



FOREST HILL FLYER 2011-2012

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

5 December	12 December	19 December
Hope Katolo Nursery School Leanne and Melanie Pinfold Induction of Helen McNamara as a member Chair	Committee Meetings	Christmas Breakfast Meeting John Edwards
Bob Williams	Gary Baltissen	Bob Laslett
Thanks & Meeting Report		
Stuart Williams	Ron Brooks (report only)	Bill Marsh
Club Member Talk		
--	Glenys Grant	--

DUTY ROSTER

	DECEMBER
Cashier	Chris Tuck
Recorder	John Donaghey
Greeter	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Warwick Stott

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



9 December – Birthday – Judy Laslett

DOUG'S DEADLINE

As you read this we will have entered December and move inexorably toward Christmas and the end of 2011. Considering my tenure as President started in July the time has gone very quickly so far and many Past Presidents would probably say that I'm nearly over the hill already.

The Bert Sloane Youth Achievement Awards went very well, again, and as I said on the night, congratulations to Gary Baltissen and his Committee for the hard work they put in to make the night a success. Our guest speaker, Sarah Heathcote, was an inspired choice and her remarks were so often reflected in the teachers' comments about each child who received an award.

Sarah's theme about being involved, helping others, trying your best and supporting teachers and fellow students were recurring points in comments about all the children. It is always good to see how happy and proud the parents are on nights like this (as you would expect) and provides us with an opportunity to share in such a worthwhile experience. Whether it sows the seed for further involvement with Rotary is unknown, however, the positive memories they take from the night are reward in itself.

During this 'unseasonable' weather (compared to our drought years), we should spare a thought for the farmers in our ranks, especially Chris Tuck who is now battling to maximise his cherry harvest. Chris was unable to be with us at the meeting as he was still in the orchard. From my own experience we often get a hail storm in Boronia around the time the plums are due to ripen so I empathise with Chris's frustration when the weather does not behave as expected.

Next meeting we hope to hear from Leanne and Melanie Pinfold when they update us on the Hope Katolo Nursery School in Kenya. I must admit this is an overseas project that has real appeal to me and I for one am looking forward to hearing from them.

Like the AFL in September, December is a month of finals. It will be our final Committees and Board meeting as well as the last meeting for the year on the 19th December which, as you know, is a breakfast. It is also the final Blackburn and Whitehorse Farmers Markets for 2011. I know that it reflects a normal month in our Club but with the addition of Christmas and all that entails it is going to keep us busy. Thank goodness we can have a rest until the New Year.

Enjoy your week in Rotary.

Doug Berwick
President

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The Bert Sloane Youth Achievement Awards.



As in previous years, Forest Hill Rotary Club was privileged to conduct the Bert Sloane Youth Achievement Awards evening. This is one of many projects our club is involved with that focus on youth.

The students who received awards are in year ten in local primary schools. They are selected by the schools based on criteria supplied by the club.

This year Vermont South Special School took part in the program for the first time and its student, Jason Tuttleby, was very excited to

receive his award certificate and gift voucher.

The evening was chaired by John McPhee who took the meeting at a steady pace dealing with normal meeting reports, which were kept to a minimum. Members, this was our lucky day as we all saved money because Sergeant Stuart Williams had a change of heart and conducted only a mini-fine session! Chairman John read a very fine tribute to Bert Sloane after whom the awards are named.

Our guest speaker was Sarah Heathcote who is the District Rotaract Representative for District 9810 and is very heavily involved in many areas within District. Sarah was lively, energetic and has a great personality and I believe the parents of the students were very impressed with her message to the students. Sarah gave advice on how the students should approach the future including one that took my fancy - Suck up to the teachers! Bill Marsh said that was one of the secrets to being popular with the teachers.

President Doug and Sarah presented the certificates and vouchers to the students after the Rotarians who hosted the students read a tribute to the student provided by the school. As usual, Ray Smith took photos of all the presentations and copies will be forwarded to the students.

Forest Hill Rotary Club congratulates the students and their families and thanks the primary schools who took part in the program. Thanks go to Barbara Williams, Glenys Grant and Ray Smith and all members of the club for their assistance.

The schools and winning students were Orchard Grove Primary School (Joshua Tuhan), Rangeview Primary School (Holly Goodridge), Burwood Heights Primary School (Amy Kuoch), Vermont Primary School (Moesha Elliot), Parkmore Primary School (Jared Walls), Livingstone Primary School (Rebecca Jamieson), Blackburn Lake Primary School (Ned Weatherell), Mount Pleasant Primary School (Harsimran (Simran) Sabarwal), Weeden Heights Primary School (Anastasia Papakatsikas) and Vermont South Special School (Jason Tuttleby).

I believe the awards brought a HUGE amount of joy to the students and their proud parents and the Forest Hill Rotary Club.

A FANTASTIC evening in Rotary.

Gary Baltissen

PLEASE SPARE A THOUGHT FOR

Please spare a thought for our members and friends, and their partners who care for them, who are not in the best of health at the moment - Frank Fricke (who is in hospital at the moment), Bob Nielson and Graham Sharman. We wish them all the best and look forward to their return to our meetings.

FUNDING OF A MAJOR PROJECT

While on the subject of worthy causes, the Board recently discussed funding a major project from accumulated Club funds. Suggestions so far include:

- Defying *the Drift* program. The program is similar to the Rotary Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) but is aimed at making young people aware of the opportunities for a career in the country – in essence, the program is trying to stop the drift of young people to the city.
- Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarship. The object of this program is to provide a scholarship, which can be used to assist Indigenous students to undertake a course in a wide range of health related professions. It will enable students to use this education for the benefit of other Indigenous people in some of our remote areas.
- Supporting the MASH initiative of providing Drug and Alcohol Booklets into local secondary schools. In our case, it could be Forest Hill College.
- Purchasing a major piece/s of equipment for one of the local hospitals – either Box Hill Hospital or Epworth Private Hospital

If members are aware of other projects that they believe are worthy of consideration they should advise our Secretary, Bill Marsh, or to President, Doug Berwick.

FELLOWSHIP CINEMA NIGHT

Our next Forest Hill Rotary Fellowship Cinema Night will be Fri 2nd December. Same format as last month –

- I will get to know what is on when the programme is released on Tuesday evening;

- I will then email everyone with the choice of films on at Forest Hill Chase;
- You need to get back to me by Thursday midnight by email ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au or mobile 0413042043 telling me your choice of film and how many tickets and preferably if you will be joining us at the Melba cafe at 7:45pm for meal/drinks/coffee/light meal/cake beforehand;
- I will buy the tickets and will hand them over in exchange for cold hard cash (note) at the cafe.

An escalator goes from outside the cafe one floor up to the cinema. The cost will be \$0.50 less than the cheapest ticket available on an evening i.e. \$9.50 per ticket.

Ron Brooks

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	It happens next week!!

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK



IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

28 November 2011	New Sergeant to be announced to club
1 December 2011	December is Family Month
2 December 2011	District - Youth Exchange outbound students orientation
2 December 2011	Friday Night Film and Fellowship Night
4 December 2011	District - College of Governors lunch
5 December 2011	Club meeting
10 December 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
11 December 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
12 December 2011	Club meeting and Board meeting
19 December 2011	Club meeting and Christmas Breakfast
26 December 2011	Club meeting - cancelled - Public Holiday

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