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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Forest Hill Rotary

CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event		Chair	Thanks/ Meeting report
8 August	Violence against Women <i>Wendy Austin</i>	Committees	Ron Brooks	Nancy Notman
15 August	Simple facts about eyes <i>Dr Vini Kumar</i>	Board	Bob Williams	Ray Smith
22 August	Health planning in Advancing age <i>Jenny McGuirk</i>		John McPhee	Stuart Williams

THIS WEEKS CELEBRATIONS

Jenny Tuck-Birthday- August 10.

Chris & Jenny Tuck- Wedding Anniversary-August 10

DUTY ROSTER

	August	September
Cashier	Stuart Williams	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Glenys Grant	Mike Finke
Greeter	Bob Laslett	Hans Eecen
Emergency	Bob Williams	Nancy Notman

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 9878 4891 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

DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409 530 435**. Please give him a call or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Last Monday we were delighted to learn a little about our newest member Nancy. Naturally her presentation was informative, well presented and held us all throughout. Thanks Nancy for a great job done.

Thanks to PP , P/elect , and Jack of all trades Bill for keeping the meeting moving at all times, and finishing on time.

Membership promotion by Warwick reminded all that each Rotarian is responsible for membership, development in the words of John Germ

“Membership is a team effort and we must target Rotary’s static membership.”

The fault is with us, the current Rotarians. He wants us to step up our outreach. He indicates that one of our main problems is that we do not ask enough people to join. Why? For fear of rejection. We need to get over that – get out there and bring in new members we’ll be proud of.”

At our meeting next week the guest speaker is Wendy Austin, subject Violence against women. Partners and Honorary members could find this a very interesting presentation. Finally the thought for the week

“ Don’t lie, don’t steal, don’ t cheat, and don’t sell drugs.

The government hates competition.”

And our theme this year Rotary serving humanity.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING



Bill Marsh, Sergeant and Meeting Chairman:

This week’s reflection was on the recent District membership meeting and its focus on recruitment of new members.

Two key points:

More club funds should be devoted to recruitment of new members.

To be successful, every member will need to be involved in the recruitment process.

Incredible anticipation and interest was generated when Bill Marsh identified that this week’s raffle would be a Mystery Prize (no spoilers till later in the newsletter).

Rotary clubs are being pressured and encouraged to ensure members have Working With Children cards. This club does a significant amount of work with youth and in schools, so it’s particularly important. The process is simple, quick, and can be done entirely on line.

Thirteen Members in attendance; President John McPhee’s video will be held over until next week, so appetites should be fully whetted by then.

President John McPhee:

A reminder that the Blackburn Market will be held on the 13th and volunteers are needed. The area available for use will be somewhat reduced, but should be better than at its most cramped.

Fellowship: Hans will send out a list of films by Wednesday for the Friday evening films. We will meet at Melba's in Forest Hill Chase at 6 pm. There are a wide variety of films on offer, and all tastes will be catered for.

Changes have been proposed for Rotary clubs worldwide, and relate to meeting frequency, attendance, minutes, and a number of other issues. The club will vote to accept or object to these changes from the Council on Legislation.

During the week there have been a couple of emails of interest:

Glenys Grant has provided some details about the Berengarra School. This is a school for children who've fallen through the cracks at more mainstream educational facilities. Many have some behavioural issues, but have responded well to teaching through performing arts. Berengarra is seeking to equip an audio/visual studio. If RCFH can use some of the funds formerly used for the Handbrake Turn project and/or work in association with Whitehorse Rotaract and take their offer of funding, it may be a good opportunity for us.

The Whitehorse Community Chest run a market at the Deakin University campus on Burwood Road. They have offered RCFH a stall to coincide with the university's open day at the end of October. This would provide a good opportunity for both RCFH and Whitehorse Rotaract to engage in some recruitment and promotion.

Treasurer Warwick Stott: Any members not in possession of a legible, clear invoice is asked to request one. Also, hearkening back to Bill Marsh's opening comments, membership night will be on the 26th of September. All members are requested to provide names of friends, neighbours, or business contacts who would be good additions to the club. It is intended that the night be a normal length meeting, with three speakers each giving a concise ten minute speech

A talk about an internal (local) project which RCFH is involved with.

A talk about an external project.

A brief talk which discusses some of the highlights and accomplishments of the club during its history.

During the recent meeting, RC Frankston highlighted their success in boosting their membership massively through diligent effort and teamwork.

Also a reminder that the Whitehorse Farmer's Market will be held on the 14th of August and three volunteers are required.

International (Stuart Williams):

There will be a Manningham Club meeting next Monday, and some RCFH members will be in attendance to discuss possible project cooperation. (see later-ed)

A request has been put in on behalf of the Hope Katolo to fund a sick bay. This would be for the school, but would also be helpful for the care of HIV patients in the area. Some money has been raised, but approximately \$5000 additional dollars are sought to bring this to completion.

It's possible that some money might be available from a Foundation Grant, and this will be examined.

Community/Vocational (Chris Tuck): Importantly, Chris's knee is on the mend. No other report.

Youth (Glenys Grant): The board will look at assisting the Berengarra school in their efforts.

Ron Brooks mentions that the NYSF program looks for students who are not just academically talented, but also involved in their communities and well-rounded individuals with an array of interests.

Program (Ron Brooks): The next two weeks will have a talk on violence against women (Nancy will give the thanks) and a talk on eye health.

Bill Marsh made a few jokes at men's expense, and notes his grandson kicked a goal on the weekend. Stuart Williams' notes a birthday in his family officially provides him with his first teenage grandson.

Nancy Notman: Behind the Badge

Nancy's talk gave us some background on her life and working history, as well as her interests. Nancy was born in Brisbane, and has two sisters and a brother. Amongst her interests are gardening, jazz, blues, fishing and walking.

Nancy's had a broad and eclectic working life, changing careers and seeking opportunities for educating and retraining herself several times when an opportunity presented itself, or when her interest was piqued. Nancy has worked in banking and finance, in hospitality, within the funeral industry, and now manages the local franchise of an audiology clinic.

During her time as a personal banker at a CBA location, Nancy started a wildly successful social group on the Gold Coast, Scarlet Encounters, which enabled single people to meet (and in an era before computers).

Nancy's work within Rotary has provided her with the opportunity to display admirable leadership as an office holder in the Ipswich Rotary Club. This club has had some fantastic fundraisers, including an art auction (featuring two pieces of art painted by Nancy herself) and their annual seafood gala, which in 2015 raised over \$8000 dollars.

Nancy's interest in art led her to start an art class in a nursing home in Queensland. This has been expanded to include an exhibition and this art group is still running.

Nancy moved back to Melbourne in 2015 and currently lives in Mulgrave. She's been managing the Bay Audio in Forest Hill since the 17th of May.

The raffle this week raised \$35 dollars, and the secret of the prize is that it does not yet exist. An IOU will be redeemable at the next meeting.

The Good News session raised \$33.30.

In closing, President John McPhee thanks Nancy for her talk, and reminds the RCFH members that we need more people, in this club and in Rotary more broadly. Everybody can help with this.

Mike Finke

DIARY DATES

Friday 12 August	District Foundation Seminar
Saturday 13 August	Blackburn Market
Sunday 14 August	Whitehorse Farmers Market
Sunday 11 September	Schwerkoldt Cottage
Monday 12 September	DG's visit
Thursday 15 September	Primary Schools Public Speaking Contest

SERGEANT'S REFLECTIONS

I'll be back soon so be ready

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

9 Aug	Robbie	Kevin
16 Aug	Robbie	Barb
23. Aug	Robbie	Barb
30. Aug	Robbie	Hans

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

August	Membership
September	Education and Literacy

MEMBERSHIP

Last Friday week Bill and I attended a membership workshop with information from RC of Frankston as to how they increased their membership by over 20 in a year or more. We also heard from two very young Rotarians who because of family connections knew about Rotary and did not want to be involved with Rotaract – they were about 22 and 28 (at a guess) in age – so never ever assume that someone is too old or too young, live too far away, or any other reason until they say so.

Below is an abbreviated report of the meeting

D9810 Membership Workshop

Here's a summary of some of the key lessons they took from the evening:

1. Meetings need to be interesting, informative and not too bogged down in bureaucracy.
2. Whilst it is important to "balance the books", the essential truth is that without attracting new members over time we won't need to worry about fees, as there won't be any members to pay them.
3. A planned mentoring program to welcome new members, and retain them, is essential.

4. Create a clear sense of belonging with shirts, caps and other marketing tools add to the team feeling.
5. Whilst we need younger members, there are lots of 'not-so' young people who are enthusiastic, experienced and have time ... just waiting to see what we do and to be asked!
6. We have to embrace public relations and social media in all its forms to advertise to our local community, including younger people.
7. That our Club needs to reflect the make-up of their community.
8. We need to be more visible in our community with relevant projects. People will want to join when they actually see what we do!
9. The undeniable truth from the Rotary Club of Frankston is that they lifted membership from 39 members to a possible 65 members which means that their strategy works.
10. That everybody in the Club is responsible for the Club vibe and membership drive.

Please note that every paragraph is important but the last one is absolutely critical

Warwick Stott

PS. We are having a membership meeting on Monday 26th September – please ask some friends, neighbours, tradesmen, religious folk, shopkeepers and healthcare professionals if they would like to come and learn more about Rotary.

VISIT to Manningham Club 8 August

As advised, Manningham club is having Samuel Manhom and Cameron Hagger from the Rumbek South Sudan school building committee talk to them on the 8th August.

I am on the committee and it is our club's opportunity to hear a full update on the progress of this worthwhile project as we have been supporting it from the start.

Stuart and I will be attending and if anyone else wants to attend (Manningham meet at Casavini Restaurant, 9 Mitchell Street Doncaster East at 6-30pm for a 7pm start) contact me by Sunday 7th August and I'll book you in.

Bob Williams

ARTICLES

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