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11 February 2019

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM			
Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
11 Feb	Bethel Funerals <i>James Clarke</i>	Barbara Williams	Ray Smith
18 Feb	Conference report	John McPhee	Sue Ballard
25 Feb	Birthday Celebrations <i>Geoff Walker</i>	Bill Marsh	Bob Laslett
4 Mar	Vocational Service-Essence of Rotary <i>Greg King</i>	Sue Ballard	Ron Brooks

CONGRATULATIONS

A quiet week.

DUTY ROSTER

	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Recorder	Barb Williams	Ray Smith
Greeter	Chris Tuck	John Bindon
Emergency	Glenys Grant	John Donaghey
Cashier	Bob Laslett	Bill Marsh

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

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

Jacqui Munro

It can be difficult to confront reality. It's often disturbing and enraging. It makes us question our understanding of the world. We are not all cut out to engage with all situations. Nurses and social workers burn out. Emergency personnel are subject to incredible stress. It is, however, the worst of situations that demand attention and change. It is good that there are people able to do this work, and I am grateful for them. Jacqui's presentation to us was harrowing, but I am glad we heard it.

Square reader (repeat)

There has proven to be some financial benefit in providing card services to those cash-strapped but sausage-deprived potential customers who might otherwise leave our Blackburn market without the benefit of grilled meat and caramelised onion. So far, these transactions have been able to take place only when a small, select group of trained and willing personnel are on duty. The more members able to successfully perform a card transaction, the more likely we are to extract the extra money possessed by those whose preferred commerce format is electronic.

Please get in touch if you're feeling confident and would like to take possession of the reader for Saturday's market (I'll not be there).

Please mark your calendars with the following:

- Friday, 8 February Peridot Night *Brilliant Lies*, David Williamson
- Saturday, 9 February Blackburn Market
- Sunday, 10 February Whitehorse Farmers Market
- Weekend, 16-17 February Rotary Multi District Conference (Peace Forum on Friday the 15th)

Meeting report February 4

Mike has had some success with Officeworks sponsorship of our photography project. Barb and Bob reported on their visit to Marysville to check on the progress of the garden that the club planted in response to the devastation caused by the Black Friday fires ten years ago. They showed slides of their trip and Marysville today.



Our guest speaker for the evening was Jacqui Munro Community Partnerships Manager for Destiny Rescue.

Destiny Rescue is an Australian-based internationally-recognised non-profit organisation which is at the forefront of rescuing trafficked and sexually enslaved children from predominately S.E. Asian hot spots. The organisation's holistic approach ensures that rescued children are provided with the care and assistance to meet their individual needs to give them the best chance to fulfil their goals, dreams and destiny. Destiny Rescue was commenced by an Australian Tony Kirwan in 2001 and is today working particularly in Thailand, India, and the Philippines.

Jackie was previously a school principal and has worked in countries like New Guinea and so has a lot of experience in working with young girls.

In her presentation Jackie outlined the problem of young children being exploited who have an average age of 14-16 years although some children are exploited at a younger age. She then went on to describe actually going into various bars in Thailand undercover to find these children, build a relationship with them and then show them a pathway out of this situation by providing access to social workers, after care programs and training in new skills such as IT, sewing and hairdressing.

It is estimated that 80% of children rescued stay out of being exploited.

Last year some 1000 children were rescued by Destiny Rescue at a cost of some \$1500 each.

This year Destiny Rescue plans to rescue 1250 children.

This presentation from Jackie was very thought provoking.

Destiny Rescue can be found at www.destinyrescue.org.au and they are seeking financial support for their work.

Chris Tuck

PS. Jackie was presented with a beautiful pen made from wild cherry wood made by Ray Smith which I can verify had a most magnificent feel.

The sergeant raised \$37.40 and the raffle \$61.

President's Reflection 4 February

There are some horrific things that happen in the world. And we'll hear about them today and we'll also hear about what is being done to stop them. The news reports are full of negative stories about the world. There is a difference, however, between being inspired to action and being driven into hiding. The reaction to negative news cannot be to isolate ourselves.

Today I want to speak in praise of danger and of failure. Fear of failure prevents us from acting. It stops us from taking risks and it makes us 'loss-averse'. Sometimes this is a very good thing, but most of the time it prevents growth, innovation and entrepreneurship.

I want to read a piece I wrote for a fatherhood blog some time ago:

It might be in that first moment of your child's life that it begins. Your partner has just given birth and is now exhausted, weak, and in the company of a tiny, defenceless human.

You, on the other hand, have been doing very little. What is *your* job?

You will have to protect them while they recover and rest from the experience.

This will set the tone for the rest of your life as a father. No matter how progressive and modern you are, that drive will remain. Keep your children safe.

And you will not succeed.

You will question your value as a man and a father when your son falls off the wall you let him climb.

You will blame yourself when your daughter trips and splits her lip open on a coffee table.

You will doubt your worth when you fail to take a sports injury or an illness seriously enough, and delay seeking medical care.

Every decision you make will be coloured by your failures and fears and the stories you hear. Is rugby too dangerous? Is she too young to ride her bike to her friend's house alone? How late can I let him stay out? Freak accidents and rare, fatal medical conditions will be reported in the news and will make you afraid.

You will make mistakes. You will have regrets. You will change the rules.

There is no other way. You will have to stumble your way through it. You cannot sit your children in the middle of a carpeted floor with soft toys and television, releasing them untested and immature into the world at the age of 18. You must expose them to risk and hurt and pain. I can't reassure you that everything will be okay. It may not. Children get seriously hurt. Children die. Even the children of fathers who are strong and smart and careful.

You did not get to be the man you are by being insulated from the world, but by scraping against it and climbing through it and running into it. Your children will do the same and you will have to let them.

They will get sick and injured. They will cry when they are bullied, or when their first fumbling romances end badly.

The intense, scared vigilance of the first few moments of your child's life will be replaced with a more measured view. A good father is blind in one eye. You will learn to watch less closely.

You will start with your child in your arms. You cannot keep them there. Give them your best guidance and let them venture out.

Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019

To get the latest details of this fabulous conference go to

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

Remember a touch of Red for Saturday night.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The club's service to the needy children at Forest Hill College will begin again next week.

INTERPLAST FUNDRAISER

We thought you might be interested in joining us at our upcoming charity night, to enjoy a great night of live music featuring *Songs and Times of Sam Cooke* and help Interplast continue to change lives across the Asia Pacific region.

If you are interested please contact Bob Williams



INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY DINNER

March 4 – speaker Lucinda Nolan

RC Glen Waverley

Interplast Charity Night

Help Interplast change futures while enjoying an evening of live music at the iconic Athenaeum Theatre in Melbourne. Invite your family and friends to a great night out!

8pm, Wednesday 20 February 2019

Details from Bob L

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

February Peace and Conflict Resolution

March Water and Sanitation

ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to rlaslett76@gmail.com by 5pm Wednesday