORNER

Some Classic Kid (or grand-kid) quotes

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids.

-- Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7 (Love her)

-The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

- - Curt, age 7

-The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

- - Howard, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

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
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BREAKFAST QUIZ

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

Answers to last week's questions

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

Answer: Happiest - 7.26pm on Saturday, Most depressing - 7.29am on a Monday (and I initially thought it was 7.29pm Monday when the Club Pres got up to address the Club!!!)

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

Answer: 6.25 million.

This Week's questions.

Q1. On average how many days earlier are twins born than single babies?

Q2. Can you name the South American foods that Europeans wouldn't have tasted before 1600?

WACKY FACT: The highest man-made temperature ever achieved is by the "Z" machine at Sandia National Labs in New Mexico, which has reached around 3.7 billion degrees Fahrenheit.

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 -Adelaide
9 April Blackburn Craft Market
10 April Whitehorse Farmers Market

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