

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

13 June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY NO MEETING	20 June Australian Rotary Health Gail Robertson	27 June CHANGEOVER Partners and Friends welcome
Chair	John McPhee	Bob Laslett
Thanks and meeting report	Bob Laslett	
Club member talk	Ray Smith	

DUTY ROSTER

	JUNE	JULY
Cashier	John Donaghey	Warwick Stott
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Geoff Hale
Greeter	Graham Sharman	David Bremner
Emergency	Bob Laslett	Bob Laslett

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



DAVID'S DIARY

What a fascinating and inspiring address we had from Rotarian Ern Dawes at last week's meeting – see the report below. The East Timor Roofing and Water project ranks with other legendary Rotary projects such as Australian Rotary Health, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children, Operation Cleft and Interplast in terms of value for money and effectiveness in meeting key human needs. We congratulate the Doncaster club for starting the project and for continuing with it in conjunction with new partners.

The 2010-11 Board met for the last time last Monday night. The business the Board dealt with was as follows:

- There were several projects the Board was not able to come to a final decision on prior to the end of year. The Board sees merit in the projects and has referred them to next year's Board for further consideration. The projects are Defying the Drift, Australian Health Research scholarship for an Indigenous health care worker, and the Alcohol and Drug Booklet;
- Two excellent applications for National Youth Science Forum 2012 have been received and will be interviewed;
- Leave of Absence was granted to Gary Baltissen (July and August) and me (August);
- Jeffrey Tan's fundraising dinner – the Board felt that such a dinner is beyond the capacity of the club at this time;
- Meeting running sheet – a new running sheet is being developed and will incorporate an announcement, as an additional reminder, of the chair, club speaker and thankер/reporter for next week;
- Register of club property – a register of where club property is stored is being considered;
- Our Club Our Future – I hope to have the final report prepared by 30 June;
- The Treasurer's report was received and payments were approved. The club's NAB term deposit will mature in late June and will be reinvested with Bendigo Bank or ING;
- Fellowship - the wine and cheese night on 8 June will be booked for 25 people;
- Foundation, International: Gary noted that his Rotary International speaker program has been completed. He estimates that \$9,940 has been donated to Foundation projects.

I thank each of the members for their efforts on behalf of the club and of Rotary International. Being a Board member is a significant responsibility in a service club and when you look at the projects we have undertaken during the year, I am sure each member will feel pleased with their efforts.

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 6 June 2011

East Timor Roofing and Water Project

Our club had the pleasure of listening to Rotarian Ern Dawes from the Rotary Club of Doncaster who spoke on the project he is so passionate about that Doncaster runs with help from other Rotary Clubs e.g. Melbourne, Lilydale and Noble Park.

From Ern's description of East Timor, it appears there has been a tremendous amount of work, financial assistance and training given to help our friends in Baucau, East Timor. A company has been setup which employs 22 fulltime staff who in turn support another 160 family members. The business has been going for 10 years and has grown from providing roofing material to also assisting agriculture by drilling water wells, some of which go down 75 metres.

There is a considerable amount of manufacturing going on the plant initially with roofing materials, later trusses and now with the building of water tanks ranging in size from 1000 to 16000 litres. The roofing material and trusses require some 700 ton of Aussie steel.

The future of the country is very good and the Government is beginning to support Rotary projects and Rotarians like Ern Dawes. Our own Rotary member, PP Bob Neilson, is very keen on helping the region and he admires the work of groups such as Ern's team.

I believe the work to be done in East Timor is still only touching the surface. There is a lot of planning yet to be done and also training, particularly for the local people who are running the projects. They need training in business management and execution.

I saw in Ern's address on East Timor a possibility for our Rotary club to get involved at some stage.

We thank Ern for his address.

The club was able to continue its support for Safe Water Saves Lives projects by giving a donation of \$500 to Ern's water drilling project

Gary Baltissen

Support the Whitehorse Community Chest

The Whitehorse Community Chest has a proud history of supporting the local community with more than \$3.4 million provided to charitable and not-for-profit organisations since its formation in 1962.

The Chest aims to promote local giving by raising and distributing funds to organisations that provide health, wellbeing, education, recreation and support services.

Currently, the Chest assists over 40 charities and welfare agencies in Whitehorse across a broad range of groups and services including aged; childcare and families; community groups; disability; hospitals; welfare agencies; and youth. In 2010, these groups shared in more than \$140,000.

Each year the Chest conducts many fundraising activities, the main one being its annual appeal held each June.

For more information, including a full list of beneficiary organisations, please visit the Whitehorse Community Chest's website at www.whitehorsecommunitychest.org.au or phone Community Partnerships Manager Wilda Kerr on 9894 4744 or 0422 168 220.

Wine and cheese night

Many thanks to Chris Tuck for organising the wine and cheese night at the Blackburn Ristorante. A delicious selection of wines was provided by Tony from Blackburn Cellarbrations; Tony also provided an informative commentary and tasting notes for each wine.

The event was attended by members of the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce and Industry led by their President, Fay la Galle. President David provided a report on the Blackburn Station Craft Market and explained how the funds from the market are used to support community service projects in the local area as well as overseas.

In all, a delightful evening – many thanks to Chris and Tony and to the Rotarians and Partners who attended.

Club Member Talks

Over recent months, members have given 3 minute talks on the topic of "my most memorable Rotary moment". The talks have been inspiring and illuminating. Commencing 20 June, we will take a different approach to the talks by introducing a range of topics from which the speakers can select the subject for their talks. The topics are:

- My 15 seconds of fame!
- What I am most proud of;
- I got a kick out of...;
- My most enjoyable holiday.

Speakers can select whichever of the topics appeals to them.

Club member talks are a fun way of getting to know each other better and to discover what interests and experiences we each have.

Whitehorse Rotaract Changeover is now on Friday 8th July at Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill. Arrive 7:45pm for 8pm start. Cost is \$5 with proceeds going to the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund. The night will include official changeover proceedings, fun Japanese activities and Japanese supper!

Many of our club members play golf so I thought the following 2 pieces might bring a smile.

GOLF AND WHAT IT ALL MEANS



Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls.

, If you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

The term 'mulligan' is really a contraction of the phrase 'maul it again.'

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers... neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all, you really stink.

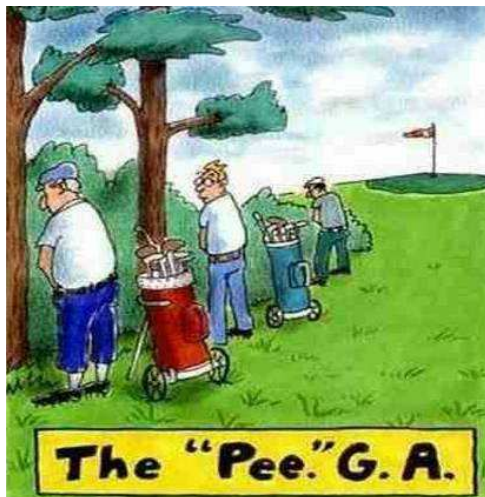
If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.

SENIOR'S DAY AT THE COURSE



David Letterman's Top Ten Reasons Why Golf Is Better Than Sex...

- #10... A below par performance is considered damn good.
- #9... You can stop in the middle and have a cheeseburger and a couple of beers.
- #8... It's much easier to find the sweet spot.
- #7... Foursomes are encouraged.
- #6... You can still make money doing it as a senior.
- #5... Three times a day is possible.
- #4... Your partner doesn't hire a lawyer if you play with someone else.

