



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

26 March	2 April	9 April
Biology Olympiad - Faye Liu & Committee Meetings Chair Glenys Grant Thanks & Meeting Report John McPhee Club Member Talk Gary Baltissen	Ambassadorial Challenge - Ashley Mallet John Donaghey Chris Tuck David Bremner	Meeting cancelled - Easter

DUTY ROSTER

	MARCH	APRIL
Cashier	Bob Williams	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Warwick Stott	Graham Sharman
Greeter	Glenys Grant	John McPhee
Emergency	Bill Marsh	David Bremner

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



31 March – Joan Sharman – Birthday
 1 April - Gary Baltissen & Doug Berwick – Birthdays
 - John Donaghey – Club membership anniversary

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

We had thirteen members and our guest speaker in attendance at our last meeting.

President Doug reported that the Board has decided to support the most popular two of the three projects voted on during the recent referendum on a new major project for the club. Doug noted that all three projects were of high quality and would greatly benefit the community. The club will therefore be supplying three electric beds to Box Hill Hospital and supporting two Indigenous Health Scholarships through Australian Rotary Health. The estimated cost of the projects over the next two years will be about \$20,000.

Bob Laslett was the club speaker and told of the time when he was seconded to the CSIRO to work on polymers. The work Bob participated in eventually led to major science awards for the principal researchers and the paper they issued bears his name as co-author. The secondment was highly successful for Bob in his professional development and has led to a long-term interest in polymers.

Wikipedia tells me that a polymer is a large molecule (macromolecule) composed of repeating structural units. These sub-units are typically connected by covalent chemical bonds. Although the term polymer is sometimes taken to refer to plastics, it actually encompasses a large class of compounds comprising both natural and synthetic materials with a wide variety of properties - I suspect I was out to lunch the day polymers were discussed at school!



Our guest was David Vincent who earlier this year was named by the Federal Government as one of forty 'People of Australia' ambassadors around the nation.

David was born in Sudan but his family was forced to flee the country when he was three following the breakout of civil war in 1983. He lived in refugee camps for about 18 years before moving to Australia in 2004. He now works with the Brotherhood of St Lawrence as Community Liaison Officer.

As a young child, he and his father were forced to leave their village and live in a

succession of refugee camps until they were separated. Along this journey, David saw many of his fellow refugees die from hunger, disease and war. Fortunately, David was eventually selected for settlement in Australia where he has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Criminology.

David has focused his life on peace and reconciliation. He is a member of and a spokesperson for the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) in Australia and is now working with the Sudanese Government as it deals with the division of the country into two separate nations.

David's talk was inspiring as a lesson in how a person can overcome disadvantage, fear and an inclination towards revenge to instead bring peace and goodwill to the world.

It was a privilege to have David as our guest.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE SEMINAR 14 MAY

On 14 May instead of our normal club meeting, we will be hosting the District 9810 International Service Committee Seminar for the Northern Cluster (Manningham and Whitehorse).

The seminar will be at the Casavini Restaurant, 5 Mitchell Street, Doncaster East at 6.00 for 6.30pm. The meal cost is \$30 per person with drinks at bar prices.

The speaker will be PP Brian McDaid speaking on 'Future funding of Rotary projects through partnerships'. The new Future Vision funding model will commence 1 July 2013 so this will be a valuable opportunity to learn about it.

The clubs have been invited to cancel their meetings for that week and instead attend the seminar.

As the host club, we will require assistance from as many members as possible. Over the coming weeks we will develop a roster and will seek volunteers for the various tasks.

Thanks for your support

Glenys Grant, International Chair.



ROTARIANS BEWARE

The Board strongly recommends that members keep guard over their fence posts!

CHANGES TO THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

At our meeting on 26 March, we will vote on proposed changes to the club's constitution and bylaws. All Rotary clubs are required to make these changes as a result of the decisions of the last Rotary International Council on Legislation – Rotary's law-making body.

ROTARY CLUB OF FOREST HILL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Time is running out to sign up for the tipping competition. This is an invitation to join Forest Hill Rotary's footy tipping comp for 2012. Cost is \$30 of which \$23 is for prizes and \$7 for Rotary projects.

It is easy to join up. Just highlight the URL below and it will take you to the correct page/comp. Put in your details and I will collect your money SOON. Footy starts in 11 days. It is good fun - they send you a reminder each week, and you still get some selections EVEN if you forget to put in your tips

I would love your name to come up on my computer as having joined.

http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/Forest_Hill_Rotary (there is an underscore between forest and hill and rotary)

Stuart Williams

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill will be ordering The Entertainment Book again this year. Cost \$65 of which Rotary gets \$13. Hundreds of dollars savings - hundreds of buy-one-get-one-free meals and other vouchers. Buy one and SHARE it with the extended family. Vouchers are transferable. Movies, fun parks, McDonalds, KFC - it is very easy to get your money back.

If you are interested, advise Stuart Williams who will collect the money in mid to late March. The NEW book starts June 1.

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	-

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."

Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

"The real and lasting victories are those of peace, and not of war."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

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

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