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|  | 2013-2014Weekly Bulletin of theRotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Edition 36: 31 Mar 2014The 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 $28.00PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131**Email**  **tuck@netspace.net.au** **Website** [**www.foresthillrotary.com**](http://www.foresthillrotary.com) |

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| CLUB PROGRAM |
| **Date** | **Event** | **Chair** | **Thanker and Meeting Report** |  |
|  **31 Mar** | **Bucatini Restaurant****Partners Night** |  |  |  |
|  **7 Apr** | **Hand Brake Turn** | **Stuart Williams** | **Bob Laslett** |  |
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THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONApr 1 John Donaghey Club Anniversary Apr 1 Garry Baltissen Member Birthday Apr 7 Stan Harper Wedding Anniversary DUTY ROSTER

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|  | **March** | **April** |
| Cashier  | John Donaghey | Glenys Grant |
| Recorder | Bob Laslett | Bill Marsh |
| Greeter | Graham Sharman | Ray Smith |
| Emergency  | Bill Marsh | John McPhee |

ATTENDANCE

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| Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by** **10.00 am MONDAY** on9878 4891 orrcssmith@optusnet.com.au  Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268 |

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**Chris’s Corner**

Our thanks to Bob Laslett for managing the attendance of our Club to the District Conference in Bendigo.

From our Club 12 members and partners attended and the general opinion was that the conference speakers were of a high standard. (see report by Glenys Grant below).

RC Beaumaris won the Ford Davis Grant of $500 for the District Golf Day. We wait to hear from them as to which charity they wish to donate the funds.

The conference next year will be at Ballarat Mar 13-15 2015. Stuart Williams is our On To Conference Chairman.

A reminder partners night next Monday night at Bucatini Restaurant.

Future Events.

* Partners night Bucatini Restaurant – Monday Mar. 31
* Blackburn Market – Apr 12
* Giant Monopoly Rotaract ABCD Project –Apr 12
* Whitehorse Farmers Market Egg & Bacon Stall –Apr 13 2014.

# Last Week’s Meeting

Hope Katola

We had an excellent meeting last week. We were addressed by Leanne and her sister Melanie

Pinfold and a representative from Hope Katola Kenya Georgina Malanga.

Our Club has supported Hope Katola for many years.

In 2007 when the Pinfolds visited Kenya for World Youth International they identified a need for

a kindergarten.

The issues which needed to be addressed were malnourishment, lack of infrastructure, lack of clean water and adequate toilets as well as lack of trained teachers.

A kindergarten was commenced in a church hall with 47 children.

Not only does Hope Katola provide a preschool education but also meals to improve the children’s health.

Since its commencement 3 classrooms, office, kitchen, toilets, water supply (rain tanks) and fencing

have been supplied.

Today the kindergarten has 71 students (2.5-8 years old) and 7 staff.

This year 31 students will graduate from Hope Katola and will be strong enough to go to primary school.

Improving children’s health has been a key goal of Hope Katola as this improves the student’s chances of success at primary school.

For the future, plans are to make the school more sustainable, and register the kindergarten with the Kenyan government. A need is seen to continue Hope Katola for years to come.

The Club was impressed by the actions of Leanne and Melanie to see a need, plan a way to improve the situation, raise funds and execute the plan.

The Sergeant raised $39.00

**Whitehorse Farmers Market**

Whitehorse Farmers’ Market

Egg and Bacon Stall roster

Sunday 13th April 2014

7am to 9am                       Stuart Williams, Bob and Judy Laslett, Doug Berwick, Ron Brooks

9am to 11am                     Grant Tomietto, Chris and Warwick Stott, Bill and Judy Marsh

11am to 1pm                     John McPhee, Glenys Grant, Stan Harper, Heather Bremner, Marg Taylor

Many thanks for all the volunteers and don’t forget the food handling requirements of gloves and aprons (which will be available) and headgear (please bring your own)

Warwick

**Report on Rotary 2014 Conference, Bendigo.**

Heartiest congratulations must go to all involved with the Rotary District 9810 Conference ie bike riders to conference raised thousands, Conference committee organized everything very well and ran to time, and participants numbered over 550.

Highlight of the fun time was the conference fancy dress dinner. Theme was 'gold'. 12 of us from RC Forest Hill went as Gold Finger. Men had James Bond dinner jackets, gold rimmed sunglasses, gold bow ties - and a gold finger! Women had all black, long gold stole draped over shoulder, gold fake eyelashes, gold nail polish and fingerless gloves, gold eye shadow and sprinkles (which was still coming out of our hair yesterday).  No- one in the group wanted to go part naked and painted gold, as in the original film. Shame..... A role reversal would have been fun- the men wearing the gold stoles and gold fake eyelashes and the women wear the dinner suits. Unfortunately no-one would be in it!

Entertainment, music (Abba and Rock etc - great dance music) and food were all fabulous and non stop.

Talks were absolutely brilliant – Keynote speakers included Robin Daubeney, David Whiting, Mark Squirrell, and Oscar Yildiz. If you don’t know who they are you should have been there!

Top economist Ian Harper, leading the way in economic reform, informed us of the current economic situation and to keep smiling. Gemma Sisi updated us on St Judes school, Tanzania, which she started with 3 students 10 years ago and which now educates 750, with the help of Rotary. Shia Smart spoke on the expansion of another Rotary sponsored Project, the ABCD project, a favourite of our Club.

 The morning devoted to health projects was an eye opener. Rotary Health PhD student Rose Chesworth spoke of her research project at Flory institute. She has already found what stimulates drug addiction in the brain of mice and is now working on trying to disarm the trigger stimulus.

Next was the Rotary Foundation’s work, ie Kay Ericson’s team and their Polio challenge and the good news that India is now polio free due to all the Rotary and Bill Gates money / work, etc. Dr Ian Carlisle, his wife and surgical nurse were very articulate in describing the recent Interplast projects, as was Jenny Adamthwaite in her description of life and operating on a Mercy ship.

And after all the delicious food we were told how to eat smarter by Jacqi Deighan. And on and on….

Report by Glenys Grant

**Harvey World Travel Offer**

Harvey World Travel, Forest Hill Chase, offers to the Club $30 for any booking up to $10,000 and anything over $10,000 1% plus 10% insurance.

Thanks to Glory Britto for making this offer available to the Club.

**Bucatini Partners Night March 31 2014**

Dear all members, partners, honorary members and friends

When there are 5 Mondays in a month, it is traditional to have the 5th one as a partners night and meet in the Bucatini restaurant so Mon March 31st is it.   Please tell me or Ray Smith if you are coming and if you are bringing anyone.   We eat off the ala carte menu.  As previously, the members meet at 6:30 in our room while partners and friends meet for a drink in the main restaurant.   We generally order at or prior to 6:30pm then at 6:45pm when we all sit down to dinner, the restaurant can bring out all our meals together.   Its a great opportunity to catch up on all the goss.

Regards

Ron

Fellowship coordinator

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**Re: Rotaract Club of Whitehorse: Giant Monopoly Fundraiser**

Just a reminder that our 3rd annual Giant Monopoly Fundraiser for Art Building Childrens Dreams Inc is happening next month!

Saturday April 12 6.30pm

Box Hill Town Hall

$20

 Teams play against each other on a giant monopoly board, there is plenty of wheeling and dealing and fun along the way, included a life size jail!

**Stamps Email to Ron Brooks**

 Hi Ron - just a quickie to thank you and your Club for this great bunch of
stamps - much appreciate the sorting (especially those pesky one with no
paper backing)

We have done well this year - have $6089.00 in the DSF and its only March !

Hope to see you and Robbie at Conference - best regards, Carrol

PS Please collect stamps and provide to Ron Brooks

**ABCD Project**

We are almost there.  We have money donated to support -  12 students.  A big thank you to those who have donated $250 - the cost to support one poor Fijian student for the year at school.  If you can see your way clear to donate a smaller amount, we can combine the donations.  All donations over $20 are tax deductible,

Cheques made payable to  Rotary Australia World Community Service.

Last yr. we supported 14 children.

I would like to forward the money within a fortnight.

Stuart Williams

**Committee Structure 2013-14**

**Foundation & International Chair Stuart Williams**

Members Graham Sharman, Ron Brooks (support on request)

**New Generations Chair Glenys Grant**

Members John McPhee, Warwick Stott, John Donaghey

**Community & Vocation Chair Ray Smith**

Members Bob Williams, Bob Laslett, Garry Baltissen

**Membership/PR/Marketing Chair Doug Berwick**

Members Bill Marsh, Stan Harper and Chris Tuck (support on request)

**Fellowship Chair Ron Brooks**

Member Chris Tuck

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| **Thought For The Week**The following person has been active or honorary member of a Rotary Club.Max Cointreau, owner of Cointreau liquor enterprises, France (RC Paris)**From The Back Paddock.**In Australia there are about 520,000 self-managed super funds with assets of $531 billion.IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTSRotary International Convention, Sydney – June 1-4.Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at tuck@netspace.net.au by **5 pm Wednesday**(in Microsoft Word format please).Also if you do not wish to receive this flyer in the future please contact the Editor tuck@netspace.net.au   |
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