



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

19 December	26 December & 2 January	9 January
Christmas Breakfast Meeting Speakers: John Edwards – a reflection Jess Wynn – National Youth Science Forum 2012 7.15am for 7.30am Chair Bob Laslett Thanks & Meeting Report Bill Marsh Club Member Talk --	No meetings	BBQ at the Bremner's 6.30pm

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



22 December – Club membership anniversary – Graham Sharman
 26 December – Birthday – Graham Sharman
 1 January – Club membership anniversary – Bob Williams
 3 January – Birthday – John Donaghey

DOUG'S DEADLINE

We held our last Board meeting for 2011 and I am pleased to say that our Committees are working very hard to achieve great results (but you knew that already) and as a Club we are still solvent.

The International and Foundation Committee have made a positive move by encouraging members to save up for their annual donation to the Centurions Club. They have borrowed an idea from the Rotary Club of Boronia and implemented it into our Club, which is very positive. They are also starting to organise our hosting of the Cluster International Night which will be in May 2012. A venue is to be decided and further updates will be available in the New Year. Speaking of international, the Club made a \$500 donation to the Hope Katolo project and 8 children have been 'adopted' by members and friends. This is a great result for a very deserving project.

The Community, New Generations and Vocational Committee have also been busy. They are currently finalising delivery of some 'Swags for the Homeless' which they will give to the Salvation Army in Box Hill and the Wesley Mission in Mitcham. Only a small number are available at present but even one can make a difference to a person in need. We hope to generate some publicity for the Club and both associations once the swags have been presented.

On Monday, David Bremner and I will be attending Box Hill High School to meet with teachers, students and their families as we present the Ford Davis Endeavour Award Scholarships to three worthy students. We will also be presenting the second instalment of the Scholarship to the three students who won the inaugural prize last year.

Fellowship and Membership have both been very positive this year. So far this year the Committee has introduced, and re-introduced, some wonderful fellowship opportunities with more to come. Speaking of fellowship, the Cinema Night on the 1st Friday in the month has been successful and while Tracey and I have attended both we could not find a film the last time to watch. That did not deter us as it is a very good fellowship night and the food is of good quality and reasonably priced. If you are free on the 1st Friday in the month at 7.45 pm, come and join us at the Melba Café in Forest Hill Chase. Membership has increased by one with the induction of Helen McNamara last week and we have a good foundation to keep this impetus going.

On a more serious note, our Secretary, Bill Marsh, has circulated some proposed changes to Rotary legislation for consideration. Please take the opportunity to read the proposals and supporting information, complete the voting slip and return it to Bill. This will allow all members to have say in the rules of Rotary in true democratic style.

I look forward to catching up with you all at our breakfast meeting next Monday.

Enjoy your week in Rotary

Doug Berwick
 President

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST MEETING CHARITY COLLECTION

It is a tradition in the club that at the Christmas breakfast meeting we bring gifts for those in the community who are less fortunate. This year our gifts will go the Wesley Crisis and Homelessness Centre in Mitcham.

Wesley provides tailored support and assistance to children whose families are struggling with homelessness, and young people in the Eastern region of Melbourne.

The Centre offers a range of assistance to young people including:

- Crisis accommodation support

- Assisting with finding sustainable accommodation
- Education, training and/or employment options
- Financial and budgeting skills engaging in applying for grants
- Addressing behavioural issues
- Assistance with health issues
- Family intervention and reconciliation
- Conflict resolution

If you would like to provide a gift, we suggest non-perishable food and toiletries.

We will have a number of guests at the Christmas breakfast including our national Youth Science Forum nominee, Jess Wynn, and her mother and sister.

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Last Monday night was devoted to a meeting of our Committees. The Acting Sergeant was Stan Harper who was very well prepared to take our money and raised \$35.50. We heard from President Elect Bob Laslett that Stan has accepted the Sergeant's job for next year - I suggest we will all end up in the "poor house".



Glenys gave the club member talk. She told us of a very amusing incident about her first job as a wedding photographer. She decided to earn extra money in this new venture but nobody would give her a first job. Finally, she landed a job and turned up in new pink dress and Hasselblad camera, the famous Swedish camera used on the first moon landing. While slowly moving back to get everyone in the photo she stepped backwards up to her waist in the duck pond full of what ducks do! Luckily, she kept the camera and flash out of the water. After being hosed down by the gardener, she squelched her way to the reception to finish the job. The photos were all perfect and the publicity she got from the accident ensured she got lots of future engagements as "are you the lady photographer who fell in the pond at the Botanic Gardens?"

Warwick Stott circulated the Egg and Bacon Stall roster for the Whitehorse Farmers' Market on 8 January 2012. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

Ron Brooks

MARKET TO MARKET

Our fundraising markets did well last weekend. The Whitehorse Farmers' Market raised \$5,915 and our Blackburn Craft Market raised \$1,000. Well done to everyone who helped out!

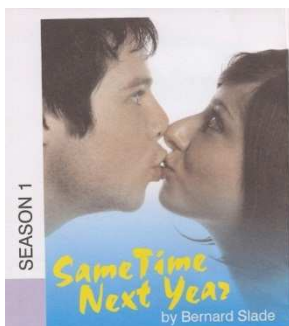
JANUARY BBQ

The first club meeting in 2012 will be a barbecue at the Bremner's, 19 Justina Close, Vermont South commencing at 6.30pm on Monday 9 January 2012.

Please bring your own meat (but not sausages, they will be provided) and drinks and a salad or sweet to share. Please advise Heather on 9802 7731 or hjb91@bigpond.com what you will be bringing.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

PERIDOT THEATRE



Same time next year

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

The attendance sheet went around last Monday and at this stage, we have fourteen people attending. If you would like to attend please let David Bremner know by 17 December.

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

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

A turkey never voted for an early Christmas.

Irish Proverb

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

1 December 2011	December is Family Month
19 December 2011	Club meeting and Christmas Breakfast
26 December 2011	Club meeting - cancelled - Public Holiday
1 January 2012	January is Rotary Awareness Month
2 January 2012	Club meeting - cancelled - New Year
6 January 2011	Fellowship Cinema Night at Forest Hill Chase
8 January 2012	Whitehorse Farmers Market
9 January 2012	Club meeting BBQ (venue)
16 January 2012	Club meeting
16 January 2012	International Assembly in San Diego for District Governors Elect
23 January 2012	Club meeting
30 January 2012	Club meeting (abbreviated) and Partners Dinner in the Restaurant

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