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18 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
18 Feb	Conference report	John McPhee	Sue Ballard
25 Feb	Didgeridoos and Ballads (Rotary birthday) <i>Geoff Walker</i>	Bill Marsh	Bob Laslett
4 Mar	Vocational Service-Essence of Rotary <i>Greg King</i>	Sue Ballard	Ron Brooks
11 Mar	NO meeting		

CONGRATULATIONS

Club anniversary congratulations to Glenys Grant (22 Feb) and birthday best wishes to Ron Brooks (22 Feb) and Stuart Williams (25 Feb).

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

Bethel Funerals

Most of us would prefer to hold off on using that particular product category as long as possible, but we will use it at some point. A funeral can be a chance for those left behind to reflect on our lives. The idea of financial legacy, as mentioned by James and Debra, is just one example of lasting impressions we can leave on the world; the efforts we expend on behalf of others as Rotarians, the impact we have on people we will never meet, are part of our legacy as well. What we leave behind, in all its myriad forms, is important.

Square reader (further repetition)

The use of the card reader was moot on Saturday, due to inclement weather, but the issue remains current. More confident users of the system are required. Please make yourselves available and contact me.

Please mark your calendars with the following:

- Weekend, 16-17 February Rotary Multi District Conference (Peace Forum on Friday 15 & Dinner at Cervo at 6 pm.
- Monday, 18 February Conference report, Board meeting
- Friday, 22 February District 9810 meeting
- Friday, 1 March First Friday Film Fellowship
- Wednesday, 6 March IWD Breakfast (A Cluster Project)
- Saturday, 9 March Blackburn Market
- Sunday, 10 March Whitehorse Farmers Market

Meeting report February 11

President Mike gave a description of what is known as a Sky Hydrant –a piece of equipment which can be used to purify unclean water into clean water and be used in disaster situations. It could be a project costing \$5000.

The Breakfast Club at Forest Hill Secondary College to start this week.

The Club's share from the weekend's Farmers should be approximately \$52.

Because of rain the Blackburn Market receipts were only \$74.

The sergeant raised \$24-95 and the raffle over \$60.

The MUNA Committee has commenced the work for this year's project.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Debra Moore and James Clarke gave a presentation on the not for profit funeral company Bethel Funerals. This company has parlors at Mitcham, Carrum Downs and Logan-Queensland and donates any money raised after they have taken out their expenses for a funeral to charitable organisations within three areas; Mission, Community and Humanitarian works. They support Christian mission organisations that implement health, literacy and Bible translation programs in Australia and overseas. They join forces with accredited humanitarian aid agencies to help advance the quality of child education and improve health and wellbeing of under-privileged families around the world. Close to home they contribute to programs that provide meals, coaching, counselling and mentoring support to disadvantaged groups in our local communities so a funeral with Bethel leaves a legacy.

Debora left valuable material for each member to read regarding funerals
Ray

President's Reflection 11 February

I won't spend much time on the subject of funerals; the experts speaking tonight will be able to do that much better than I. But I do want to just take a segue from their topic, legacy, to talk about the things we leave for others to deal with.

Sometimes what we're left with is a delightful gift. I have a piece of art and a set of saucepans that came into my possession as a result of relatives of mine or my wife's. I use those pots nearly every day. I made oatmeal this morning in one of them.

Sometimes what we leave behind is a burden or a task. My grandmother died without a will. My wife's grandfather died with a house and a five-acre property full of possessions to be disposed of. Somebody needed to sort those things out. A co-worker told me that her mother insisted her ashes be taken back to her hometown in Poland to be scattered. It took a few years to arrange, but she did it.

Keep in mind that these are all applicable even if we haven't died. We're always sharing things with others. We do it every day. And some of those things are gifts and some of those things are jobs. Sometimes the same thing could be seen in two ways. In *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, Mark Twain's titular character manages to convince his friends to whitewash a fence for him, and in fact to pay him for the privilege, by making it seem like he enjoys it.

So maybe, without fully embracing the concept of con artistry, we can appreciate that whether something is seen as a burden or a gift has a lot to do with how our own attitude to it is viewed. Maybe we need to embrace our inner Tom Sawyer to get others to join in. Something to think about.

Marysville visit

Thursday, 7 February 2019, marks 10 years since the devastating Black Saturday bushfires, that burnt out the majority of the picturesque township of Marysville. We were told that only 14 homes remained from over 400.

Bob and I decided to go for a drive to Marysville to check out how "our" garden was progressing.

In May 2009, a group of Forest Hill Rotarians and partners journeyed to Marysville, to help plant a garden, in front of the temporary accommodation for residents of the town who had lost their homes. The accommodation is sited on a block just out town, opposite the golf course.

We spent the day there, planting trees and shrubs, which had been supplied by a nursery.



On this recent visit we noticed how well the plants had grown, in front of what is now Camp Marysville.



The township now has many shops, the bakery, the lolly shop, the police station, a hotel/reception place, to name a few.

We visited the Historical Society, the original of which, was completely burnt out during the fire. The new Historical Society is now housed in a house which escaped the fire. To get the new Historical Society up and running again, word was put out that items of interest of Marysville was needed to start the new Historical Society and the many pieces they received came from near and far, from all over Australia.

Around the town at the weekend, were many “thank you” signs, and yellow ribbons tied around the old oak trees!

Barbara Williams

Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019

This week this fabulous conference so go to <http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html> and have a ball.

Remember a touch of Red for Saturday night.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Judy L and John Mc will deliver tasty toasties this 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.

Enjoy 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

If you are interested please contact Bob Williams



INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY DINNER

March 4 – speaker Lucinda Nolan

RC Glen Waverley

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