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| Number 23: 4th Dec 2014  Club address: PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131  **Email address: foresthillrotary@hotmail.com**  **Website:** [**www.foresthillrotary.com**](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)  Meeting location: Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132  Meeting time: Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm  **Facebook: ForestHill Rotary** | | |

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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **CLUB PROGRAM** | | | | | | **Date**  **8th Dec** | **Event**  **Foundation Dinner at the Whitehorse Club** | **Chair**  **RIPE K.R. 'Ravi' Ravindran** | **Thanks/meeting report**  **Pres Bill Marsh** |  | | **15th Dec**  **5th Jan** | ***Christmas Meeting***  **Ash Humphrey**  **BBQ Meeting at Marsh's** | **Graham Sharman** | **John Donaghey** |  |  THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS     The election is over and it is time to smell the roses.  Bob Williams is off his 'L' plates. DUTY ROSTER  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **December** | **January** | | Cashier | Jenny Coburn | Stuart Williams | | Recorder | Warwick Stott | Bob Williams | | Greeter | Glenys Grant | Doug Berwick | | Emergency | John McPhee | Bob Laslett |  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** on9878 4891 or[rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au%20)  Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268 | |

Ron Brooks will be overseas from 26th Nov and his first meeting will be Mon 2nd Feb

Look at the photo in the City of Whitehorse calendar for May 2015 - anyone you know?

**BILL’S** **BLURB**

On Monday night a small, select group were entertained and informed by Bob Williams about all that is happening in Interplast. As always Bob saw a need and was the first to volunteer when Len said at the District Conference that Interplast could do with some more speakers to spread the word. They could not have got anyone better. Bob was well prepared and presented perfectly.

Peridot Theatre on Friday night was a light entertainment special. Heaps of laughs and a cast who seemed to be enjoying what they were presenting.

Don't forget Conference is coming up in March. Sounds a long way off but will be on us before we know it after we recover from Christmas and the New Year.

On Monday night we are off to the Whitehorse Club on Burwood Highway to hear RI President Elect K R (Ravi) Ravindran tell us how he sees Rotary in 2015-2016.

Our AGM was held in conjunction with our normal meeting on Monday night and PE Bob Williams confirmed Ron Brooks as President Nominee for the 2016-2017 year.

On Friday 12th I will be attending a dinner where I will meet our Indigenous Health Scholar. Given the problems we have had with this program it will be good to finally meet the person we are sponsoring and find out how they are progressing in their course.

On the 13th & 14th we have our two markets so let's hope for two fine, warm days as the pre Christmas markets are usually very busy. Thanks to those who will be rattling the bucket at Whitehorse and to those who will be sizzling sausages at Blackburn. As you labor away just think of how the money you raise will fund the multitude of programs that we support.

Monday 15th will be our final meeting for the year and we will start 2015 with a BBQ at Bill & Judy's home on the 5th January.

A great Christmas gift for grand children or friends is a copy of "Larry the Lorikeet". Give me a call to reserve a copy - I think we have about 10 copies left, so first in best read.

**Coming Up:**

8 Dec Foundation Dinner and Address by RI President Elect

13/14 Dec Blackburn Market & WFM

15 Dec Final meeting for 2014

5 Jan 2015 BBQ at Bill & Judy's

**Little Known Facts:**

China is the world's largest supplier of Bibles: one factory in Nanjing prints a million a month.

**Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"**

**LAST WEEK’S MEETING**

The meeting was chaired by Doug Berwick with 10 members present and no guests.

Bob Laslett chaired our AGM during which the minutes from the previous AGM were accepted as were the audited accounts for 2013-2014. PE Bob Williams confirmed that Ron Brooks had accepted the position of President Nominee for the 2016-2017 year.

Our speaker was Bob Williams and he told us about Interplast. Most of us new little about Interplast. It was started by District 9800 in 1983 and is working in 25 countries.

Approximately 37,000 procedures have been carried out so far; mainly cleft palates, burns and facial malformations.

One example Bob used showed that 216 people turned up at a treatment centre where only 58 could be treated. Others were prioritised for future visits and sadly some would not get treatment.

The main efforts are in training local nurses and surgeons to do the operations which will last for generations and positively affect the lives of thousands.

Bob's talk was very informative and interesting and well illustrated by a powerpoint display.

Interplast is worldwide, with an emphasis on the Asia/Pacific region and is a very worthwhile Rotary project.

Our Sergeant extracted $29.85 from us and the raffle made $39.00 and was won by Bob Williams. A worthy winner after a great talk.

John Donaghey

**GIVE YOUR FOREIGN COINS (and NOTES) TO OUR ROTARY COLLECTION**

Big **THANKYOU** to everyone. UNICEF will get a real boost. Look at the collection. I have washed and cleaned 7 more coffee jars ready to be FILLED.



The foreign coin collection is GROWING !!!!!

*Notes by Ron Brooks*

I know that many of the clubs in the District are helping by collecting their foreign coins for us. I am just waiting for a call to arrange their collection.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

It is that time of year when we distribute hampers to needy local people. Can you please bring to our meetings over the next few weeks suitable Christmas food items and toys? **Contact Bob L. for details.**

# DON HULLAND,

Honorary member Don is at present residing in Kellock Lodge and hoping to be able to stay there full time. The address is 15 Bon St, Alexandria 3714 and his telephone is 0409 530 435. Why don’t you give him a call or write to him

**LARRY THE LORIKEET HAS FLOWN…**

Thank you to all Club members who interrupted their busy schedule to distribute Larry books to the Whitehorse Libraries, Primary schools and preschools. Feedback has been excellent. Of the second printing about 30 copies remain and these may fly as Christmas presents. If you want a copy, please contact Glenys on [glen.grant008@gmail.com](mailto:glen.grant008@gmail.com) , or Bill on [bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au).

# WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com) and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions. It has recently been updated. If you have photos, please send them to me with a suitable file name so I can post them on the web. If you do a project then write a short story that can be posted on the web. Other people do look at our website. It is another avenue for promoting our club.

**WEBINARS**

You can find Rotary webinars on the webinar page at:  
[https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/46091121:27778557647:m:1:1539467922:DD51372589336BD9C4D899283508EA00:r) These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair

**FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS**

**Friday 19th December 2014**

Regular film night. to be advised.

**Sometime January 2015**

Kathy and John Donaghey have offered their place at Ocean Grove for a fellowship lunch during the latter part of January. With seaside traffic being so hectic at that time of the year, it has been suggested that this fellowship activity be on a weekday rather than at the weekend. What is the preferred day Thursday or another day?

*John McPhee*

**REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY**

Jenny Coburn gave me 41 reasons. Have you got others you can tell us about? I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

**You can build your CV:** The value of Community Engagement as an individual will be of great value on your CV when applying for roles / boards, etc..

**STAMPS**

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to Jenny Coburn or to me. Robbie gave a huge box to Carol Farmer last week.

**HOPE KATOLO SCHOOL, KENYA- SELLING OLIVE OIL**

We are selling the delicious Hope Katolo Nursery School labelled Cockatoo Grove olive oil again for the months leading up to Christmas. 500mL bottles are only $12 and make a lovely gift for Christmas.

Please contact Melanie on 0412 187 353 if you would like to order some.

**BALLARAT DISTRICT CONFERENCE FRI 13th –SUN 15th MARCH 2015**

Families  Grant/ Williams, Bob/ Williams, Stuart/ Brooks/Laslett/Marsh are going to stay at a hotel together.     Jenny and Roger will stay in own accommodation. Cost  $149 per night. Buffet breakfast $20. It’s not too late to join us

*Stuart Williams On to Conference organiser*

Club officers & Committees 2014-15

**President** Bill Marsh

**Vice President** John Donaghey

**Secretary** Ron Brooks

**Treasurer** Warwick Stott

**President Elect** Bob Williams

**Sergeant** Stuart Williams

**Foundation & International** Chris Tuck

Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper,

**Youth Service** Glenys Grant

Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman

**Community & Vocation** Bob Laslett

Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks

**Membership & Publicity** Doug Berwick

Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn

**Fellowship** John McPhee

**Primary Schools Speech Night** John McPhee

**Programme** Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen

**Bulletin Editor** Ron Brooks

**Web page & Facebook** Ron Brooks

**On to Conference** Stuart Williams

**Historian** Stan Harper

**Almoner** Graham Sharman

**Public Officer** Bill Marsh

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