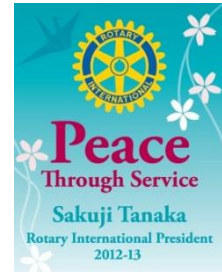




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Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill



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Meal cost \$27.00

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15 October	Don MacRaid Spectacles/ Pride of Workmanship Board 	John Donaghey	Warwick Stott	Stuart Williams
22 October	BMW visit		Stuart Williams	
29 October	Abbreviated meeting and dinner with partners at Bucatini	Glenys Grant	Gary Baltissen	

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



20 October – Wedding Anniversary – Bob and Heather Neilson

DUTY ROSTER

	October
Cashier	Graham Sharman
Recorder	Warwick Stott
Greeter	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Chris Tuck

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

Another productive Rotary week. Congratulations to Glenys on having her piece (peace) published in the DG's newsletter. Two members enjoyed the movie evening. Many thanks to all who made the home hosting so successful especially Judy for her work as hostess. The members appreciated a double dose of sweets, a delightful discourse from Sneha and Chris's reflections on war and peace.

Coming up

- Ron has been volunteered to look after the club's website-many thanks
- GSE farewell dinner
- Blackburn market
- Whitehorse Farmers Market
- Whitehorse Spring Festival-Sunday 21 October- let's support Doug in this important venture
- "An Afternoon at the Proms", Sunday 11 November, 3pm- Monash Concert Band, Robert Blackwood Hall
- Hanover Ride for the Homeless- 18 November
- District Conference – 15-17 March 2013 –Wangaratta- 8 rooms booked at Advance Motel- - early bird registrations by October 31. I would like to have our contingent sorted by then.

This week we find out what happens to the spectacles we collect, meet our Pride of Workmanship nominee and his sponsor and hold an important Board meeting. Please *don't forget the hat* or you will pay. It is for Australian Rotary Health.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Report for meeting held on Monday 8/10/2012

Meeting was opened by Sergeant Stan and ably chaired by John McPhee. We had 12 members in attendance as well as our guest speaker, Sneha Arya and her father. Sneha is our Club's National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) student nominee who will be attending the next forum in January 2013 in New Zealand. Stan was in good form collecting \$34.45 for the Rotary Foundation.

Chris Tuck presented his talk on an aspect of peace. Chris told us about Kraft Foods in Germany just prior to the second World War and how head office had bid their colleagues farewell and told them "see you after the war", which they did. He mentioned that under German law foodstuff like cheese had to be held in Berlin rather than other parts of the country. This apparently stemmed from the period after WW2 when the City of Berlin was blockaded and it was considered prudent to have food processing done in that city in case of a total blockade by the then USSR. Chris described what Berlin was like when it was surrounded by the Berlin Wall and the difficulty in getting in and out of the city. He also spoke of the problems that West Germany encountered in its unification with East Germany. Difficulties that now cause unrest in the general population as Germany tries to bail out Greece, Spain and Portugal. I think that Chris's message was that peace brought unification to Germany, however, I will stand corrected if I missed the correct message.

Our guest speaker was Sneha Arya. Sneha told us that she is currently studying Year 11 at Wesley College where she is also an international baccalaureate student. She has also recently returned from France where she completed further studies. Sneha is looking forward to the hands-on experience provided by the NYSF and also meeting scientists currently working in various fields of study. We hope to hear from Sneha again when she returns from the NYSF and visits our Club. We wish her all the best and trust that she will enjoy all aspects of the NYSF program.

Doug Berwick thanked Sneha on behalf of the Club and President Bob closed the meeting and invited members to join their Committee groups before going to their place for a home hosting session.

Doug Berwick

PEACE

Peace Presentation Sep 8 2012

The opposite of peace is war and that includes the cold war.

My family visited Berlin in the 1980's whilst the Berlin wall surrounded West Berlin.

It was quite concerning to be in a place where you turned the corner in the city and immediately reached a concrete wall with barbed wire and Check Point Charlie.

Berlin is a beautiful city with many parks and gardens.

To enter Berlin you drove directly along a fortified road from West Germany and you did not stop.

The multinational food company I worked for stored cheese for maturing in West Berlin in case there was another blockade.

In 1989 the Berlin wall came down so there was easier access to the Eastern Block countries.

This gave many West European companies the opportunity to invest in manufacturing plants in countries like East Germany, Poland and Hungary.

Our company bought several food processing facilities in Eastern Europe at this time when we were able to establish the true owners of the plants.

In addition governments like the West German Government invested heavily in East Germany to improve the infrastructure.

I would like to think that the lowering of the iron curtain has promoted peace and the Western Companies and Governments who have invested in Eastern Europe will improve the lives of the citizens of Eastern Europe.

Chris Tuck

ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION

The Board has agreed to support the Taveuni, Fiji project with \$300. The International committee is also looking at an ABCD project later this year in conjunction with the Whitehorse Rotaract club.

CONFERENCE

Where The District 9810 Conference in 2013 will be held at the magnificent [Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre](#)

When The conference runs from lunch time Friday 15th March to Sunday 17th March 2013.

Saturday Night



A touch of green

Whether you decide to celebrate St Patrick's Day or choose a different interpretation, include a touch of green in your dress for this fun night. Don't want to 'dress up'? A green tie and handkerchief or a green blouse or skirt will do. To be held in a large marquee with a tree in the middle, the night will feature great food and wine from the local area – an opportunity to indulge your senses.

MORE <http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au/registration/>

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Current 16

Aim 20

HABITAT for HUMANITY FUNDING

Rotarians, friends and family are asked to note that Habitat has 2 **RESTORE** retail outlets. One is at 16 Pilgrim Court, Ringwood (9872 3330) and the other at 172 Canterbury Road Bayswater (9729 6889). Ringwood is open 9-5 Mon-Fri and Bayswater 10-5. They offer both NEW product (donated by manufacturers) and PRELOVED (donated by the general public). Approximately 60% of stock is new.

With regular turnover/sales they will always have "*Something of Interest*" in their outlets for sale. Profits go to provide safe, decent and affordable housing to families in need.

INTERESTING THOUGHTS

There can never be peace between nations until there is first known that true peace which is within the souls of men.

[Black Elk](#)

Peace and friendship with all mankind is our wisest policy, and I wish we may be permitted to pursue it.

[Thomas Jefferson](#)

Read more at http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/peace_2.html#3PX26JJ6YbD9u9Ca.99

VOCATIONAL VISIT TO BMW DONCASTER 22ND OCTOBER 2012

Thanks to Stuart we have been able to organise a tour of the new BMW premises at 812-818 Doncaster Road, Doncaster as our meeting venue for the 22nd October 2012. Please mark this date in your diary and ask any past members and friends who may be interested in coming along.

We will tour all the premises including the showroom and service areas followed by a meal. We will need to advise numbers a week or so beforehand so please let me know either personally or via the usual attendance folder which will be passed around a couple of weeks beforehand.

Bob Williams

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

10/2012	VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH
12/10/2012	GSE Farewell Dinner
13/10/2012	Blackburn market
14/10/2012	Whitehorse Farmers Market
15/10/2012	Club meeting/ Board
19/10/2012	International Seminar
20/10/2012	NYSF Orientation
21/10/2012	Whitehorse Spring Festival
22/10/2012	Vocational Visit

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