



FOREST HILL FLYER 2010-2011

Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill

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The Rotary Club of Forest Hill meets at 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm on Mondays at Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132. \$27.00 per head

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>24 January</u>	<u>31 January</u>	<u>7 February</u>
Heather Barton - Smith Family Chair: Ron Brooks Thanks and meeting report: Stuart Williams Most interesting Christmas I have had Graham Sharman	Judy Leibel - Victoria Police Confident Living Bob Williams Bill Marsh Doug Berwick	To be advised Chris Tuck Ron Brooks John Donaghey

DUTY ROSTER

	<u>January</u>
Cashier	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Bob Laslett
Greeter	Bob Williams
Emergency	Glenys Grant

ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 9878 4891 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au.** Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



26 January birthday	Doug Berwick
26 January birthday	Bob Neilson
27 January birthday	Ron Brooks
30 January birthday	Warwick Stott

DAVID'S DIARY



Rotary is all about making a difference in the community and we will be doing it again at our Blackburn Arts and Crafts Market on 12 February when we will be fundraising for flood relief.

The club has decided to devote the profit from the market to a flood relief fund to assist Victorians and Queenslanders affected by the recent floods. We will also be seeking the support of the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce to advertise the market and our fundraising activities.

I hope to see every member of the club at the market either as a worker or as a consumer of our beautifully sizzled sausages!

Our club will be contributing to flood relief in a second way by forgoing our share of the profit from the February Whitehorse Farmers Market. We, and the other Rotary and Rotaract clubs that run the market, have agreed to donate the profit from the market to the District Flood Relief Fund. Again, it would be good if everyone could attend the market to help maximise the money we raise to help people whose lives have been profoundly impacted by the floods.

The market will be more feature-packed than normal because we will also have the presentation of a community policing vehicle to Victoria Police by the Rotary Clubs of Box Hill and Mont Albert and Surrey Hills. In addition, as a special event, we will have Radio Eastern FM 98.1 staging an outside broadcast from the market. The announcers will be interviewing market stallholders and Rotarians and Police involved with the community policing project.

The Rotary Club of Manningham is also running a fundraiser for flood relief. The club had been planning an Italian Experience Dinner for 19 February at the Veneto Club in Bulleen at a cost of \$55 a head. It was meant as a club fundraiser. They have now decided to open it to all clubs in the District and give the profit to the District Flood Relief Fund. Our Assistant Governor, Geoff Roberts, tells me that it will be a very enjoyable evening and he is looking forward to solid support from the Whitehorse Cluster clubs.

At last week's meeting, we had an interesting discussion about ways in which we could assist a country Rotary club. Thanks to all who contributed to the discussion. The Board will follow-up on the ideas raised.

Our new website is now up and running at www.foresthillrotary.com. We also have an email address for contacting the club – foresthillrotary@hotmail.com. Please visit the website and explore its pages and if you feel some improvements are needed, please let me know. The website is meant as window on our club and its activities so keeping it current and interesting for visitors is very important.

Best wishes to you and your families for the week ahead as we continue building communities and bridging continents.

David

David Bremner
President

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NOTICES

District 9810 Conference, Adelaide 7-9 April 2011

Preparations for the next District Conference in Adelaide from 7 to 9 April 2011 are well underway.

The theme for the Conference is "Leadership in Challenging Times" and a comprehensive program is being put together to expand on this theme.

Another exciting change will be the inclusion of a "Global Village" where clubs and interested parties can display details of their projects and community involvement in an

interactive environment.

The Gala dinner will be the finale on the Saturday evening and the theme of a "Garden Party" will give everyone an opportunity to dress up and enjoy the evening.

The Conference promises to be a great experience.

Our On-to-Conference Chair is David Bremner. Please see David for more details, and to register your interest.

PLAN AHEAD

Mock Interviews at Forest Hill Secondary College

Wednesday 19th May 2011

Please keep the evening free to help as an interviewer

No Meeting Report for 17 January, 2011 meeting but thanks to Stan Harper and Bob Williams for staging an entertaining Rotary Quiz.

Rotary Thought

ENDING POLIO NOW! 1 January, 2011

TEAMWORK: AN ALL OUT BLITZ

The visit to Malegaon on January 1, 2011 started with a very impressive rally. A large battalion of Rotary volunteers and medical practitioners went through the sensitive areas in the city. Representatives from the three Rotary clubs in Malegaon, members of the Inner Wheel and WHO officials were present. In addition, the local Members of the Legislative Assemblies were also there to lend support to the programme.

The team of Rotary volunteers led by our RI President Elect Kalyan Banerjee visited the residences of children who were affected by polio.

IMMUNISATION, REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

The parents of the affected children not only took a pledge to ensure that the other children were immunized regularly but also promised to act as ambassadors for the eradication programme. They agreed to educate other families that were resisting the immunisation programme about the dangers of exposing their children to the wild virus.

Rotary has decided to help the affected children to be rehabilitated with physiotherapy and corrective surgery.

POSITIVE COVERAGE BY THE MEDIA

The press in this area took an active interest in the programme of Rotary to eradicate polio and gave the required positive coverage that will reach all the citizens in the town. The meeting and open forum which was held later in the day was attended in full strength by health workers, nurses, other NGOs and officials from the local administration saw the various doubts being dispelled and a new impetus being given to the polio eradication drive in this city.

The day which began well before sunrise for RI President Elect Kalyan Banerjee and I (*Ashok Mahajan*) ended in a positive note only when the clock was about to herald the beginning of yet another day in 2011.

There cannot be a better way to celebrate the enthusiasm and success of Rotarians than to be with them and take part in their effort to save the children of the world from polio.

AIMING TO ERADICATE POLIO IN INDIA

The world is closely watching our actions in eradicating polio from India. During 2011 the advantages of 2010 must be consolidated and when RI President Elect Kalyan Banerjee assumes office as the President of Rotary International on July 1, 2011 the gift we can give him and the world is the good news that we in India have ended polio now!

*Rtn. Ashok Mahajan
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation
Director, Rotary International 2007–2009
Member, International PolioPlus Committee*

Editor's note:

Aren't we lucky to live in Melbourne, flood free and yeah I know the beach weather has been awful, but we have sport. Exciting cricket, not too long to the Footy – Go Cats- and the Australian Open. I am bleary eyed, sleep deprived but exhilarated at watching great live tennis until 1.15am last night. Lleyton was stiff - Kim was magnificent. Live tennis at Melbourne Park is fantastic even if it is tough to get up the next morning.

SENIOR'S CORNER

Woman and a Fork

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly ... 'What's that?' came the Pastor's reply.

'This is very important,' the young woman continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.'

The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young woman asked. 'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep

your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come.'

*The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She **KNEW** that something better was coming.*

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand... Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share.... being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

And just remember...keep your fork!

Square Eyed Stu at the Movies

This miserable weather is conducive to a trip, or two, to the cinema.

HEARTBREAKER – A French film with sub-titles. Delightful to look at, lightweight and at times quite funny. About a professional seducer who saves unhappy women from bad relationships. Fun, enjoyable, quite predictable, disposable fluff.

MORNING GLORY – a delightful showcase for attractive Rachel Macadam. Set in TV land, a morning show needs a transfusion. Well supported by Diane Keaton and overplayed by a grumpy Harrison Ford, the movie is quite uneven. At times funny, at times it drags; at times everyone seems to be trying too hard. The effervescent McAdam battles an ageing Ford. At least 3 stars. You will laugh but it won't change your life. (an insight into tabloid TV)

FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

We publish the table below to keep us aware of the challenge.

Membership at the beginning of the year	Current Membership	Change
18	18	--

BREAKFAST QUIZ

Something to chew on over breakfast – TWO (well!!) three questions again this week seeing a member got last week's questions correct.

1. Answers to last week's questions

1. What percentage of the Netherlands is below sea-level?

Answer: 20-27%

2. On average, how many kilometres a year does a person travel just in making their bed?

Answer: Six kilometres.

This week's questions.

1. At what point, or time, in the day are men less likely to win an argument with their wives?
2. Around what per cent of holiday romances end in failure?

Another one seeing they were so easy-

3. How many litres of water can a large camel drink in ten minutes?

If you don't know the answers, you should pay a fine to the Sergeant. If you get the correct answer, the Editor will pay (this is costing me big time). The answer will be in next week's Forest Hill Flyer

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

24 January 2011	Club meeting
31 January 2011	Club meeting
1 February 2011	February is World Understanding Month
3 February 2011	Presidents & Assistant Governors Meeting
6 February 2011	District Leadership Seminar
7 February 2011	Club meeting & Board meeting
12 February 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
13 February 2011	Rotary Leadership Institute - Part 3 (Series 2)
13 February 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
14 February 2011	Club meeting
21 February 2011	Club meeting

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to me by **5 pm next Wednesday** (in Microsoft Word format,) Stuart Williams gsestu2@yahoo.com.au