



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

| 27 February | 5 March | 12 March |
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| Committee Meetings | Ford Davis Endeavour Awards | No meeting – Labour Day Holiday |
| Chair Bill Marsh | Glenys Grant | |
| Thanks & Meeting Report Graham Sharman (report only) | Bob Laslett | |
| Club Member Talk Graham Sharman | -- | |

DUTY ROSTER

| | FEBRUARY |
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| Cashier | Glenys Grant |
| Recorder | Bob Laslett |
| Greeter | David Bremner |
| Emergency | Chris Tuck |

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 – very quiet week

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Last week we went on an interesting and informative tour of some of the facilities at the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Hospital in Kew. Our host was Salvatore (Sal) Dema who is the Manager, Community Integration & Leisure Services.

The Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre is a specialist provider of intensive rehabilitation programs, providing a range of medical, nursing, therapy and support services to people with a wide range of disabilities. Areas of specialty include acquired brain injury rehabilitation, amputee rehabilitation, neurological rehabilitation, spinal cord injury rehabilitation, orthopaedic rehabilitation and orthotic and prosthetic services

It began in 1907 in Clayton as the Talbot Colony for Epileptics. In 1959 the Talbot site was acquired for use by Monash University and in exchange, Talbot received 58 acres of land in Kew. In 1961 the new buildings were completed and 37 patients were transferred from Clayton to Kew.

The role of the centre then changed to assisting major public hospitals by taking groups of orthopaedic, neurological and respiratory cases, still including some epileptic cases. In 1988 Talbot amalgamated with the Austin Hospital and a new spinal rehabilitation centre was later built for the Austin's patients. In 1990, a new facility for people with severe brain damage was opened – the Acquired Brain Injury (or ABI) Unit.

Today Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre is one of the three facilities that constitute Austin Health.

Sal showed us the sensory garden where patients can relax or can be involved in the care of the garden, if they wish. He then took us to visit various departments that look after amputees and people recovering from strokes and other conditions that require physical and emotional treatment. We saw the gymnasium as well as the special gym and treatment area for patients with damaged spinal cords, we visited the carpentry shop and saw some of the brilliant aids that are manufactured to assist people to live as normal a life as possible with their physical disability.

It was interesting to see the facilities and hear of the treatment provided to the patients. It was also inspirational to listen to Sal describe how the centre operates. Sal is obviously proud of the hospital's services and spoke with great passion about the patients and the delight he experiences when looking after them.

Following a very nice supper organised by Sal, Vice President Bob Williams thanked him for the tour and expressed a hope that we can assist the hospital in the future.

END POLIO NOW – SO CLOSE!

In recognition of Rotary International's birthday anniversary and our more than 25-year fight to eradicate polio worldwide, Rotary clubs and districts have been sharing our story with the world by illuminating landmarks with the message "End Polio Now".

It is Melbourne's turn on 25-27 February when Federation Square will be illuminated with the End Polio message starting at 8.30pm each evening. All members, Partners and friends of Rotary are invited to attend.

HOME HOSTING ON MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Home Hosting on 27 February will be at the homes of the Stott's and the Marsh's. Thanks to both of them. Partners are asked to contact their host prior to the evening to agree what food will be brought. The Rotarians will join their Partners after our meeting.

Give Ron a ring on 0413-042-043 or [email ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au) if you can host for the final home hosting in June.

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 | 19 | +1 |

District 9810 Conference 2012

Hosted by the 2012 District Conference Committee and the Rotary Club of Hampton

All Day Saturday & Sunday April 21 & 22,

Peninsula Conference Centre, Central Pier, Docklands

Cost \$385 per person. Book at <http://www.9810conference.org.au/>

GIANT MONOPOLY

Whitehorse Rotaract presents a night of great childhood fun: Giant Monopoly!

It's going to be a magnificent night fundraising to provide resources for a new library for Brahminy Foundation (A.K.A. 'Outback Kids' documentary on ABC in 2011).

Giant Monopoly is a lot like the traditional game, just bigger and with a few changes as you work with your table to acquire property and money throughout the night. The night will be a lot like a trivia night, except without the trivia.

7pm Saturday 25 February at Box Hill Town Hall (lower room). Cost \$15pp, pay at the door. BYO drinks and nibbles.

Please reply to whitehorse_rotaract@hotmail.com with table and individual bookings.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see."

John Burroughs

"A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life."

Charles Darwin

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

District Governor 2010/11 Frank Baffoe, Lesotho, Africa

"My way to Rotary was protracted. A business friend of mine, who was a Rotarian, invited me on several occasions to join him at his Club meetings. Sadly, however, his efforts were regularly frustrated by my "reasoned" excuses of why I could not join him on each occasion. Strangely though my friend never gave up on me. He persisted.

On one occasion, however, I was moved by my sense of curiosity to go and check it out. I was so moved by what I saw, I joined."

A lesson for us all!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

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| 23 February 2012 | Annual Rotary Foundation Dinner at Woodlands Golf Course |
| 24 February 2012 | District - College of Governors meeting |
| 27 February 2012 | Club meeting and home hosting |
| 29 February 2012 | Australian Rotary Health annual seminar at Casavini |
| 1 March 2012 | March is Literacy Month |
| 4 March 2012 | District - Presidents Elect training seminar |
| 5 March 2012 | Club meeting - Ford Davis Endeavour Awards |
| 10 March 2012 | Blackburn Craft Market |
| 11 March 2012 | Whitehorse Farmers Market |
| 12 March 2012 | Club meeting cancelled - Labour Day |
| 19 March 2012 | Club meeting |

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