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25 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
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		
18 Mar	RAWCS topic <i>Gloria Hargreaves</i>	Bill Marsh	Bob Williams

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of honorary member PP Don Hulland. Don died last Sunday and his funeral will be held at the Alexandra Uniting Church at 11.30 on Saturday 23 February.

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

The Conference

There were some old ideas, there were some new ideas and there was some entertainment and fellowship. Most of all, there were reminders about what Rotary means to millions of people around the world, as well as what the actions of Rotarians can mean to just one person.



The Rotary Wheel is the image of a tool of work. The key in the middle is meant to receive force in the form of torque. The outer parts of the Wheel are meant to mesh cleanly with gears, cogs and the like, to deliver that work to where it needs to go. It's not always easy to keep the wheel turning, but all Rotarians and those willing to work with Rotary can play a part in doing that. Working together, within clubs and across them, means that when we get tired and need to take a break there are others who can step into help.

Sometimes it takes a bit of grit and stamina to keep pushing in the face of adversity, but Rotarians are part of a tough and resilient team; sometimes we must show the world our teeth.

Please mark your calendars with the following:

- 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

Conference report February 18

A brief summary of the Peace Forum and Multi District Conference

Peace Forum Friday 15th February 2019

Keynote address on the economic value of peace looked at the economic focus when nations are channelling resources in to development of industry, education, food and health and away from weapons. Discussion on research conducted by institute for economics & peace, including how where education and health are a priority peace is valued and quantifiable.

Peace begins within -discussed techniques and benefits of mental peace in self-healing and focus setting.

Bryn Styles discussed Rotary & Peace and projects that have been undertaken around the world.

Panel discussion concentrated on Rotary work for Peace in Cambodia, the panel included a Cambodian who provided options of how the local people have worked with Rotarians on projects and what it means to them.

Tony Stuart from UNICEF discussed how they are working on projects to give every child a future, going into refugee camps, and war zones to provide vaccinations, food and a measure of security.

The next address looks at international hostelling where travellers of all ages can learn from each other promoting a community of understanding and operation.

A panel discussion on water and sanitation projects using those in India and Africa and how they have changed the lives especially for girls and young women.

Nobel Peace Laureate discussed the importance of nuclear disarmament and how what is known to exist could be devastating.

Discussion continued on what it means to be a Peace Fellow, by Stuart Bateson of Vic police who is working to try and reduce youth violence including African gangs and disenfranchised youth around the state. This includes mentoring programs.

Dr Edna Ishmail talked about giving training to Somaliland women in midwifery and providing further opportunities.

A panel discussion on the success of Rotary's peace programs and what they will lead to in the future.

Multi district conference 16th and 17th February 2019

Opening address was from Lord Mayor Sally Capp, talking about the complexity of the homeless situation in Melbourne and what council, police, community groups and businesses are doing together to find solutions. Admitting there is no quick fix or standard solution that can be employed.

Rotary internationals representative Stephanie Urchick discussed how doing what you can do no matter how small can make a big difference in the lives of someone. Two of her examples were the Birthday box so all people in a shelter can celebrate their birthday. And the seniors pack that gives seniors in a nursing home luxury items they can use.

BusyFeet is a dance class for children with a disability held once a week with volunteers and family. They may dance to their own beat but they dance together and have fun.

Brittany Arthur talked about the importance of Rotary working with Alumni and Youth to strengthen the organisation for the future and develop new projects and focuses.

John Soe talked about his life in an Indonesian orphanage with polio and how he was adopted by a Singapore Rotarian, given surgery and an education allowing him the ability to work on polio projects and travel the world.

Dr Edna Ismail talked about her country Somaliland and how she set up medical services for local women including midwives and surgeons, decreasing deaths in childbirth and infant mortality. Her message was to keep pushing through to achieve goals.

After lunch the talks turned to modern slavery, which included economic/factory exploitation, sex trade and underage marriages. It was pointed out slavery does occur in Australia not just in other regions. When choosing cheap clothing you may be supporting factory slavery.

Jason Ball discussed his life as a country footballer and the fear he had about coming out to his team mates.

Through his courage he was able to influence the footy culture not only around his club but internationally with the Pride Cup.

Sherrie Marris provided a comical presentation on the underwater world of Port Philip and Westernport Bay, talking about unusual creatures to be found. The underlying message was the importance of preserving the Eco system.

A panel discussion covered the Rotary response to the modern world, looking at changes that need to be made, adapting to changing demands.

Then another of breakout sessions happens covering a range of topics.



A touch of red- Saturday night

Sunday started with district meetings where presentations included Engineers without Borders and how to work with locals to achieve projects.



Sunday morning



DGN Shia announced that the next district conference in March 2020 will be in Echuca /Moama. The final key address was from Christine Nixon who discussed her experience working in a male- dominated environment. She discussed the importance of believing in yourself, but also having a support system behind you.

Sue

President's Reflection 18 February

I made a joke about the 2019 Oceania Pokémon Championships taking place at the MCEC at the same time as our own Multi District Conference over the weekend, but the more I thought about it, the more I wanted to explore the similarities.

Pokémon has been around for a while—not as long as Rotary, obviously, but since 1995. That's well over twenty years. Being into Pokémon is considered a bit daggy and out of fashion by people who aren't interested in it, even if it's much loved by those people who are. Most of us have a pretty clear picture in our head of a typical Pokémon fan, even if the reality is that the fanbase is much more diverse than the image we think represents the majority. And Pokémon has changed and innovated a lot over the years, but you can still find the core elements that started the whole thing going, the handheld games and trading cards, for sale.

So maybe they can take some inspiration from us. I'm sure Nintendo and Game Freaks would love to still be developing and innovating in a hundred years. And maybe we can take some inspiration from them, and be more driven to recruit new members , bring them in and help them evolve, train and grow to make our team stronger while they learn new skills that will serve them both inside and outside of Rotary.

Rotary, gotta catch 'em all.

RORP (Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds)

Whilst at Conference I was approached by Peter Cribb from District 9800 who wanted Rotarians from other Districts to consider assisting with sourcing playgrounds that local Councils/Schools/Kinders/Churches are due to replace due to age (usually replaced each 8 to 10 years apparently) and liaising with the Organisation to not take it to the tip but to recycle it to either Sri Lanka or Timor Leste.

They are looking for Clubs to contact their local Council etc to ascertain their process for playground replacement, when this is to be and if they may be interested in joining the scheme.

The club then takes photos of the playground to send to RORP to ascertain if it is appropriate, creates a data base for their local area and contacts the organisation when the time is coming up.

RORP seeks \$600 donation ideally from the organisation donating the playground that we are assisting by taking it away as this assists with purchase of a container. They would have had to pay labour to dismantle and take it away plus tip fees etc otherwise.

The club then arranges with RORP to come and collect the playground after the playground contractor does the heavy work of removing it from the ground then the club dismantles it and helps load it into the DIK truck. 6 playgrounds normally fit into one container then DIK arranges transport etc.

RORP takes care of legal issues around accountability and bills the donor the suggested \$600.

For more information their contacts are Peter Cribb 0410 548 543, Sam Nicol 0487 334 068 and Rod Greer 0408 059 123.

So, maybe a project we could consider for the New Year?

Bob W

BREAKFAST CLUB

Barb and Glenys are our representatives this week.

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