



# 2012-2013

## 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

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10 September	DG's Visit/Club Birthday	Ray Smith	Bob Laslett	Bob Williams
17 September	Committees Board	John McPhee	Doug Berwick	Graham Sharman
24 September	TBA	Warwick Stott	Glenys Grant	Bill Marsh

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



13 September Club membership anniversaries –Geoff Hale, Bob Neilson, Warwick Stott

### DUTY ROSTER

	September
Cashier	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Gary Baltissen
Greeter	Bill Marsh
Emergency	Doug Berwick

### 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

## BOB'S BELLBIRD BLOG

What a great Rotary night we had on Monday. First Ian Coleman presented the club with an ARH Achievement banner for its contribution of \$3000 per head to the Australian Rotary Health Fund. Then we heard that Sergeant Stan (Mr Probus) had been presented with a Life Membership award by the Combined Probus Club of Burwood East Inc earlier in the day (congratulations –see later). Stan lived up to his reputation and raised \$41.45 for our Foundation. Then we had outstanding presentations by club speaker Glenys and our main speaker Jeannette Moody.

This week it is our turn to welcome DG Brian Martin and Sue as they bring President Tanaka's message and discover the great fellowship for which our club is noted. We also celebrate our club's 37<sup>th</sup> birthday and enjoy the musical talents of the Grigsbey 4. Friends and honorary members most welcome.

Coming up

- Improving Club Communications seminar –September 14-details from me
- Whitehorse Spring Festival-Sunday 21 October- let's support Doug in this important venture
- District Conference – 15-17 March 2013 –Wangaratta- 8 rooms booked at Advance Motel- more details later- early bird registrations by October 31

Glenys reminded us that for some the road to peace through service is extremely costly.

President Bob Laslett

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Meeting Report 3rd September 2012

The chairman for the evening Graham welcomed all members and introduced our guest speaker Jeannette Moody CEO from Eastern Palliative Care.

### *Reports from the directors of the Forest Hill Rotary Club*

The Blackburn and the City of Whitehorse Farmers Market operate this coming weekend and every available member will be required. John McPhee brought to the attention of the members that we have a student Paul Kusmanoof who will be speaking in the Four Way speaking competition next Wednesday night 12/9/2012 and we wish him well. Glenys Grant brought the members up to date regarding the upcoming GSE team visit commencing in March 2013 and Chris Tuck advised the members of the next Peridot Theatre in November.

### *Peace talk*

Glenys Grant provided the club talk and spoke passionately about Peace through Service eg Rotary Peace and Aid workers, peacekeepers, Doctors and Glenys highlighted Journalists, Photojournalists and Media personnel. They contribute their service to peace by exposing the truth, reporting the facts and alerting the public to atrocities eg drug lords, degradation of women's rights. Even today in some countries, torture, atrocities, corrupt politicians and massacres still exist.

Dedicated journalists in pursuit for the truth are being targeted by political forces through violence, intimidation, long detention and torture as well as losing their life. Glenys has provided factual information that within the last 10 years over 1000 journalists and photojournalists have lost their lives. Some have disappeared as a result of their profession and shooting assassinations were the highest cause of death.

Figures Glenys provided in 2011 are 86 journalists were killed 58 in their own country, over 1000 others were arrested and some today are still in prison. 2000 media people have been physically attacked. 500 were violently censored, 71 journalists kidnapped, 73 journalists had to flee their own country. Glenys stated the price of freedom. Luckily there will be people who will continue to bring the truth at the risk of their own lives we can only pray their work will not go unnoticed and freedom of expression and democracy is never denied. As I write this report I reflect on all the other innocent people who are being ill- treated by power hungry dictators I thank God we live in our country and have the freedom and are not persecuted for the TRUTH.

Glenys was not the main speaker even though she brought a message of awareness to those who continue to work and help bring peace.

### *Main Speaker*

Forest Hill Rotary Club was very fortunate to have Jeannette Moody CEO of Eastern Palliative Care come and speak to us regarding Palliative care and the answer to the question IF ONLY I KNEW..... Jeannette leads a team of qualified staff of nurses and volunteers who recognise the

special needs for people in dealing with life limiting illness, help making changes making life easier and help in assisting with their quality of their life and dignity finally being prepared for death.

Eastern Palliative Care first formed 1997 in partnership with St Vincent's and Outer East Palliative Care Service and covers a very large area of 2963 kilometres. The majority of their funding comes from government sources 94%- the rest would be from donations. The work EPC provides is enormous and they cover every facet ensuring the care of the patient is paramount with compassion. The work EPC is doing appears to be growing with the amount of new clients approx. 1213 a year. The good news is that the services Eastern Palliative Care are offering is free of charge.

The work that is performed by these specialised people at EPC ranges from special nursing, 24 hour support service, companionship, bereavement support, pastoral care, counselling, emotional needs. I think how important their Spiritual need is. I must say Jeannette illustrates just how a comfort to the families dealing with real life issues of terminal illness. I congratulate Jeannette and her staff for their dedication passion in their work, we can only imagine how difficult it can be for both young and old.

On a brighter note, my impression of Jeannette would be seeing her in her leather jacket riding her motor bike. An angel disguised as a wife, mother of two, as well as a devoted grandmother of two. The Forest Hill Rotary Club thanks her very much.

Gary B

## PEACE

### Peace through Service

Many world- wide organisations and people are promoting peace thru service- Rotary, Peace and Aid workers, peacekeepers, Doctors without Borders, etc.

Journalists, Photojournalists and Media personnel also contribute their service to peace by spending time in war torn and volatile countries.

They seek to expose the truth, report the facts and denounce abuses. They alert the world public to atrocities like child soldiers, drug lords, degradation of women's rights or the environment. All so that action will be taken.

In some countries torturers abound and there are atrocious deeds, corrupt politicians, and massacres. Without investigative journalists monitoring and reporting these situations in an attempt to preserve and promote peace these events would never be brought to light.

These journalists are always in danger of being targeted by political forces hostile to anyone who exposes them. Because of their commitment to the pursuit of truth they have been exposed to great violence, intimidation, prolonged detention, and torture. They are also killed.

In the past 10 years apparently over 1000 journalists or photojournalists have died as a direct result of their profession, with only about 60 perpetrators being identified and 27 convictions. Not counted are those who disappear, or whose deaths are unclear.

Mortality figures vary slightly according to personnel definitions and circumstances of death, but in 2011 approximately 86 journalists were killed - 58 of these killed in their own country during peacetime. They were victims of corrupt security forces, politicians and business interests.

Shooting assassinations were the highest cause of death.

Over 1,000 others were arrested - and some of those are still in prison,  
2000 were physically attacked,  
500 media were violently censored,  
71 journalists were kidnapped,  
73 fled their own country.

Even bloggers were not safe- 200 bloggers and netizens were arrested, another 62 were attacked and 5 were killed.

The Arab Spring was at the centre of the news.

20 of the deaths were in the Middle East, while 20 others were in Latin America.

Syria, Nigeria, Somalia, Indonesia, Brazil and Mexico were listed as the most volatile.

For the second year running Pakistan was the worst country with 10 journalists dead– 8 of these murdered. No perpetrators have as yet been brought to justice.

China, Iran, Eritrea and Russia continue to be the world's biggest prisons for the media. In these and many other countries governments suppress information they find threatening and do not allow Internet access to their citizens.

Finally - less than 10% of deaths were women, but the ratio per capita was higher than males.

Recently Marie Colvin, celebrated Sunday Times Journalist, was killed in Syria.

Marie believed profoundly that reporting could curtail the excesses of brutal regimes and make the International community take notice. She paid for that belief with her life.

Maria Macias, well known crusader against drugs and editor of a large daily Mexican newspaper, was recently decapitated.

In August female Japanese journalist, Mika Yamamoto, a Peace-award winner, was murdered by Syrian rebels. The three male journalists with her, a Japanese, a Lebanese and a Turk are still missing and so have not been counted in the yearly death toll.

Mika's death brings this year's total of journalists who have died in the pursuit of peace to 86, with a further 31 deaths still being investigated.

Freedom of expression and information will always be the World's most important freedom.

It is the foundation stone of any democracy – yet almost half the World's population is without it – nay is denied it.

As Voltaire said:

'The right to say and print what we think is every man's right'.

Glenys Grant

## **ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION**

The Rotary Club of Chelsea has a worthwhile project to raise \$20,000 for the Rotary Club of Taveuni, Fiji for the purchase of a 3-5year old Toyota Hilux. This vehicle would be used by Rotary volunteers who visit Taveuni and assist with the endless education projects undertaken by the Rotary Club of Taveuni. DG Brian is looking for a donation of \$300 to \$500 from every club towards this international project and hopes to sign off by the end of September. Vinaka.

The Board has asked the International committee to investigate.

## **HOME HOSTING**

Home Hosting in October

On behalf of the Membership & Fellowship Committee I am arranging our first Home Hosting for the new Rotary year. To make this event a success we obviously need at least one, possibly two, members and their partners to offer to host the event. As with previous Home Hosting our partners will go to a home at 6:30 pm to have their entree/main course and members will join partners at the end of our normal meeting and have dessert/coffee. Food at the home hosting will be contributed by all partners and members will have their entree/main course at Bucatini. It is proposed to hold the event on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Please give this some thought between now and our next meeting as I will be asking for an indication if you are interested in continuing this activity. Hopefully, we will also have an offer of a home or two.

Doug Berwick

Membership & Fellowship Committee

## Mr PROBUS

Excerpts from Stan's award letter from Lesley Horn

Stan Harper is more than deserving of Life Membership of the combined Probus Club of Burwood East Inc.

Stan was an outstanding member of Forest Hill Rotary Club (Ed. and still is), serving on a number of committees and district committees. However, Stan's favourite responsibility in Rotary was Probus. He was, and still is known as Mr Probus in both Rotary and Probus worlds. Not only did Stan take on the responsibility of Probus in the city of Whitehorse, he joined the Rotary District Committee for the development of Probus and was chairman for three years. It was Stan's responsibility to seek out and develop opportunities for new Probus Clubs and Stan formed nine new Probus clubs in Whitehorse alone.

In September 1988 Stan saw an opportunity for a club in Burwood East. He made a recommendation to Forest Hill Rotary Club; they agreed and gave Stan a budget to proceed. An announcement of the intention to form a combined Probus club in Burwood East was placed in the local papers and on community radio plus word of mouth through Stan's contacts.

(to be continued )

## CONFERENCE

**Where** The District 9810 Conference in 2013 will be held at the magnificent [Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre](#)

**When** The conference runs from Friday 15th March to Sunday 17th March 2013.

**Speakers** will be revealed sequentially



Rob Moodie is the inaugural Chair of Global. He first worked in refugee health care in the Sudan and later for Congress, the Aboriginal community controlled health service in Central Australia. He was the inaugural Director of Country Support for UNAIDS in Geneva from 1995-98, and was CEO of [VicHealth](#) from 1998-2007. He chaired the [National Preventative Health Taskforce](#) from 2008-2011 and was a member of the [Commission on AIDS in the Pacific](#).

**MORE** <http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au/registration/>

## FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

**Current 17**

**Aim 20**

## INTERESTING THOUGHTS

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Read more at

[http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/topics/topic\\_peace.html#ofgQhtX0J7E0svug.99](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/topics/topic_peace.html#ofgQhtX0J7E0svug.99)

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

09/2012	<i>NEW GENERATIONS MONTH</i>
	District heats for Four-Way Test Speaking Competition
14/09/2012	Improving club communications seminar
16/09/2012	Schwerkolt Cottage open day
17/09/2012	Club meeting/ Board meeting
24/09/2012	Club meeting
27/09/2012	District projects Funds Ltd meeting
8/10/2012	Home hosting

## e-Club

The funds presented to the e-club by our club will help in the development of the e- club's website- its meeting place. Part of the website will be available for Rotarians from other clubs to have input into the weekly meeting topic. This will encourage feedback on the projects the e-club is undertaking and provide a certificate of a make-up.

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at [rlaslett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rlaslett@optusnet.com.au) by **5 pm next Wednesday** (in Microsoft Word format please)