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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.

Meal cost \$27.00

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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanker and Meeting Report	Member Talk on an aspect of peace
23 July	Old blokes and push bikes Tom Saunders	Stuart Williams	Chris Tuck	Doug Berwick
30 July	Abbreviated meeting and dinner with partners in Bucatini	Glenys Grant	John McPhee report only	--
6 August	Dietitians Lisa Renn	Doug Berwick	Graham Sharman	Warwick Stott

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



28 July – Partner's Birthday – Christine Stott

DUTY ROSTER

July	
Cashier	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Bill Marsh
Greeter	Gary Baltissen
Emergency	Graham Sharman

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

BOB'S BELLBIRD BLOG

Judy and I are visiting Adelaide to celebrate Judy's Mum's 96th birthday and we send greetings from that great city.

The year began well with Sergeant Stan and 'eggsacting' chairman Bob in great form. Past President Doug had great news from the Davis families that their support will continue "while we have breath in our bodies and money in the bank." Doug also presented the club with a 2011-12 Changemaker Award. The award was accompanied by a delightful and encouraging letter from then Governor Juliet. Past President John reported Blackburn market takings of \$500.

Past President Ron Brooks set the standard for our club talks with a wonderful illustrated story of origami cranes. He spoke about an amazing little girl who was a victim of the Hiroshima Bomb and the response that is sending the dream of world peace around the world.

The committees worked hard and submitted their reports to the ensuing board meeting. Past Presidents David and John will attend the Handbrake Turn graduation on Friday 20 July and present the Ford Davis certificate to Corey Sarlo.

A couple of points from the Board meeting.

- Annual fees will be \$190 and can be paid in full or half-yearly
- Meeting on 13 August cancelled and replaced by the D9810 Cluster Foundation Roadshow (committee chairs will arrange own meetings)
- Next meeting we welcome Tom Saunders to speak on Old Blokes and Bicycles and the following week we have a brief meeting then dinner with our partners

Future events that we should monitor and become involved with (if we can) are

- Deakin students report on the ABCD project-8 August - RC Templestowe
- D9810 Cluster Foundation Roadshow -16 August- Dorset Gardens Hotel - \$28 -numbers by Monday 13 August

Coming up

Charter meeting of the Rotary club of Greater Melbourne- 19 August-\$20- Sky High Restaurant-numbers by 10 August. The charter of a new club is always exciting.

Let us continue with enthusiasm our march along Tanaka-san's road to Peace through Service.

President Bob Laslett

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Fourteen members attended the meeting scheduled for committee meetings.

New Sergeant, Stan Harper set the tone for the way the sergeant sessions will be held this Rotary year and raised \$39.75

Warwick Stott talked about his make-up at the Rotary Club of Euroa where the speaker commented on the schooling and grades given to students in a remote Aboriginal town.

In his member's talk, Ron Brooks spoke about his visit to the memorial at Hiroshima, Japan. This is to remember the dropping of the atom bomb there in 1945. He spoke of the story of a five year old Japanese girl who initially survived the blast but a few years later became ill with leukaemia. She had heard that in Japanese tradition making a thousand origami cranes healed things and brought about peace. She made lots and lots of cranes but unfortunately passed away at age twelve. The crane tradition continues and at the memorial are millions and millions of paper cranes. Japanese Rotary World President has Peace through Service as his theme. See Ron's report below.

The Clubs new committees met to form the year's projects.

Ray Smith

BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET

The market went very well last Saturday and we raised \$500. The weather was very kind to us with the result that we had a cool but sunny day for our stallholders and our sausage sizzle. The number of stallholders was down on normal because some had been deterred by the weather forecast. One stallholder told us that his sales were three times higher than normal so he was very happy!

The sausage sizzle went well and we sold two and a bit bags of sausages plus just over half of the extra supplies that we purchased late in the morning.

In summary, it was a very successful market and we again had the pleasure of each other's company and the opportunity to chat to our customers.

PEACE

Our new Rotary world president is Sakuji Tanaka. He is Japanese.

Our new logo is Peace through Service. On the logo is a folded paper crane. The crane has always been a symbol of Peace, Happiness, Harmony in Japan and Asia. The origami crane has become an international symbol of peace, a Peace Crane, through the sad but inspiring life story of a young Japanese girl named Sadako Sasaki. Robbie & I visited The Peace Park in Hiroshima a few years ago and at the site of where the first Atom Bomb was exploded where we read the legend that anybody who folds 1000 origami cranes will be granted any wish.

Sadako Sasaki was born in 1943. She was 2 when the bomb was dropped. She lived close to where it landed. It seemed she was not affected and indeed, at school when she was 6 she was a very good runner. But when she was 11, she started showing evidence of radiation poisoning and was diagnosed with Leukaemia. She knew about the legend and started folding cranes. Her wish was to get well again. She had made her 1000 cranes. When she died on Oct 25th 1955 at the age of 12. She wanted world peace. She said "I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world".

Her school friends wanted a monument to be built to her and her ideals and enlisted the help of all the Children of Japan. The Childrens Peace Monument was built in the Peace Park and inscribed on the bottom, Robbie and I read "This is our cry, this is our prayer, peace in the world"

Since then people all over the world fold paper cranes and send them to the Sadako's monument in Hiroshima, in memory of Sadako and all children killed through wars. The story of Sadako and her peace monument has inspired many people around the world to work towards world peace. More than 1 million people from around the world visit the Peace Park each year. More than 1 million Rotarians from around the world strive for international understanding and peace. Our Japanese exchange student Sayuri gave us pins with an origami crane. In President Bob's year, we are being asked to work for PEACE THROUGH SERVICE.

Ron Brooks

STAN'S POEM

"YESTERDAY, TODAY & THE FUTURE"

IT WAS LAST MONDAY NIGHT WHEN PRESIDENT DOUG RETIRED,
A MAN OF QUALITY WHO WAS ALWAYS IMPECCABLY ATTIRED.
IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS HARD WORKING BOARD
THE YEAR'S SUCCESSES REALLY WERE A JUST REWARD.
WE THANK YOU DOUG FOR A JOB WELL DONE
WE HAVE ENJOYED THE MEETINGS, THE FELLOWSHIP AND WE'VE HAD FUN
YOUR FRIENDLY ATTITUDE HAS IMPRESSED US ONE AND ALL
FOR AS OUR LEADER YOU ANSWERED EVERY CALL.

A NEW TOP MAN HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO LEAD OUR MOTLEY MOB
BOB LASLETT IS OUR CHOICE TO TACKLE THIS ARDUOUS JOB.
BOB HAS BEEN A LEADER IN TEACHING AND IN ROTARY
HE IS THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB YOU'LL CERTAINLY AGREE.
FOR HIS BOARD BOB HAS CHOSEN WARWICK, BILL, CHRIS AND JOHN
TOGETHER WITH GLENYS, RAY, STUART, DOUG AND RON.
IT IS OUR DUTY TO SUPPORT OUR LEADER SO NEVER FEAR
FOR TWENTY TWELVE WILL SURELY BE OUR CLUB'S FINEST YEAR.

CHRIS TUCK IS OUR CHOICE TO FOLLOW ON FROM BOB
HE'S FULLY QUALIFIED TO TACKLE THE PRESIDENTIAL JOB.
WITH FIFTEEN YEARS IN ROTARY, COMMITTEE CHAIR, TWICE TREASURER
PLUS A YEAR AS SERGEANT, THAT'S A GOOD MEASURER.
CHRIS WILL NEED TO SPEND SOME TIME AT HIS ALEXANDRA PROPERTY
WHILST ALSO FULFILLING THE ROLE AS A PRESIDENT IN ROTARY.
I AM SURE YOU'LL ALL AGREE CHRIS IS JUST THE TYPE
TO ENSURE OUR TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN FOURTEEN YEAR IS CHERRY RIPE!

ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION

Lavena pre-school update



It's finished! And the new name is the Lavena Parrot Fish Kindergarten. The Deakin students returned a few days ago with great stories to tell of the opening ceremony for the pre-school and brought with them some amazing photos and some great video of the children at the school performing 'Daisy Chains' - the ABCD theme song - complete with movement and dance. The finished building has received much praise from the village elders and the chief, the parents, children and the teachers. They really did treat us all like royalty while we were there, and the farewell party for the students was by all accounts very special.



A couple of pictures attached so that you can see the new building, the great murals painted on the walls and get a glimpse of the new playground. An allocation of \$3,000 District Designated Funds has been approved and our application for \$6,000 matching grant has been submitted. Together with the \$5,000 from Deakin, \$1,000 from the Gala Dinner and \$100 from RC Taveuni we will have enough to provide a complete fit out of the new building with places for 40 children to go to the kindergarten. We will also be able to pay for a range of learning materials, stationery, paints, and play materials for the next year. Included in the budget are training places for two new pre-school teachers from the village to enrol at the University of the South Pacific. The Deakin University students will be guest speakers at a meeting soon - please look out for the date and invite your partners, friends and special guests to see what a difference Rotary can make. The Deakin University students will be presenting at RC Templestowe on 8 August - we would love you to invite your members to join us on the evening if you had the time?

Ken Wall, ABC Dreams

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	-

INTERESTING THOUGHTS

The answer to last week's "What am I?" I am dust!

A new diet – I am on a whiskey diet and it is working – I have already lost two days this week!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

21/07/2012	National Rotary Success Conference - Canberra - 21-22/7
22/07/2012	National Youth Science Forum - club nominations close
23/07/2012	Club meeting
24/07/2012	GSE Welcome Home Dinner
26/07/2012	District Administration meeting
27/07/2012	Rotary Down Under briefing weekend for DG Elects
30/07/2012	Club meeting
31/07/2012	Welcome - inbound youth exchange students
6/08/2012	Club meeting
10/08/2012	AG Meeting with Presidents at Wheelers Hill 5.30pm
11/08/2012	NYSF applicant interviews
11/08/2012	Blackburn Station Market
12/08/2012	Youth Exchange - outbound student orientation
12/08/2012	Whitehorse Farmers' Market
13/08/2012	No club meeting - District Cluster Roadshow for Rotary Foundation
13/08/2012	Club Committee Meetings
16/08/2012	District Cluster Roadshow for Rotary Foundation

"WELCOME BACK DINNER"

The welcome back dinner for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team recently returned from D5790 Texas USA will be held on Tuesday 24 July, 2012 at the Wheelers Hill International, 242 Jells Road, Wheelers Hill from 7.00-9.30pm. The 2 course dinner will cost \$35.00 per head and group club bookings are requested. Bookings and club cheques should be forwarded to Norm Casey, Rotary Club of Healesville, P.O. Box 72 Healesville 3777.

The Team consists of-:

Team Leader Chris Potter- R.C. Doncaster

Team members Liz Tofelliti- R.C. Box Hill (sponsor)

Susan Burnes- R.C. Manningham (sponsor)

Kate Siebert ne Powne - R.C. Healesville (sponsor)

Andrew Boast - R.C. Moorleigh Moorabbin (sponsor)

They will share their experiences and their personal gains with us and describe their role as ambassadors for our Rotary District, RI and Australia.

ROTARY ECLUB OF GREATER MELBOURNE



Dear Club Presidents,

President Gael and the Charter Members of the Rotary eClub of Greater Melbourne, have pleasure in inviting you and other members of your Club to our Charter Event.

This will be 'High Tea' and held at the Sky High Restaurant, 26 Observatory Rd Mount Dandenong on Sunday 19 August from 3.30 to 5.00pm. The cost is \$20 per person - \$10 each for children 5-12 years old.

In addition, there is a \$5 cost per car to enter the park, however, as you are attending an event you will receive a voucher for free entry next time you visit the park.

Please could you complete and return the booking form by no later than Friday, 10th August, 2012.

Kind regards
Philip Hedley
Secretary
Rotary eClub of Greater Melbourne



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