



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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STU'S SCRIPT

It was satisfying in National Volunteer's Week to have almost all the Rotary Club of Forest Hill volunteers log into our Zoom meeting. Great to also see honorary members and "the recovering Gazza" after his open-heart surgery. As has been mentioned many times this week volunteers get so much personally out of volunteering in their community. One benefit I have found is an increase in my personal knowledge and awareness. Monday evening was a wonderful example of Rotarians gaining knowledge. Thanks to Janette Etherington for providing us with a detailed look at Interplast.

Rotary is a powerful force for good in the world on a macro and a local level. Rotary was included in the group that structured up the United Nations after WW Two. Rotary has partnered with many organisations to provide maximum impact. Our End Polio Now campaign is a partnership with WHO, US Centre for Disease Control and the Gates Foundation. Interplast was an idea of a Rotarian and in 1983, was set up between Rotary and the Australian College of Surgeons.

Rotary provides 25% of the funding and Interplast works in 17 countries. It is a huge operation usually sending out between 70 and 80 teams per year to Asia and the Pacific- from Mongolia to Kiribati. Patients have ranged in age from 89 years to 28 days old. We have supported Interplast for many years by having club members on the District committee and since 2008 we have donated \$9,167. There is no doubt the 26,000 surgeries have dramatically changed the lives for the better of those patients. Thanks Janette.

Joan Harper will be farewelled and laid to rest on Friday. Our club had lost a wonderful supporter.

Don't forget to log into the web-site that will enable you to be part of the District Assembly Zoom training sessions.

Lockdown restrictions will not be lifted in time for us to have a "normal changeover". I believe we should start to plan for a Zoom changeover.

Reports for the Annual Report are due 31 May.

Enjoy catching up with friends and family but please stay safe.

Stuart

Vale: Joan Harper

Our Rotary Club, and society, is the poorer with the passing of Joan Harper. After Joan lost our amazing member Stan, she bravely kept going and was determined to stay in her family home. Stan's life was defined not by his strength, but by decency. Stan and Joan always believed in people. Joan was a strong woman who was prepared to speak her mind. She did not like, but coped with Stan's office that was full of Rotary material. Stan was known as Mr Probus after he established so many Probus clubs in the City of Whitehorse. Joan and Stan both reached out and tried to make life better for other people. They both had faith in the goodness of people. We will miss the quiet kindness and care shown by Joan. Joan achieved so much, not with words, but with action. Rest in peace Joan Harper.

Stuart Williams – President Rotary Club of Forest Hill.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 25th May: 7.00pm in the Zoom Room. (Club Meeting)

7.40pm in the Zoom Room. (Board meeting)

Two meetings this week.

The first, at 7.00pm, will be our normal club meeting.

The second, at 7.40pm, will be our Board Meeting.

Links for both meetings have been sent. Please make sure you use the correct link for each meeting.

Bill

CELEBRATIONS

26th May sees Bob Laslett celebrate his Club Birthday.

28th May sees Warwick & Chris celebrate their Wedding Anniversary – quietly, I think.



COVID IN MONTREAL

I have a friend in Montreal, Canada. Bob and I were there 2 years ago. I found Canada a delightful country that I believed I could comfortably live in - apart from the very harsh winters. Canada has hardly been mentioned in the COVID-19 statistics. Melbourne (5 million population) is marginally bigger than Montreal (4.3 million population). The situation in Montreal remains "worrisome". The other city in Quebec Province- Quebec City is in a similar situation to Melbourne and Victoria. Many restrictions have been or are about to be lifted. Non-essential travel between regions is still discouraged. Montreal is still in fairly heavy lock-down. The latest date proposed for "deconfinement" has been moved to May25. All schools are still closed and will be until the end of the school year. As of May 12 -- Montreal has had 20,232 confirmed cases. (Victoria 1554--18 deaths). Montreal had almost 91 deaths last week. I have not seen a similar breakdown of figures here but the Canadian figures show the virus can infect young people. The figures from Montreal: confirmed cases

0 -4 years -- 190

5 - 9 yrs -- 173

10 - 19 yrs -- 606

80yrs plus -- 5,469

It is very sad that Montreal is the 7th deadliest COVID-19 epicentre in the world.

Stuart



IMPORTANT COMPUTER LANGUAGE

LOGON: Adding wood to make the BBQ hotter

LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the BBQ.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the BBQ.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the Ute.

HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the Ute keys.

WINDOWS: What you shut when the weather's cold.

SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season.

BYTE: What mozzies do

MEGABYTE: What Townsville mozzies do.

CHIP: A pub snack.

MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.

MODEM: What you did to the lawns.

LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.

SOFTWARE: Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster.

HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives and forks - from K-Mart.

MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.

MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.

WEB: What spiders make.

WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the veranda.

SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the Ute won't go.

CURSOR: What you say when the Ute won't go.

YAHOO: What you say when the Ute does go.

UPGRADE: A steep hill.

SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.

NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.

INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.

NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.

ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.

OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

Sergeant Bob

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