





## 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**

7 March Tracking Birds	<u>14 March</u> NO MEETING	21 March INTERPLAST
Ken Gosbell	BUT Transferred to GSE Team Welcome on	And Home Hosted Dinner At Bremner's
And Board Meeting	Wed 16 March	Details in FLYER
CHAIR		
Ray Smith		John Donaghey
Thanks and meeting		
report		
Glenys Grant		Bob Neilson
Most memorable		
Rotary experience		
Bob Laslett		Stuart Williams

## **DUTY ROSTER**

	March	
Cashier	Chris Tuck	
Recorder	Graham Sharman	
Greeter	John Donaghey	
Emergency	Geoff Hale	

## **ATTENDANCE**

Apologies - Please contact Ray Smith by <u>10.00 am MONDAY</u> 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

Nil again



## **DAVID'S DIARY**



I would like to thank the Rotarians who hosted the families of our Scholarship winners and National Youth Science Forum representative at last week's meeting. Judging from the comments made by parents, students and Rotarians, the meeting was very successful. The students were a little nervous but they spoke well and were a credit to their schools and families.

Our National Youth Science Forum representative, Nicholas Tang, provided an excellent report on the Forum and obviously enjoyed himself. He mentioned that the Forum has convinced him that his desire to study environmental science is the right choice for him. Nicholas presented the club with a certificate of appreciation from Professor Hans Bachor, Chairman of the National Summer Science School Council. The certificate records the Council's appreciation for the support and encouragement we gave to Nicholas.

It was interesting listening to the addresses by the Ford Davis Endeavour Award Scholarship winners Keely White, Ivan Tang and Silkra Harvey. Each of them is doing well in their educational pursuits but they also have other interests such as music and sport that are helping to develop their personalities and confidence. Our guest, the Year 12 Coordinator from Box Hill High School, Diana Willshire, was very proud of the way they spoke.

Thanks to those who have responded to the invitation to attend the Welcome Dinner for the Group Study Exchange Team from California (whom we are looking after on 18 March). The dinner will be held at Monte Carlo Receptions, 5 Mitchell Street, Doncaster East on Wednesday, 16 March at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. As we are not meeting on 14 March (Labour Day), the Board has agreed that we instead attend the GSE welcome.

On 6 March President Elect, Doug Berwick, and President Nominee, Bob Laslett, will be attending the annual President Elect Training Seminar to be held at Moonee Valley Race Course. For the first time, the PETS will be a multi-District event with Districts 9810, 9800 and 9790 sharing the same training day.

Best wishes to Doug and Bob for an interesting and stimulating day.

Work is underway on analysing the output from the *Our Club Our Future* seminar conducted at the club on 14 February. Glenys Grant, Bill Marsh, Doug Berwick, Ron Brooks and I met for three hours on Tuesday night to review the expectations, visions and actions that people contributed during the seminar.

At next Monday's meeting, I will give a brief report on the results of our first review session. We anticipate that there will be a number of such sessions held over the coming weeks as we progress this task. At various times we will be bringing back to the club some tentative conclusions for discussion and confirmation.

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

### David

David Bremner President

### LAST CALL

#### 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 28 February, 2011

We had a number of guests at what turned out to be a wonderful evening. Our version of the Academy Awards, the "Academic Awards" was a real treat as we celebrated young talent and endeavour. Nicholas Tang, a recent National Youth Science Forum attendee, took us on a rapid fire tour of many current science hot topics. He obviously had a great experience and confirmed his desire to continue environmental studies.

The other speakers were winners of the Ford Davis Endeavour Award Scholarships for 2011 and 2012 from Box Hill High School. Keely White, a year 11 student, is using her scholarship funds to get a Maths tutor and help pay her train fares. She is studying chemistry and politics, is a debater, plays netball and is interested in country music. She hopes to study vet science.

Ivan Tang paid tribute to his father's dedication and sacrificial hard work. He is studying chemistry, biology and accounting. He plays soccer and the piano and hopes to study commerce/law.

Silkra Harvey is keen on athletics and gymnastics. She has set up a charity called everyday heroes and hopes to raise \$3000 for UNICEF. She is keen on going to Germany and becoming involved with the Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Each speaker was well supported by family. Diana Willshire, the year 12 Coordinator for Box Hill High, had a hand in the selections of the Ford Davis awardees and gave all the speakers strong support.

Sergeant Stuart was very successful in extracting over \$59 for the Rotary Foundation and President David filled us in on where our flood funding is going. No-one was keen to go home and the meeting had a real buzz.

Bob Laslett

## **FOOTY TIPPING**

As of Tuesday afternoon, 1 March we only had 5 people registered in our Footy tipping Comp. Come on, get with it. It is great fun, very easy to enter. Join Bob Laslett, Bob Williams, Chris Tuck, Cyril Yardin and Stuart Williams in attempting to pick winners.

Go on-line to Oztips Join a comp

Register your details, decide on the name you wish to appear and a password

The comp is foresthill, number 249885 I can't remember which order you put them in.

Cost \$30 of which \$6.00 goes to the wonderful work of the Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children program. Rules etc are all there. Weekly winners as well as end of season cash prizes. Cheques for \$30 should be made payable to the Rotary Club of Forest Hill and forwarded to me ASAP.

Have fun - maintain an interest in the AFL for the season Join our comp.

## Home Hosting Night

A Home Hosted evening will be held on Monday 21 March 2011.

Partners are invited to meet at the Bremner's home for dinner and fellowship commencing about 6.15pm. Following the Rotary meeting, the members will travel to the Bremner's to enjoy dessert with our partners.

To assist with the catering arrangements, would partners please contact Heather on 9802 7731 or email hjb91@bigpond.com to advise whether they will bring a casserole or a dessert

## **Weekly Foundation Thought**

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought**: Arch C. Klumph, Well-rounded Citizen.

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about Living a Full and Well-rounded Life, as illustrated by the founder of our Foundation, Arch C. Klumph. From our archives: Arch had a great love of music. At age 18 he began to study the flute, and three years later he received a chair in the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. He played with the orchestra for 14 years and was a lifelong sponsor of it. "My heart is in music and my head is in business," he said. Arch balanced his love of music and theatre with his professional business and dreamed huge dreams beyond Cleveland to the theatre of the world, with spectacular success. One of those dreams was The Rotary Foundation. Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation keeps Arch Klumph's dream alive and fulfils the dreams of many people around the world who need our help.

## 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.

## SENIOR'S CORNER

How the Internet started -True dinks:

Well, you might have thought that you knew how the Internet started, but here's the TRUE story....

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband: "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her - as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load - but simply said: "How, dear?"

And Dot replied: "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called Must Send Drum Over

Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to the People (HTTP)

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and began to siphon off some of Abraham's business. But he was soon discovered, arrested and prosecuted - for insider trading.

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung.

They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land.

And indeed did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say: "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said: "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied: "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO", said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE). And that is how it all began. So now, you know.

Wow – you really can learn some good stuff reading the Forest Hill Flyer. *Thanks Chris Stott* 

# SQUARE EYED STU at the Movies UNKNOWN M

This is a thriller in the Bourne Identity mould. A scientist (Liam Neeson) wonders if he is dead or insane after an horrific car crash. It is an average mystery thriller with some logic gaps. Also starring the lovely January Jones from TV's Madmen, and Diane Kruger. A good car chase and at times fairly violent. The spy/ undermining industry is very cold-blooded. Will have you wondering but not entirely gripping.

Stuart

## Visit to Chris and Warwick's farm at Longwood Saturday 19th 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  $^{3\!4}$  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 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 <u>bandbwil@bigpond.net.au</u> 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 – THREE questions this week seeing a visitor got last week's questions correct.

#### Answers to last week's questions

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

Answer: Shakespeare (Romeo and Juliet) – it actually referred to horses.

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

Answer: Toy Story 3, Forrest Gump, Return of the Jedi, ET, Jerry McGuire, Titanic, The Notebook, Marley and Me, The Shawshank Redemption, Up.

(What about Lassie movies???)

#### This week's questions:

Q1. Two --- were among the Titanic survivors?

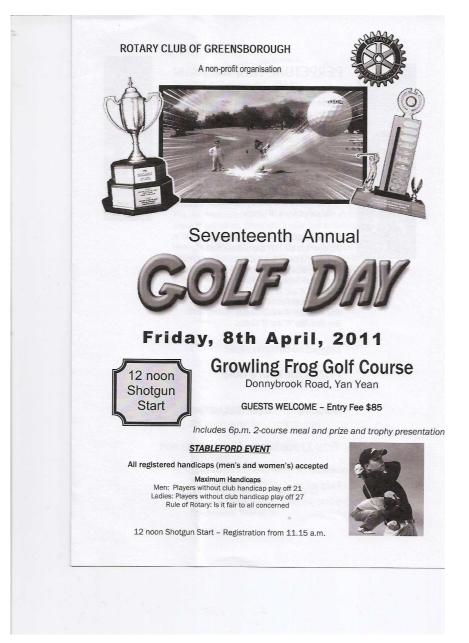
Q2. Roman centurions commanded how many men in battle?

**Q3.** Name 2 of the 5 countries where women make up more than ten percent of the prison population.

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**

- 6 March Presidents Elect Training Seminar
- 6 March Welcome Dinner for Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith
- 7 March Club meeting and BOARD MEETING
- 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 <u>gsestu2@yahoo.com.au</u>