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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

19 November 2018

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<b>CLUB PROGRAM</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>		<b>Chair</b>	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>
19 Nov	Anger Management <i>Keith Maxwell</i>	BOARD	Mike Finke	Sue Ballard
26 Nov	Youth Achievement Awards <i>Thomas Yakubowski</i>		Bill Marsh	Ray Smith
3 Dec	Working in the Police Force in the 80s <i>Carolyn Pethick</i>	AGM	Barbara Searle	John Donaghey
10 Dec	RYLA <i>Louis Xia</i>		Sue Ballard	Mike Finke

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Barbara Searle and Mike Finke- club anniversaries (Nov 21) and (Nov23) respectively.

## DUTY ROSTER

	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	John McPhee	Bob Laslett
<b>Greeter</b>	Warwick Stott	Bob Williams
<b>Emergency</b>	Barbara Searle	Warwick Stott
<b>Cashier</b>	Ray Smith	Sue Ballard

## ATTENDANCE

**APOLOGY – IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend**

**bringing a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 0412 807 585 or**  
[rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au)

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS to Ray by 10am at the LATEST.

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM *should* be made direct with the management of

Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

## Mike's Musings

### Volunteer Info Night

My assessment: it was a great night. Bill and Barbara spoke comprehensively and passionately about what Rotary is and what our club does. Warwick did a fantastic job organising everything and Anne and the rest of the Bucatini staff made sure we were well fed. Even the atmosphere of mild confusion re rotation protocols helped demonstrate that we don't take ourselves too seriously.

I want to thank all who invited guests to come along for the night. I also want to specifically thank Ron Brooks, whose work in cleaning up our kludgy mailing list and sending out invitations was important, significant and largely invisible to club members other than those on the membership committee.

I continue to implore all members to promote Rotary and our club and to be on the look out for new recruits to the club in whatever form that takes. With the satellite club concept, we can be much more open to those who aren't as available as they might feel they have to be to join the dinner club.

### Peridot - Sylvia

The guest list stands at 19. An email will be sent out. It is NOT too late to join us if you've not put your hand up yet. Get in touch or simply show up. We'll squeeze you in somehow.

### Presidential Spying and Cluster Meeting

I had a chance to attend a forum, where I was able to hear about some of the work being done with Swinburne in Hawthorn. It's District 9800 and the clubs of Boroondara are doing some particularly good work in collaborating and cooperating. I will be raising this at the Whitehorse cluster meeting. If there are cluster-specific issues any member would like me to raise, let me know before tomorrow evening (Thursday, November 15).

### Markets, Sausage Sizzles, Egg and Bacon

We're not slowing down as we get to the end of the year. There's a sausage sizzle THIS WEEKEND. There's our usual at the Blackburn Market in December on the 8<sup>th</sup> and another at Bunnings on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. In between those two is the WFM egg and bacon stall on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Add to that the YAA night, the mock interviews and the RYDA volunteering and we'll all be quite ready for a pause at Christmas when we finally get there.

Please make yourselves available if possible. Please be ready and willing to rope in friends and family if we look to be coming up short for staffing.

If you haven't put your hands up for the BBQ on Saturday, please drop in to the Festival of Cultures just to have a wander around in your RCFH polo, soak up the atmosphere and cheer on those members who are manning the grill or cash box.

<https://louise.org.au/>

### Mark your calendars with the following:

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| • Friday, 16 November           | Peridot Night – <i>Sylvia</i> (NINETEEN SO FAR) |
| • Saturday, 17 November         | Festival of Cultures (RCFH Sausage Sizzle)      |
| • Monday, 26 November           | RCFH's Youth Achievement Awards                 |
| • Mon & Tues, 26 & 27 November  | RYDA  |
| • Mon & Tues, 3 & 4 December    | RYDA  |
| • Mon through Wed, 3-5 December | Forest Hill College Mock Interviews             |
| • Saturday, 8 December          | Blackburn Christmas Craft Market                |
| • Sunday, 9 December            | Whitehorse Farmers Market (EGG AND BACON)       |
| • Friday, 14 December           | Bunnings BBQ Fundraising                        |
| • Monday, 7 January             | Barbecue, Finke House                           |

## Club Meeting 12 November

Warwick organised a special membership night based on one last year. The room was set up with five tables of 4 or 5 with a prospective member at each table with members moving between tables at intervals during the night so the newcomers met most members. Food and wine/soft drink were regularly replenished during the night at a separate table and everyone was encouraged to continually top up their plates. It was finger food comprising bruschetta, a platter of Italian style entrees, dips, calamari, and many different types of pizza. The food was excellent and neither food nor wine ran out through the night. With 13 members, and 9 guests the format worked well.



Bill chaired the evening in his normal relaxed style. He spoke about the “nitty gritty” of Rotary. What Rotary was all about in terms of its presence in the world as a service club, the costs involved including a special deal that we were waving the joining fee for people who had come along that evening, the fact that all new Rotarians had to have a “Working With Children” card which can be done on line, and the value in friendship offered and networking opportunities. Bill pointed out that our fees are cheaper than most clubs and mainly they are due to the annual insurance which covers us whenever we are doing Rotary projects. He explained about our two major fund raisers, the Blackburn Craft Market and the Whitehorse Farmers market and how lucky we were that we got great financial support via the Davis family \$15,000/ year and the Harper Bequest where we spend the interest on \$70,000/ year.

Bill then introduced Pres Mike who kept announcements to a minimum but did tell us that there were 17 going to Peridot this Friday to see “Sylvia” as part of Fellowship. He also mentioned the First Friday Film night which happens..... yes, the 1st Friday of the month surprisingly! He then spoke about the concept of a “satellite” club which needed a minimum of eight members but could start up with fewer and then when it got to eight we could register it officially. It costs the same as Rotary, again because of the cost of insurance. However, they can meet whenever it suits, at a different time, and for a much shorter time ie coffee and cake, and in people’s homes etc.

Bill then introduced Barb W to tell us about the Youth programmes we do as a major club focus under Glenys. He prefaced it with the fact that it was her first talk to the club. Barb gave a very clear rundown of each of our Youth projects including Youth Achievement Awards, the Speech Contest, Model United Nations Assembly held here in Parliament House and in Canberra.



Leanne Pinfold then gave a powerpoint presentation on the Hope Katolo Nursery School project that she and Melanie Haley started in Kenya in 2008 after they had volunteered to go to Kenya in 2007 with World Youth International. Hope Katolo is situated near Lake Victoria in west Kenya close to the Uganda border just about on the equator. It is entirely run with funds from Australia and includes providing two nutritious meals a day, which is usually the only food these children eat in a day. Georgina Malanga had started a small school in a church (actually a hut with earth floor) so she could educate her 3 children. It had no water, no toilets, no trained teachers, and the children were malnourished. There were 47 children. Now, they have raised \$150,000. There are 90 children aged 3-6, each provided 2 meals a day, there are water tanks, a three classroom school, a two pit toilet, fencing for security, a vegie patch, chickens, cows (for milk), a greenhouse, a sick bay, a kitchen with 2 wood fired ovens, \$6,000 a year is paid in wages to the six teachers and three staff (kitchen/security). 180,000 meals have been given, 480 uniforms made, water for 100 people and 200 children have graduated. But, 10% of the children are orphans, 50% are still malnourished, 15-35% of the children are HIV positive. \$50 will sponsor a child for a year, they now have a computer which has improved communication between Australia and Georgina, they need to build some teacher accommodation. They have two film nights at the Balwyn Cinema each year to raise funds. Fantastic project, amazing work by these two young ladies who saw a need and jumped in. Leanne did vet work with Warwick and so our club got involved. Pres Mike closed the meeting while we had tea and coffee. People continued talking for 30 minutes after the meeting closed. The sign of an excellent evening. Now we need some or all of those who attended to join Rotary. We do know that Camille, Glenys's Canadian niece is heading back home with an intention to get her mother to join Rotary.

Ron Brooks

### **RUMBEEK NEWS**

Here is an attachment from the Catholic priest whom we partnered with to build the school and the Catholic Diocese that will provide the teachers and run the school beginning next year.

I thought it would be good to publish the attached letter from Father John as an update to our ongoing involvement with the project.

Great that "Melbourne" is now part of it and "Rotary" will also be written on the school building. We have been told that the names of the committee will also be written somewhere within the school building and I suspect that if that happens that mine will be on the back of one of the toilet doors?

An amazing project which we were told would never happen in a war torn, unstable country but we did it.

Bob W



## **DIOCESE OF RUMBOK - SOUTH SUDAN**

P.O. Box 21102 - 00505, NAIROBI - KENYA

Cameron Hagger,

Convener, Melbourne Rumbek Primary School

August 10, 2018

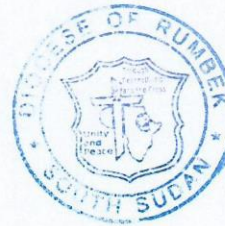
### **Ref: completion of Melbourne Rumbek Friendship School**

Heartfelt gratitude to all donors who tirelessly support this project for community of Rumbek, the entire communities of Western Lakes are more delightful and proud of what has been achieved, they really appreciate because they were faced with acute problems of distance of moving to town by their in access to learn. On this note therefore, this letter serves to inform you that the project's main objective was to construct a community school in order to provide access to education and comfortable/conducive learning environment in which more than 20,000 pupils were projected to benefit and up to date, the construction of the school is completed to the satisfaction of the Diocese. Right now we have four (4) classrooms, six (6) latrines built and borehole in use. The name is already suggested in education cluster meeting which is "Rumbek Friendship School because we narrated how the school came about; so we will add Melbourne to be Melbourne Rumbek Friendship School.

All in all, I apologize for the delay of this communication which I presume caused a lot of inconveniences with our supporters.

Yours in Christ

Fr. John Mathiang Machol



### **Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019**

<http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html>

Registration is now open for next year's conference in Melbourne.

Judy and I have registered- have you? Early bird before November 30

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Barb W and Judy L will once again demonstrate their culinary skills on Nov 20.

### **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

November

Rotary Foundation

December

Disease Prevention and Treatment

### **ARTICLES**

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to [rlaslett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rlaslett@optusnet.com.au) by 5pm Wednesday.