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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

<b>CLUB PROGRAM</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>		<b>Chair</b>	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>
3 Dec	Working in the Police Force in the 80s <i>Carolyn Pethick</i>	AGM	Barbara Searle	John Donaghey
10 Dec	RYLA <i>Louis Xia</i>	BOARD	Sue Ballard	Mike Finke
17 Dec	Prison & families at Christmas time <i>Rick Hunt</i>		John McPhee	Bob Laslett

## CONGRATULATIONS

A splendid team effort last week.

## DUTY ROSTER

	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	Bob Laslett	John Bindon
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Williams	Ron Brooks
<b>Emergency</b>	Warwick Stott	Ray Smith
<b>Cashier</b>	Sue Ballard	John Donaghey

## 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](mailto: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

### YAA

I told you it would be a great night and I was not wrong. Glenys, Bill, Ray and all the members who made it such an inspiring night should be congratulated. Most of all, the awardees have been and should continue to be congratulated for being the natural leaders their school and the world need, now and into the future.

A very special thanks to Thomas Yakubowski for his incredible motivational speech. His life and his words are an example to the students and to all of us.

### New Blood

We've had a positive response to our volunteer information night. Please continue to be on the lookout for possible new members and volunteers to help us continue to expand on the great work the club and Rotary more broadly does. With the addition of the nascent satellite club and the creation of an auxiliary, there's a lot of flexibility in the ways people can help.

### FFFF

Friday week (7 December) is our final First Friday Film Fellowship for the year. We may not have one between Christmas and the BBQ at our house, so this is your last shot for the next two months. It looks like there will be some fantastic films to choose from. I will keep you in the loop.

### Grillin' it Up

We have the egg and bacon stall on Sunday, 9 December and, less than a week later, the Bunnings BBQ on Friday, 14 December. Please make yourself available when the roster goes around.

### Mark your calendars with the following:

- Mon & Tues, 3 & 4 December RYDA
- Mon through Wed, 3-5 December Forest Hill College Mock Interviews
- Friday, 7 December First Friday Film Fellowship
- 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



## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It is that time of year when we distribute hampers to needy local people. Can you please bring to our meetings in the next two 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. A huge thankyou to David Winter from MASH for his generous donation of mince pies,

## Club Meeting 26 November

Our usual excellent Youth Achievement Award night was held on Monday 26th November with awards made to students of twelve schools – unfortunately one recipient was not able to be present because of illness. Glenys' outstanding organization meant that the evening proceeded very smoothly.



Thomas Yakabowski, an awardee for his MUNA performance earlier in the year, spoke at a level the school children could understand and be inspired by. He spoke of his early school experience when he had to become a student at a new school but with his doubts being extinguished when he contributed to the life of the school. He urged the students to continue the same by contributing to the new Secondary school they will be attending next year after being honoured for their contribution to their Primary school. Thomas told of his interest in sustainability.



The students awarded were:

Thomas Curl  
Mitchell Fairley  
Narelle Masters

Blackburn  
Livingstone  
Orchard Grove

John Gee  
Xavier Page  
Jonte Stephenson

Burwood Heights  
Mount Pleasant  
Parkmore

Abby Serpell-Wilcock  
Oscar Bor  
Kate Obille

Rangeview  
Vermont  
Weeden Heights

Rhys Burkitt  
Sheena Geary  
Jenny Green

St. Timothys  
Vermont Sth Special  
Whitehorse

Merle Smith was presented a Birthday Card signed by Rotary Members for her 90th Birthday that day. An outstanding Rotary Club of Forest Hill occasion.  
Ray

### President's Reflection 26 November 2018

This is one of our club's favourite nights of the year. This club has a focus on youth, and really that's reflective of the entire Rotary organisation. The biggest project Rotary does, the one every single club across the world is involved in, is the campaign to end polio. The goal is to eliminate polio from the planet. And the way we do that is by vaccinating children. We want those kids to grow up, no matter where they are in the world, without the fear of that horrible disease. We intervene when they're young; it's easier to fix the problem before it starts. That's true for most of our projects. Whether it's education or health or access to clean water or economic development, the changes we can make in a life early on are so much more powerful and broad-ranging than those improvements we can make in the life of an adult.

I'm an American. I celebrated Thanksgiving yesterday. It's an important holiday to me because it gives me a chance to take some stock of my life and note things for which I can be grateful. It's a lot. I'm in a fantastic country. I have a great wife and two incredible children. I love my job. And I have some time to devote to helping others. What more could I ask for?

If you've been a bit lucky in life, I think it's easy to be generous with your time and carve a bit off in the service of others. But it's particularly impressive to have young people who are in the process of learning, and learning about themselves, and yet still find ways to be leaders in their schools. The students and parents should be duly proud today. Hopefully, we see some future Rotaractors among the students here today.

### Mike's YAA Speech

We've been presenting the Youth Achievement Award to students for many years.

It's not necessarily a recognition given to the absolute top performer in the school, because they're often excelling in the things that already give them plenty of visibility.

This award is meant to acknowledge the heroes in local schools who may sometimes go unsung, or at least insufficiently praised, as they go on in their education and are taking the big step into secondary school - a step they may be a bit nervous of. Top grades and sporting successes are the KPIs of the primary and secondary school world; when you focus on measuring just a few KPIs, you wind up with less creative people - people who are not the natural leaders of their peers who we desperately need in the world.

What we hope is that receiving an award like this will give them the confidence and the little boost of ego (and we all need one from time to time) to continue the wonderful contributions they are already making.

What we have found is that students who get involved in programs like this one will often gain some momentum from them. It feels good to be a leader push themselves and they get a bit of well-deserved recognition. Why should they not take the next opportunity that comes along as well?

Our Speaker tonight, Thomas Yakubowski will explain how Rotary's projects have helped him.

Our club assists students of all age groups and in all school years with programs in science, leadership and public speaking. It supports those students by helping them identify their interests, develop their skills and set some life goals and then achieve their goals in secondary education and beyond to tertiary and further education.

Rotary is not particularly good at promoting itself. The Rotary organisation is over a hundred years old and for most of that time it has just quietly got on with the job of service in the aid of others, so we tend to fly a little under the radar. It's something we're maybe aiming to change a bit. So, a message to the parents in the room and beyond who want their children to achieve their best in education and beyond, search out some of the District 9810 Rotary-run programs available to assist students in developing their knowledge of science, global politics, leadership and themselves.

We don't spend money on advertising these, so if you want to be in the loop on these opportunities, you'll have to meet us halfway.

You can visit the District 9810 homepage here:

<https://9810rotary.org.au/>

And you can very easily get added to our club's newsletter distribution list by contacting our secretary or webmaster on [foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com).



### **Note from AG Joan Young**

Now to the meeting. How often I notice that the kind and thoughtful deeds of our children pass with little comment. However, when an accident occurs or a misdemeanour, words of chiding and comment are not absent. Last night I witnessed a recognition of some young minds who are truly 'Leading the Way', truly 'Making a Difference' and truly 'Being an Inspiration', all in the true spirit of Rotary. I was deeply moved by the simplicity and openness of what I witnessed.

'Bravo', to the RC Forest Hill for creating a moment of proud recognition in the lives of these children. Who knows how your Club's act might encourage them in the future and where it might lead them.

### **Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019- last chance**

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

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

Early bird before November 30-

### **New Water tanks for Hope Katolo**



Photo from Georgina showing the latest water tanks to be installed at Hope Katolo Nursery School. Now, if they get rain, they will be self-sufficient for water in any normal year. Thanks to the Davis Family for their continued support of our projects.

### **Bikes for Africa- from roving reporter Ron**

After circulating an email around the club and hon members, I took three bikes over to Brooklyn (thanks Glenys C). Abercrombie and Kent are organizing a 400 bike container load of bikes to ship. They have sent over 8,000 to support small women's run micro businesses based on these bikes. They train the women as mechanics to sell, repair, hire them. There will be more opportunities to send bikes in future. Have you any?



## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Thanks to all that have served Tuesday breakfasts to needy kids at Forest Hill College this year.

## **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service

## **ARTICLES**

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to [rlaslett76@gmail.com](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com) by 5pm Wednesday.