



## **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>28 February</u>	<u>7 March</u>	<u>14 March</u>
<b>New Generations Night</b>	<b>Tracking Birds</b> Ken Gosbell	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<b>NYSF experience and Ford Davis Endeavour Scholarship Winners</b>		<b>BUT</b> <b>Transferred to GSE Team Welcome on Wed 16 March</b>
<b>Chair</b> Doug Berwick	Ray Smith	
<b>Thanks and flyer report</b> Bob Laslett	Glenys Grant	
<b>Rotary Experience Talk</b> Nil	Bob Laslett	

#### **DUTY ROSTER**

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Cashier	Doug Berwick	Chris Tuck
Recorder	Bob Williams	Graham Sharman
Greeter	John McPhee	John Donaghey
Emergency	Bob Neilson	Geoff Hale

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 9878 4891 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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**



NIL

## **DAVID'S DIARY**



I suspect that our new nonagenarian, Geoff Hale, is still celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Our meeting last week was an opportunity for the club, our honorary members and some of Geoff's family to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in style. It was also very interesting to hear some of the stories told about Geoff. At one stage, he said he couldn't sue the speakers for slander because the stories were true!

Thanks to Bob and Judy Laslett and Chris and Jenny Tuck for the presentation of the evening, to Bill Marsh for his stylish calligraphy and to Mary Durham, Bob Neilson and Graham Lydiard for speaking about Geoff's past and his misdemeanours. The gift of a pair of spectacles so Geoff can see the close line calls was most appropriate.

There are a number of District events being held over the next few weeks. The first is the dinner to welcome the World President of Rotary International, Ray Klinginsmith and his wife Judie. Max Walker will be speaking as will President Ray. The dinner is being held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Sunday, March 6 at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. The cost is \$57 per person.

The second event is the International Women's Day Centenary Breakfast being held at the Hemisphere Conference Centre, 488 South Road, Moorabbin on March 8. President Ray will be attending and the keynote speaker is Dr Helen Szokie - Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner. The cost is \$35 per head.

The third event is the Welcome Dinner for the Group Study Exchange Team from California. It will be held at the Monte Carlo Restaurant, Jackson Court, Doncaster East on Wednesday, March 16 at 6.30pm. The cost is \$36 per head, with drinks at bar prices. We have cancelled our meeting on March 14 and will instead attend the GSE welcome.

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

### ***David***

David Bremner  
President

## **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.

**Meeting Report for 21 February, 2011**

Acting Sergeant Stuart raised over \$76.00. Thanks to all who gave so generously to the Rotary Foundation.

**Weekly Foundation Thought**

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about Volunteer Service Grants.

Rotarian Dr Charles Erickson travelled from Nebraska, USA to Zambia in order to provide medical care at an orphanage. Sponsored by Rotary clubs in both countries, Dr Erickson performed haemoglobin determinations on 30 orphans. Nutritional counselling was provided to patients at the local clinic and at general health education sessions. During his month-long stay, Erickson initiated a malaria control program, battling the number one health problem in the area. Through mutual collaboration, the host and international sponsoring clubs have formed a solid partnership and hope to implement many more projects together in the future.

How do I determine how much to give now? – Every Rotarian, Every Year!

**SENIOR'S CORNER**

The word DESPERATION - When you rearrange the letters it reads A ROPE ENDS IT

THE EYES - When you rearrange the letters: THEY SEE

THE MORSE CODE: When you rearrange the letters: HERE COME DOTS

SNOOZE ALARMS: When you rearrange the letters: ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT: When you rearrange the letters: I'M A DOT IN PLACE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO: When you rearrange the letters: TWELVE PLUS ONE

*Thanks to David Bremner for this contribution.*

**Manningham Concert Band -- over 55 musicians**

**They have their Autumn Favourites concert on 27th of March at 2.30pm at The Pines Learning and Activity Centre, 520 Blackburn Rd, Doncaster East Cost: \$8 under 12 free - includes tea, coffee, biscuits.**

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**One for the GOLFERS**

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,  
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.  
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,  
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.

By Its Size I Could Not Guess,  
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.  
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,  
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,  
 Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.  
 It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,  
 A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,  
 I Hate Myself And Want To Die.  
 It Promises A Thing Called Par,  
 If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,  
 Should Not Be Very Hard At All.  
 But My Desires The Ball Refuses,  
 And Does Exactly As It Chooses.

It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,  
 And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.  
 Often It Will Have A Whim,  
 To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.

With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,  
 It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.  
 Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,  
 If Only It Would Find The Hole.

It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,  
 And Swear That I Will Give It Up.  
 And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,  
 But The Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.

**Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls.....**  
**A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year.**  
**Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.**  
**That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.**  
**Kind of makes you proud. Almost feel like a hybrid.**

### **Visit to Chris and Warwick's farm at Longwood Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Chris and Warwick have kindly offered for club members present and past to visit their farm and have a tour and a BBQ lunch.

Longwood is 149km North of Melbourne and according to Warwick is about a 1 ¾ hour drive from Forest Hill.

The suggestion is to arrive at 11am and Chris and Warwick will show us around and see their cows and calves, shearing shed, chemical shed, new spray unit with GPS, paper work involved, Merinos and white Suffolk sheep etc.

1pm lunch and they have a BBQ and have tea and coffee with everything else BYO please.

So please bring your plates, glasses, chairs drinks and utensils and whatever you wish to BBQ and as per our bbq meetings at Heather and David's, if you can bring either a salad or dessert (after checking with Barbara and Bob as we don't all want to bring a green salad etc).

A good idea to arrange your own car pooling if you wish. I'll be sending around a tick sheet over the next few meetings and if any of our past members wish to come please call me on 9874 7350 or [bandbwil@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bandbwil@bigpond.net.au) to save your spot at this once in a lifetime (well we have been before so maybe twice in a lifetime?) social event of the year.

I'll also provide a map to their farm and from memory of my last time there, it is easy to find.

Bob Williams

### **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 questions this week seeing a member got last week's questions correct.

#### **Answers to last week's questions**

#### **Q1. Are goose bumps of any benefit to modern day humans?**

**Answer: No benefit. Goosebumps are seen in many animals. They serve to keep the animal warmer and make it appear larger to predators.**

#### **Q2. Before pencil erasers were invented, writers removed mistakes with which of the following materials? A) Breadcrumbs, B) Candle wax**

**C) Eucalyptus leaves.**

**Answer: Breadcrumbs.**

#### **This week's questions:**

#### **Q1. Where did the term WILD GOOSE CHASE come from?**

#### **Q2. Can you name 2 of the top 10 movies that make men cry?**

**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 answers will be in next week's Forest Hill Flyer**

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS**

1 March	Literacy Month
6 March	Presidents Elect Training Seminar
6 March	Welcome Dinner for Rotary International President, Ray Klingensmith
8 March	International Women's Day – Women in Rotary Breakfast
12 March	Blackburn Craft Market
13 March	Whitehorse Farmers Market
14 March	Club meeting cancelled
16 March	Club will meet at the GSE Welcome function at Monte Carlo Reception Centre

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