



# 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. Meal cost \$27.00

### CLUB PROGRAM

| 7 May  | 14 May   | 21 May  |
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| <b>"No such thing as Time Management" – Graham Howes (Board Meeting) Chair</b><br>Warwick Stott<br><b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b><br>Bob Laslett<br><b>Club Member Talk</b><br>John McPhee | <b>Northern Cluster International Service Seminar at Casavini Restaurant</b><br><br>--<br><br>--<br><br>-- | <b>Committee Meetings</b><br><br>Graham Sharman<br><br>Gary Baltissen (report only)<br><br>Bob Williams |

### DUTY ROSTER

|           | <b>MAY</b>     |
|-----------|----------------|
| Cashier   | John Donaghey  |
| Recorder  | Bob Williams   |
| Greeter   | Graham Sharman |
| Emergency | Glenys Grant   |

### ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 9878 4891 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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



6 May – Wedding Anniversary – Glenys and Rob Grant

## **LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Last week we were to have an abbreviated meeting followed by dinner with our partners in the Bucatini Restaurant. The opportunity to share time with our partners in a social setting is always a very pleasant night!

## **MARKET TO MARKET**

Next weekend we have our monthly markets. The Blackburn Craft Market will be on Saturday 12 May (please let John McPhee know when you will be attending) and the Whitehorse Farmers' Market on Sunday 13 May (let Warwick Stott know).

The markets are our biggest fundraising activities so solid support is needed from each member.

## **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE SEMINAR 14 MAY**

Next week instead of our normal club meeting, we will be hosting the District 9810 International Service Committee Seminar for the Northern Cluster (Manningham and Whitehorse). Please let Glenys know whether or not you are attending.

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

- Coordinator – Glenys Grant
- 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;
- Goffer – Bob Laslett
- Roving microphone – Bob Williams
- 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 McDauid will speak on "Future funding of Rotary projects through partnerships"

Glenys Grant, International Chair.

## **FORMER SUDANESE SOLDIER PUMPS UP THE VOLUME AS PEACE SYMPOSIUM OPENS**



Emmanuel Jal, former Sudanese child soldier and now a recording artist, spoke at the 2012 Rotary World Peace Symposium's opening plenary session, 3 May, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Emmanuel Jal began his keynote speech not by talking about peace but rather by singing about it.

The former Sudanese child soldier, now an international peace advocate and hip-hop star, energized the morning session crowd with his song "We Want Peace."

Jal talked about what peace means to him, the atrocities he witnessed as a child soldier, and the horrors he experienced while escaping Sudan's bloody civil war.

"Peace means different things to people all around the world," said Jal, a spokesman for Amnesty International, who has also worked on behalf of Save the Children, UNICEF, the World Food Programme and Christian Aid. "Peace is when you leave home and come back safely. Peace is when you have a full stomach. For me, peace is justice, equality, and freedom for all."

Jal lost his mother and most of his family to the civil war and became a soldier for the Sudan People's Liberation Army at the age of nine. Three years later, he was one of 400 boys who escaped the war by walking across the desert in search of refuge. In a poem, Jal described the journey and the effects it had on him.

"I was at my lowest point as a human being during my escape," said Jal. "I was angry. I wanted to hurt those who killed my family and friends. But I learned to forgive. It's a constant struggle for me. But forgiveness is a path to peace."

A British aid worker found Jal and smuggled him into Kenya. Gradually, he discovered that music was a way to share his story. He founded GUA Africa, an organization that works with individuals, families, and communities to help them overcome the effects of war and poverty.

### **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**

"Any time Carlton scores more than 100 points and holds the other team below 100 points they almost always win."

- Lou Richards

"Retaliate first"

- Jack Dyer

### **During 2012/13**

**Are you on the Club Board? Are you in a Club Officers Position?**

**Are you managing a Club Project? Are you serving on a Club Committee?**

**Are you a relatively new Rotarian? Do you want to Imagine Peace and Give It a Chance?**

**Answer "Yes" to any or more of the above questions then you should make time to attend the**

### **D9810 District Assembly**

**Sunday 27th May 2012**

**8:00AM - 1:00PM**

**(Presidents Elect Session concludes by 2:30PM)**

**Hemisphere Conference Centre Moorabbin**

**Register to attend with President Elect Bob Laslett**

**NOW!**

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 6 May 2012   | International Convention in Bangkok                   |
| 7 May 2012   | Club meeting and Board Meeting                        |
| 11 May 2012  | District - Camp Awakening                             |
| 12 May 2012  | Blackburn Craft Market                                |
| 13 May 2012  | Whitehorse Farmers Market                             |
| 14 May 2012  | International Service Seminar at Casavini Restaurant  |
| 18 May 2012  | District - Presidents and Assistant Governors Meeting |
| 21 May 2012  | Club meeting  |
| 25 May 2012  | District - Rotary Program of Enrichment camp          |
| 27 May 2012  | District Assembly                                     |
| 28 May 2012  | Club meeting  |
| 1 June 2012  | June is Rotary Fellowships Month                      |
| 4 June 2012  | Club meeting  |
| 9 June 2012  | Blackburn Craft Market                                |
| 10 June 2012 | Whitehorse Farmers Market                             |

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