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26 November 2018

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM			
Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
26 Nov	Youth Achievement Awards <i>Thomas Yakubowski</i>	Bill Marsh	Ray Smith
3 Dec	Working in the Police Force in the 80s AGM <i>Carolyn Pethick</i>	Barbara Searle	John Donaghey
10 Dec	RYLA <i>Louis Xia</i>	Sue Ballard	Mike Finke
17 Dec	Christmas Meeting <i>Rick Hunt</i>	John McPhee	Bob Laslett

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Merle Smith and Barbara Williams - birthdays (Nov 26) and (Nov 29) respectively.

DUTY ROSTER

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Recorder	John McPhee	Bob Laslett
Greeter	Warwick Stott	Bob Williams
Emergency	Barbara Searle	Warwick Stott
Cashier	Ray Smith	Sue Ballard

ATTENDANCE

APOLOGY – IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend

bringing a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 0412 807 585 or
rcssmith@optusnet.com.au

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS to Ray by 10am at the LATEST.

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM *should* be made direct with the management of

Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

Mike's Musings

My week in Rotary

It's been a busy week in Rotary, even for those of us who did not show up at the meeting on Monday. (I am included on that list.) I attended a few meetings on behalf of our club, some as an observer and some as an active participant. The Boroondara clubs are making a concerted effort to collaborate and cooperate to provide their communities with the help that's needed and with the least amount of confusion. I was inspired. I will be looking for ways to work with the other Whitehorse clubs to better serve the community and to make it easier for every clubs' members and volunteers to help with that work. I ask for your help with this effort.

YAA

The Youth Achievement Awards are always an incredible night, both for the club and the students who are recognised. It's yet another great opportunity to showcase the great work done in Rotary and what it means to us to be a part of that work. Please be ambassadors for the club and Rotary more broadly. Please share stories like you would talk about your favourite holiday spot, rather than like somebody trying to get a new recruit into a multi-level marketing scheme.

Peridot, the Festival of Cultures and sundry

Sylvia was a treat— some fantastic performances. I've been working on my own American accent for over forty years and I still think it's a bit suspect, so we won't judge too harshly where dialect and intonation missed the mark here or there. Great characterisation by Alexandria Avery in the titular role.

While it seemed early on like the volunteers at the sausage sizzle would outnumber the customers, we had a late burst that made it feel a bit more worthwhile. And even if we hadn't done more than break even, it was a great and not particularly arduous way to spend a few hours, though my car does now smell remarkably of onions after I paused to do some shopping on the way home and parked in the sun for ten minutes.

I'm still in need of dates to lock out or in for the Google calendar (or even a paper one). Let me know and I'll enter it into the system.

We're now down to a single pair of shoes for the eBay fundraising. If there are any usable, working odds and sods you have that might fetch a couple of extra dollars, pass them over.

Mark your calendars with the following:

- Monday, 26 November RCFH's Youth Achievement Awards
- Mon & Tues, 26 & 27 November RYDA
- Mon & Tues, 3 & 4 December RYDA
- Mon through Wed, 3-5 December Forest Hill College Mock Interviews
- Saturday, December 8 Blackburn Christmas Market
- Sunday, December 9 Whitehorse Farmers Market (EGG AND BACON)
- Friday, 14 December Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- Monday, 17 December Christmas meeting—Rick Hunt speaking.
- Mondays, 24 and 31 December NO MEETINGS
- Monday, 7 January Barbecue, Finke House
- Monday, 14 January First dinner meeting of the new year—Indi Hangan speaking.

District Primary School Speech Night

Great news- our winner Andrew Zhang from Mount Pleasant Primary came third overall in a very close contest.

Club Meeting 19 November

Acting President Bob Williams' reflection

Types of medical procedure, separation of twins, Nima and Dawa brought to Australia by Children's First, land donated in Kilmore by Rotarian, with a house moved and foundation set up.

Rotary has joined with partnerships for great causes.

Chair Glenys Grant welcome 8 members 1 member to be, 1 guest

Reports

Bob - breakfast club this week

International nothing to report

Community & vocation Christmas theme craft market with Santa and raffle

Membership thanks to all who helped, will have a meeting re those who brought guests

Fellowship nothing to report

Youth - district final of primary school speech competition at Melba college, youth achievement award getting organised. Waverley patch workers giving quilt to raffle over a period, will need to get permit.

Sergeant session raised \$14.80 and raffle \$34.

Festival of cultures sausages raised \$167.55



Speaker Keith Maxwell

Retired in 2008 but continued to work with community including APEX, Rotary

Now leads organisation Ongoing Change specialising in anger management

Ongoing change handout was distributed

Mostly men between 25 - 45 often don't know why they get angry and lash out.

Ongoing Change works with clients enabling them to work through their anger and its causes and move forward finding ways they can keep out of jail and lead happier more fulfilling lives.

Keith gave many examples of clients looking at their backgrounds and how Ongoing Change has been able to help

A very interesting and worthwhile evening

Sue

Reflection 19 November 2018

I am always amazed at the type of operations surgeons can perform with the latest in the news being the separation of the conjoined Bhutanese twins Nima and Dawa by Dr Joe Crameri and his team. These two girls and their parents can now look forward to all leading normal lives.

Through my Interplast work and some knowledge of the work of ROMAC I am aware of some of the medical connections Rotary has made and this was a discussion at the Interplast meeting I attended last week.

The twins were brought to Australia by Children First Foundation and they are now recovering at the Children First Farm at Kilmore.

When Children First was established in 1999 at Kilmore, the local baker who happened to be a Rotarian donated 45 acres of land to the newly formed Foundation and Rotary arranged for a house to be donated and transported from Bright and a Rotary team of volunteers re-built it and fitted it out. The Children First Rotary Farm officially opened by Victorian Governor John Landy in 2001.

There are so many similar stories involving both Interplast and ROMAC. As if an Interplast team performing surgery overseas recognises that a patient can't receive the degree of assistance needed they then work with other organisations to bring the person, generally a child, to Australia. Another recent case was when an Interplast team was working in the Philippines on an annual program visit and saw a young girl with horrific burns, the Interplast surgeon there secured the support of Concord Hospital and Children First Foundation who arranged visas, passports and transport with a Children First person escorting them on their flight to Australia. The youngster underwent several surgeries then recuperated at the Children First Rotary farm and now is fully recovered and back in the Philippines leading a normal life.

So, Rotary's partnerships with so many other humanitarian organisations are just further reasons to be proud to be a Rotarian.

Bob W

PS

I thought one of the questions from my sergeant session was worth publishing – Who famously said “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do rather than the ones you did do?”

Mark Twain.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It is that time of year when we distribute hampers to needy local people. Can you please bring to our meetings over the next few weeks suitable Christmas food items and toys?

Use your imagination - possible gifts could include movie gift cards, Kmart and other shopping cards as well as many other ideas. Contact Bob L. for details

Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019

<http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html>

Registration is now open for next year's conference in Melbourne.

Judy and I have registered- have you? Early bird before November 30

WHITEHORSE COUNCIL DISCOUNT SUPPORT GRANT

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill gratefully acknowledges council's grant for hire of the Box Hill Town Hall for a cluster event in March next year.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Barb W and Judy L will once again demonstrate their culinary skills on Nov 27.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

November	Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment

ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to rlaslett@optusnet.com.au by 5pm Wednesday.