



FOREST HILL FLYER 2011-2012

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

12 December	19 December	26 December & 2 January
Committee Meetings followed by Board Meeting	Christmas Breakfast Meeting	No meetings
Chair		
Gary Baltissen	Bob Laslett	
Thanks & Meeting Report		
Ron Brooks (report only)	Bill Marsh	
Club Member Talk		
Glenys Grant	--	

DUTY ROSTER

	DECEMBER
Cashier	Chris Tuck
Recorder	John Donaghey
Greeter	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Warwick Stott

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



Santa Clause is coming to town!!

DOUG'S DEADLINE

We have again had an uplifting and enjoyable meeting this week. Those who listened to Leanne and Melanie as they told us about the progress made with the Hope Katolo Nursery School had to be impressed with their work and dedication. To lift a quote from Stuart's meeting report "Just to be aware of such dedication from our neighbourhood makes belonging to Rotary worthwhile".

As the end of year, our thoughts turn to District Conference 2012. Where's the logic in that I hear you say. Well, for one thing you do need to visit the District 9810 Conference web site (www.9810conference.org.au/) to get details of the early bird prize draw if you register by the 16th December 2011. I must admit this date got away from me as I thought we had longer.

At this time there is not too much to report but a visit to the web site will give you a broad idea of the venue and accommodation. The must visit area is the Frequently Asked Questions as that answers questions regarding the venue, plenary sessions, delegates waterfront lounge, accommodation, the Gala Dinner, registration, parking and more.

Because the District Conference is being held in Melbourne we really don't have much of an excuse not to attend. I know some of our members have already registered and I intend this to be my first conference. Please have a look at the web site and give me your feedback at the next meeting.

I mentioned at the meeting that information had been received on the Rotary Council on Legislation. One of the proposed resolutions that struck a chord with me was to amend the rules relating to grandchildren for Rotary Foundation Programs. The purpose and effect of the proposal is encapsulated in this summary: 'As Rotarians become older, the prospects of grandchildren reaching the age where they could apply for Foundation Award Programs increase. Children of Rotarians have been and still are excluded from taking part and that is the choice of the parent Rotarian. To put the same ineligibility onto another generation is rather severe and could disqualify many fine young leaders.

The reason given by Rotary from excluding children and grandchildren is that 'The Rotary motto Service Above Self is best exemplified through charitable and educational programs based on unselfish service to deserving persons who are not Rotarians or their relatives'.

I must admit that the current rule can be viewed as a disincentive to join Rotary. Correct me if I'm wrong but our GSE team members are all recruited externally because of this rule. To ignore the developing talent within our ranks in order for us to practice 'unselfish service' may be a reason that Rotary membership is still at 1.2 million.

Enjoy your week in Rotary

Doug Berwick
President

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER



Our newest member, Helen McNamara, was inducted at last week's meeting. Helen is a lawyer in private practice with a city law firm.

President Doug welcomed Helen into the club and presented her with a Rotary lapel pin and club literature.

Helen has been assigned to the International and Foundation Committee which is chaired by Glenys Grant.

We welcome Helen to the club and look forward to her involvement in club and Rotary activities

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S MEETING

We had a healthy roll-up to our 5 December meeting. We welcomed a visitor, Rudi Klein, and also Chris Stott. We filled in work sheets for the TWO markets this weekend.

Christmas markets are always busy so a lot of assistance is required. An attendance sheet for our breakfast on the 19th was also circulated.

President Doug inducted our newest member, Helen McNamara. Helen gave a speech expressing her thanks to the club for its warm welcome and her service club aspirations. As Helen said – “we walk this way but once.” ... do it now, there might not be another chance. Serg Stu extracted over \$50 for the Rotary Foundation with a session on “The Laws of Life”.



Our returning guest speakers, Leanne and Melanie Pinfold, updated us on the Hope Katolo Nursery School in Kenya. They visited the site, with their parents, in March this year. They truly are doing extraordinary things for the children and the people of that drought stricken and poor area. The school now has two water tanks, but still has limited water. Leanne and Melanie manage the whole charity and over recent years have raised considerable funds. Glenys presented them with a donation from our club to assist their work. Just to be aware of such dedication from

our neighbourhood makes belonging to Rotary worthwhile.

It was a good meeting that closed at 8.15.

Stuart

MARKET TO MARKET

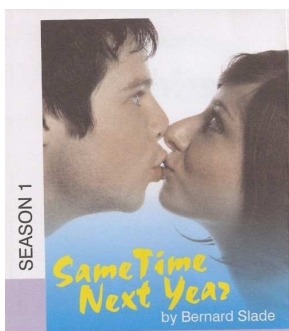
Don't forget, the Blackburn Craft Market is on this Saturday morning and the Whitehorse Farmers' Market will be on Sunday morning.

We look forward to seeing the members who have rostered on for the markets; we would also love to see anyone else who would like to pop down to the markets for a sausage and a chat!

PERIDOT THEATRE

Same time next year

Friday 10 February 2012 8:00pm, Unicorn Theatre, Mount Waverley Secondary College, Lechte Road, Mount Waverley



The play is about George and Doris who begin an affair in 1951, then agree to meet once a year, despite the fact both are married to others and have six children between them. Over the course of the next 24 years, they develop an emotional intimacy deeper than what one would expect to find between two people meeting for a clandestine relationship just once a year.

The Peridot attendance sheet will be circulated at next Monday's meeting. Please indicate on the sheet whether you will be attending.

PROPOSING LEGISLATION TO THE COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Every three years Rotary International's Council on Legislation meets to debate and vote on legislation submitted by clubs, districts and the RI Board. The Council has the authority to amend RI's constitutional documents, as well as adopt resolutions. Every district sends a representative to the meeting, and every club and district may propose legislation.

Our District 9810 is conducting a ballot of its clubs on four proposed enactments in order to decide whether they should be forwarded to the Council. The proposed changes are to:

- Alter the qualification for membership of the nominating committee for the selection of a Rotary director-nominee to remove the requirement that the person

nominated to the committee must have attended a Rotary International Convention in the three years prior to serving on the committee;

- To amend the rules that currently prevent the grandchildren of Rotarians from participating in Rotary Foundation Programs (See President Doug's comments above);
- To redefine the Rotary Alumnus to include participants in Rotary Foundation and official Rotary New Generations programs; and
- To provide for districts to hold a Resolutions Meeting separate to the District Conference.

FELLOWSHIP CINEMA NIGHT



There were 10 of us at last Friday's cinema night out. We ate at the Melba cafe again. As you can see from the photo, the meals are fantastic and good value (others had whiting, chicken schnitzel or just coffee/cake).

We chose to see "Courageous" and "Jack & Jill". Courageous was an excellent film with a cast mainly from the Sherwood Baptist Church in USA- don't miss it. Jack & Jill was a comedy (ask Bill Marsh what he thought of it).

Do come and join us on the first Friday night in January 2012. It is great fellowship, an hour or so of general chit chat.

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	19	+1

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK



IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

10 December 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
11 December 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
12 December 2011	Club meeting and Board meeting
19 December 2011	Club meeting and Christmas Breakfast
1 January 2012	January is Rotary Awareness Month
8 January 2012	Whitehorse Farmers Market

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