

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

12 March	19 March	26 March
No meeting – Public Holiday	Rotary International Peace Scholar - David Vincent	Biology Olympiad - Faye Liu & Committee Meetings
Chair	John McPhee	Glenys Grant
Thanks & Meeting Report	Helen McNamara	John McPhee
Club Member Talk	Bob Laslett	Gary Baltissen

DUTY ROSTER

	MARCH
Cashier	Bob Williams
Recorder	Warwick Stott
Greeter	Helen McNamara
Emergency	Bill Marsh

ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 9878 4891 or rcsmith@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



- 17 March - Tracey Berwick – Partner's Birthday
- 21 March - Stuart Williams – Club Member Anniversary
- 22 March – John McPhee – Club Member Anniversary
- 23 March – David Bremner – Club Member Anniversary
- 24 March – Helen McNamara – Rotarian Birthday

DOUG'S DEADLINE

For those able to attend our meeting on Monday, the Ford Davis Endeavour Award Night was a great success. As I have said before, I find these nights very rewarding and I hope that the Davis family members who joined us felt the same. Our award recipients, Jason, Mahira and Faye spoke very well and shared their aspirations with us. However, the comments by Mahira about wanting to help people in other countries with projects like water, health etc echoed what Rotary currently does. The future Rotarians are out there, we just have to tap into them and bring them along with us - that is the challenge for the 21st Century.

We were also very pleased that the Assistant Principal from Box Hill High School, Neil Davis (no relation to the other Davis family apparently) was able to join us. I took the opportunity to pass on to Neil some information regarding Camp Awakenings and we hope that they may be able to nominate a student or two. Just for your information, I have included some information from their 'Club Request'

Camp Awakening will again be run May 11-13 in 2012 and they ASK FOR OUR SUPPORT HOW - YOU MAY WELL ASK

- firstly commit the club to supporting one or more students
- sponsor the students (as little as \$200 per student can make a HUGE difference)
- choose the students from the local community/schools
- OR
- let Camp Awakening find students for us through its wide network
- EASY AS THAT

There are 50 clubs within district 9810, if every club committed to just ONE student (\$200) that provides 90% of the camps capacity and yes, we can sponsor more than one student.

I presume that we will be writing to other schools within the area to also make them aware of this great program.

Our *End Polio Now* Pins will be distributed next meeting so make sure you wear them and start making your plans for Hat Day in May when we again raise money for mental health research.

Enjoy your week in Rotary

Doug Berwick
President

WOMEN IN ROTARY

A website has been established to showcase the history and importance of women in Rotary and in leadership roles in our community. The website is at rotarywomen.org.au. The website has interesting articles about the roles and contributions women make to Rotary.

At present, about 20% of the District 9810 membership is female and clubs are asked to seek every opportunity to increase that ratio.

WELL DONE DISTRICT 9810

At the 2012 Presidents Elect Seminar, we were told that last year District 9810 Rotary clubs paid out \$2.2 million on community support projects of which 65% went to projects in the local area, 15% to other areas in Australia and 20% to overseas projects.

What a remarkable effort!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING



The meeting was attended by the awardees of the Davis-Gysi Foundation scholarships for 2011 and their families, the Vice Principal of Box Hill College, Neil Davis, and members of the Davis families (except for Roger who earlier in the day had a confrontation with a bull!).

Jason O'Brien explained how he had become interested in engineering activities and how the scholarship would assist him in his ambition to do an engineering course at Monash University.

Mayha Sian impressed with her talk of working with others to be successful with school work and projects which would help the community.

Hung Vuong told how the scholarship would assist her in her ambition to obtain qualifications in some form of medical treatment.

It became obvious that Box Hill High School had made correct choices in selecting the students who showed a work ethic and who really needed the assistance the scholarship would give to follow their ambitions.

The chairperson for the night was Bob Laslett and he said the following in his introduction to the Endeavour Awards

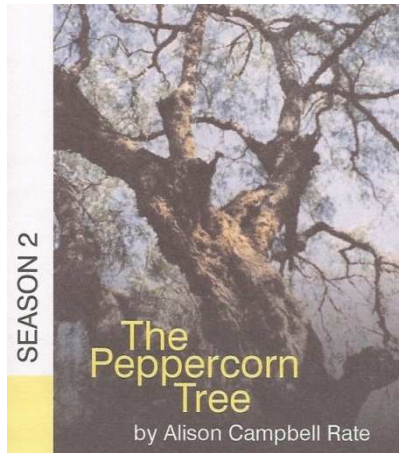
"What is Rotary - Rotary is a voluntary organisation that aims to build healthy, educated and safe communities here and overseas. It is club-based and organised in Districts in many countries. (It is currently undergoing re-branding as people know the Rotary wheel but do not clearly understand what the wheel stands for).

Who was Ford Davis - Ford was one of Rotary's District Governors. His year was 1973-1974. As a reward (poetic licence), he was given the task of founding a new club. That club was this club and thanks to Ford, it has been active since 1975. Ford's district in those early days covered all of Victoria and Tasmania. Now our district extends from Box Hill to Healesville (both represented here tonight) and down to Carrum. Ford was a great leader and friend of the club and we have many happy memories of his wise counsel, his friendliness and his business expertise whose character was forged in the depression and beyond. Peaches, pumpkins and early mornings with Ford in the Berwick orchard are imprinted in our memories.

Box Hill High Scholarship awards - When Ford and Eve died, the Davis brothers and their wives sought to fund community projects that would commemorate their father. They did this through our club and we looked for projects that reflected Ford's interests in young people and golf. One such project was the scholarships for Box Hill High School where the Davis boys had gone to school. The scheme sought to reward students that best demonstrated the character strengths that Ford personified:

- Hard work to achieve personal growth
- Respect for others, and
- Teamwork.

The awardees here tonight have already received \$2,000 cheques to help with their education. There are no rewards without consequent responsibility. So it gives me great pleasure to introduce..."

PERIDOT THEATRE**The Peppercorn Tree**

Fri 4 May 2012 8:00pm

Directed by Tim Long

In Tobruk in WW2 during an early morning raid, Jonah Cloake makes a split second decision. The fallout takes root and grows to overshadow his life and future relationships, especially with his wife and only son. Burying his guilt under a veneer of jibes and humour, Jonah has succeeded in avoiding his past for decades. Now as he nears the end of his life, the aging Jonah reluctantly agrees to record his memoirs with a biographer and in the process is forced to confront his demons. Humorous and deeply moving, The Peppercorn Tree is a story of mateship, love, regret and reconciliation.

An attendance sheet will be circulated at the meeting on 19 March for you to indicate your attendance. If Friends of Rotary wish to attend, please contact David Bremner by 19 March.

SPEAKING PANEL OF AGED CARE EXPERTS

Come and listen to four speakers on the legal, financial and accommodation aspects of Aged Care. Free, 21 March at Mitcham RSL, 26 McDowall St, Mitcham. Topics include - Stay at home but get extra care? Move to various types of retirement villages or aged care facility? What are the legal and financial implications of selling or not selling your home? How is Centrelink payment affected? Etc?

ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH

Invitation to hear Joy Gillett and Prof Michael Sawyer (medical advisor to the Board) speak at RC of Waverley, Tues 27 March at Riversdale Golf Club, Huntingdale Road, Mount Waverley, noon for 12:30pm start, finish at 2:00pm. Cost \$25 for 2 courses. Please notify PDG Fred Hay 9726-692 by 21 March (or Ron Brooks in time for him to tell Fred).

FOREST HILL FILM NIGHT

"Safe House" and "The Vow" were the two films watched last Friday night after dinner at the Melba Cafe. Stuart thought "The Vow" was a bit slow but well worth the watch and Bill thought that "Safe House" was definitely better than "Jack and Jill". Fri 6 April is our next film, feed and fellowship night at Forest Hill Chase. Bill Marsh will be organising it.

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

MARKET WEEKEND

The Blackburn and Whitehorse markets will be held on 10 and 11 March. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Love doesn't make the world go 'round; love is what makes the ride worthwhile."

Franklin P. Jones

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them."

Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama

HOT CROSS BUNS

The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills is again selling its Hot Cross Buns with \$3 of each dozen sold going to the "End Polio Now" program of the Rotary Foundation in your club's name.

Deliveries will be made on the Monday to Wednesday of Easter week (being 2 to 4 April, 2012), but we can deliver earlier if you prefer.

The Hot Cross Buns are baked fresh at Bread Street Bakery and are so yummy, you want to have more!

Contact Jenny Coburn on 0407 689 777 for details.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

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
23 March 2012	District - Group Study Exchange Team from Texas arrives
26 March 2012	Club meeting
1 April 2012	April is Rotary Magazine Month
2 April 2012	Club meeting
8 April 2012	Whitehorse Farmers Market
9 April 2012	Club meeting cancelled - Easter
14 April 2012	Blackburn Craft Market
16 April 2012	Club meeting and Board meeting
21 April 2012	District Conference in Melbourne (21 & 22 April)
23 April 2012	Club meeting

DISTRICT 9810 CONFERENCE

Inspiring projects, notable speakers and lots of fun is in place. All we need now is you - the brightest and best of D9810.

No big transport costs, no extra hotel nights, a big full-blooded conference using the weekend: main plenaries in Peninsula Room, Pier 14 Docklands, April 21-22, 2012 and Gala Dinner at the Great Hall, NGV on the Saturday night. Go to Trybooking for your Conference registration.

And now a request: If I asked you the question: "what's behind the Rotary wheel"? How would you answer? Well, let me tell you who I think is the strength "behind the Rotary wheel" and that is our Partners. So, a highlight of this year's Conference will be a Q&A session exploring that very question. **We need some volunteers** and are looking for Rotary Partners to play a special role in this segment. Can you ask your Partner please - or encourage other Partners from your club to contact me by email if they would like to hear how they can get involved

District Governor Juliet Riseley

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at djlb91@bigpond.com by **5 pm next Wednesday** (in Microsoft Word format please)