



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

16 April	23 April	30 April
New school in South Sudan- Samuel Manhom	RAAF Service – Stan Harper	Social – Partners Night
Chair		
Bill Marsh	Chris Tuck	Doug Berwick
Thanks & Meeting Report		
Stan Harper	--	--
Club Member Talk		
Chris Tuck	--	--

DUTY ROSTER

	APRIL
Cashier	David Bremner
Recorder	Graham Sharman
Greeter	John McPhee
Emergency	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



17 April – Wedding Anniversary – Merle and Ray Smith

DOUG'S DEADLINE

Welcome back from the break. I hope you all enjoyed Easter and ate in moderation. I must admit that as I have aged (gracefully) I find it easier to resist the Easter eggs and the temptation of hot cross buns in January wains by the time April arrives. Speaking of April, the Blackburn market is on this weekend so we need those willing hands.

My thanks to Bob Williams for representing me at the last meeting. Unfortunately, this time of the year is becoming busy which affects my ability to attend all meetings. I was pleased to see that we were able to support the Rotary Club of Manningham's Sumba Water Project. As you may be aware, they found themselves short by \$600 and called on Clubs within the area to assist. This came about because one of the Clubs withdrew their support thinking the project had been cancelled because RC Manningham did not receive a grant they applied for. Through the misunderstanding, neither Club had sufficient funds available to cover the shortfall. This demonstrates the need for Clubs to hold funds in reserve for unforeseen costs.

Your Board has taken this approach when considering the amount that we could spend on a major project. We wanted to keep a small reserve in case of reduced revenues and unexpected expenses. The above example shows how tight things can get for some Clubs.

Monday is going to be a big day for the Club as we host the GSE team from Texas. Many thanks to Glenys and her Committee for the work they have done to make this day happen, the drivers on the day and to David & Heather who have again opened their home to our visitors.

David has put a call out for members to support the incoming GSE team dinner on Tuesday 17th April. The cost is \$30 and we would like to see as many members as possible to support the RC Box Hill as we will be expecting them to support us in May. Bookings close at 6pm on 12 April.

I look forward to catching up with you at our meeting on the 16th. Enjoy your week in Rotary.

Doug Berwick
President

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).

As the host club, we will require assistance from as many members as possible. To date the following roles have been allocated:

- Table allocations – Ray Smith and Bob Williams;
- Cashier – Warwick Stott and John McPhee;
- Greeters – Glenys Grant, Doug Berwick and Stan Harper;
- Official welcome – Doug Berwick;
- Meeting Chair – David Bremner.

The Northern Cluster clubs have been advised of the meeting and have been requested to forego their normal meeting that week and instead attend the seminar.

Ian Armstrong, the District International Chair, will welcome the attendees and Past President Brian McDaid will speak on "Future funding of Rotary projects through partnerships"

Glenys Grant, International Chair.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE DAY FOR FOREST HILL



D5790 team. L to R: Matthew, Anne, Holli, Marci, Wesley

The Team Members are:

Team Leader: Marci Junge – from the Rotary Club of Grapevine, Texas. Marci is an Interior Designer

Team Members:

- Holli Slater – Aged 36, a Social Worker / Program Evaluator for school based program for pregnancy prevention.
- Anne Pape – Aged 28, an Outreach and Development program co-ordinator for Interfaith Ministries.
- Matthew Weaver – Aged 30, an Information and Referral Co-ordinator for United Way.

- Wesley Rouston - Aged 38. Police Patrol Sergeant and Jail Warden.

Our club has organised the following program for the GSE Team on 16 April:

- 9am collect the Team from Doncaster Hotel
- In the morning, a visit to the NADRASCA Farm and Administration Centre:
- BBQ lunch at the Bremner's;
- Afternoon visit to the SCOPE Centre and its Knox Industries Employment and training unit;

The following club members will act as drivers for the Team - Ray Smith, John McPhee and Glenys Grant.

The following members are expected at the BBQ – Ray and Merle Smith, John McPhee, Glenys Grant, Doug Berwick, Warwick Stott, Bill Marsh, Bob Williams and Stan Harper. If anyone else is attending, please let David Bremner know so he can order another sausage!

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE



The Group Study Exchange for 2012-13 is with District 3300 in Malaysia from 18 November to 16 December 2012.

The key dates are as follows:

Team Leader - 11 May - team leader applications close, 19 May – team leader interviews held

Team Members - 31 May – team member information evening, 8 June – team member applications close, 16 and 23 June – team member interviews

The preferred professions for this exchange are Media (including public relations, communications, graphic design and multimedia), Tourism, Information Technology and Construction.

Team members must be between the ages of 25 and 40 at the time of the exchange, must live or work in District 9810 and not be lineally related to a Rotarian.

WHO CAN WE RECOMMEND??

MICROCREDIT PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD

In many ways, microcredit and vocational service go hand in hand. Microcredit encourages entrepreneurship, creates job growth and strengthens local economies, enabling community residents to seek out better lives for themselves and their families. Here are some ways Rotary clubs are developing micro-lending programs:

The Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt provides microcredit loans to women supporting large families. The first loans were given to 20 entrepreneurs and were paid back over the course of the year, making the program independently sustainable. The club also runs sewing workshops and literacy classes for low-income women. The program was recently featured in the March issue of *The Rotarian*.



The Rotarian Action Group for Microcredit is working with the Foundation for Women to develop a microcredit program in Liberia. The first phase of the project provided 470 poor women in Liberia with US\$100 loans. The second phase will see an expansion of the project in new areas of Liberia.

The Rotary clubs of Mahabouddha Patan, Nepal and Branchburg, New Jersey, USA are working with Friends of Nepal New Jersey (FONNJ) to run a microcredit program for women in Lalitpur. Women participate on various levels - some are given goats to raise, some receive chickens, and others are taught to farm vegetables.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR THE COMMUNITY SO FAR THIS YEAR?

It is interesting to reflect on what the club has done so far for people in local and international communities. The donations made by the club to date are as follows:

Community, Vocational & New Generations Projects	
Ford Davis Endeavour Award	
Box Hill High Scholarships	6,000
Swags for Homeless	3,000
National Youth Science Forum	1,305

Youth Achievement Awards	1,192
Student donations - Faye Liu	300
Four Way Speaking Competition	100
Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Appeal	60
Wesley Mission Crisis Centre Donation	43
International and Foundation Projects	
Disaster Aid Tent	800
Hope Katolo Nursery School Project	500
Rotarians Against Malaria	500
ABCD program	500
Walk for Life	500
DG's Partner's Charity - Timor Lester Midwifery Project	200
Rotary Medical Aid for Oceania	114
Polio Challenge	66

Before 30 June, we hope to complete the following additional projects:

Community, Vocational & New Generations Projects
Bowelscan Project May 2012
Graham Taylor Apprenticeship Award
Harper Family Fund Project
Whitehorse Farmers Market - Other Community Projects
Ford Davis Endeavour Award
Hand Brake Turn
Carpentry Apprentice Award
Motor Mechanic Apprentice Award
District Golf Day prize
International and Foundation Projects
Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital
Assist a volunteer – RAWCS project
Donations in Kind (spectacles or other)
Grain Storage Containers, Timor Leste
Mercy Children's Centre HIV - Aids project
Operation Cleft
Peace Scholar
Polio Plus Contribution
Rotary Foundation Contribution
Centurion Payments
Sumba Water and Sanitation Project
Select a GSE team member / GSE visit

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.

FOOTY TIPPING

Our Rotary club Footy Tipping is off and running. We have 16 participants. This week EVERYBODY did well. We had 3 pick 9. The people who earned themselves a Hungry Jack's Whopper were, John McPhee, Mark Bailey and Stuart Williams. Macca is on top with 15 points. On 14 are Stuart, David Bremner, Kathy Donaghey and our "Bionic Man" Bill Marsh. Our President's leadership style is to encourage from the rear - Doug is on 10. In racing terms - a tight packed field.

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	-

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Anybody who watches three games of football in a row should be declared brain dead."
Erma Bombeck (1927 - 1996)

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."
Heywood Broun (1888 - 1939)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

14 April 2012	Blackburn Craft Market
16 April 2012	Forest Hill to host the GSE Team
16 April 2012	Club meeting
17 April 2012	Incoming GSE Team dinner for Northern Cluster
21 April 2012	District Conference in Melbourne (21 & 22 April)
23 April 2012	Club meeting
23 April 2012	District - Group Study Exchange Team from Texas departs
28 April 2012	District - Malaria Awareness dinner
30 April 2012	Club meeting (abbreviated) and Partners Dinner in the Restaurant

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