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|  | | Weekly Newsletter  [foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com)  **President Bob Williams** |  |
| Number 25 28th December 2015  Club address: PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131  **Email address:** [**foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com**](mailto:foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com)  **Website:** [**www.foresthillrotary.com**](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)  Meeting location: Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132  Meeting time: Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm  **Facebook: ForestHill Rotary** | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **CLUB PROGRAM** | | | | | | **Date** | **Event** | **Chair** | **Thanks/meeting report** |  | | **10th Jan (Sun)** | **BBQ @ Kathy & John’s** |  |  |  | | **18th Jan** | **Value of gymnasiums**  ***Mike Lycenko*** | **Ray Smith** | **John McPhee** |  |  THIS WEEK’S CELEBRATIONS **1**st Jan Bob Williams Club Anniversary (26yrs)  3rd Jan John Donaghey Birthday  8th Jan Judy&Bob Laslett Wedding Anniversary  8th Jan Judy&Bill Marsh Wedding Anniversary  9th Jan Kathy Donaghey Birthday   DUTY ROSTER  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **December** | **January** | | Cashier | Warwick Stott | Bill Marsh | | Recorder | Ray Smith | Stuart Williams | | Greeter | Mike Finke | Ron Brooks | | Emergency | Bill Marsh | Glenys Grant |  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** on9878 4891 or[rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au%20)  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 | | | | |

**BOB’S BANTER**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our many readers.

***President Bob***

**Remember “Be a Gift to the World”.**

**DIARY DATES**

Sun 10th Jan BBQ at Ocean Grove (Kathy & John’s home)

Wed 2nd Mar International Women’s Day (Box Hill Central)

Wed 9th Mar Women in Rotary Forum

Sat/Sun 30thApr/1stMay MUNA weekend

**28th May/1st June RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA**

Sun 19th June Multi District function to farewell Ian Risely (RI Pres ‘17-’18)

**LAST WEEK’S MEETING**

**RAM – Rotarians Against Malaria**

Our club has just given $800 towards fighting malaria in PNG, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste. Gloria Hargreaves [PP of Emerald] is the district coordinator. Rotary money goes towards

* cleaning up breeding grounds in villages
* buying and distributing insecticide treated mosquito nets
* spraying house interiors
* supplying and distributing microscopes with trained microscopists
* supplying rapid diagnostic kits (dipsticks) to health workers
* continuing to fund research into development of an effective vaccine
* educating villagers about effective measures against malaria
* giving tools and training local villagers to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds

*by Ron Brooks*

**BOWELSCAN**

Our club helps in the free distribution and collection of Bowelscan kits through local pharmacies. This programme has been going for 13 years. Customers can buy a kit for $10 and then return it to the pharmacy where we pick them up and send them off for testing. Results are conveyed back to the customer directly from the test company. This year. 2,843 kits were sold and 80% were used [this is considered an excellent result by the organisation]. **We are saving lives**, with 12 persons were detected with having cancer and 41 persons having polyps (likely future cancer) removed, during the 10 years 2006 to 2015 (27 men and 26 women). There were 31 positives this year [not every positive results from a cancer or polyp. Yet another programme that Rotary does which neither raises money nor costs money but does a great deal of good in the community. This programme is widely advertised, taking place in May each year. Customers always start asking to buy a kit before the kits get to the pharmacies.

*by Ron Brooks*

**FELLOWSHIP NEWS.**

There will be no  official movie night in January for Forest Hill Rotary club, but enjoy holiday viewing and let us know of some "must-sees." The first January meeting at Ocean Grove is on Sunday the 10th January, arrival any time from 11:00 onwards. Address is 37 Osborne Street and phone 52551291 or mobile 0448434110 for RSVP 's by the 6th January. You can nominate to bring nibbles, salad or sweets when you reply. We will have cold meat which will be provided.(just in case of a fire ban day) Don't forget your bathers if it is hot and a jacket if wind is forecast as Bass Strait winds often blow up and we want to walk off our lunch!( Don't we?) *John and Kathy Donaghey.*

**POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS**

Warwick is doing a great job with Membership. He constantly reminds us, constantly scratches our conscience, niggles us to keep trying. Well, he has niggled me to remind many of you that either you have not followed up on your YAA parents/family as you promised or you have but have not told Warwick of the result of your contact with them. Look at the quality of our last 3 new members Glenys, Bill and Mike. Where would we be without them. There are lots of quality people out there just waiting to be asked. So, please, follow up your contact with those great YAA families.

*by Ron Brooks*

**FOREST HILL WEBSITE**

**Our website is a window through which the world looks at us**.

Have a look at the website.

* Do you like what you see?
* Do you want other things on our site?
* Tell me what you want to see there.
* Give me some ideas,
* Send me a story to put on,
* Email me some photos,
* Give me some feedback,
* Tell me what is missing.

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*by Ron Brooks*

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST HOLIDAY?**

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! The Newsletter would love to tell it’s readers about your latest holiday and/or your holiday plans. His hope is that we can have a regular weekly segment words & photo or two plus a list of what dates you will be away. So whether it’s a weekend in Williamstown, a month in Manila, a trip to Tamworth, a holiday in Hanoi, or a cruise to Croatia – let’s hear about it.

Ron & Robbie 22nd Dec to 13th Jan South Africa [Cape Town – East London]

**So let’s hear from you. Tell us where you are going and tell us how the holiday went when you come back…… then give Ron your foreign coins when you return !! EASY.**

**OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE**

**[I would love to receive reports from any readers of visits to exhibitions, cinema, theatre, ballet, days out in the country – I promise they will be published to give ideas where others might like to go].**

**DAYS FOR GIRLS**

Days for Girls is a grass roots charity that has a network of Teams and Chapters around the world that make and raise funds to provide sanitary hygiene kits. (You may remember the talk on providing toilets for school children at the annual conference in which one added benefit was that if teenage girls have a toilet to go to they don’t miss one week a month). Over 100,000 kits have been given out in over 75 countries. These kits are washable and reusable lasting up to three years.

How can you help?

* you can sew
* you can do non sewing tasks,
* you can donate fabric,
* you can contact [margaretdccunningham@gmail.com](mailto:margaretdccunningham@gmail.com)
* you can visit [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)

Connie Millott has been in touch with Robbie to say she wants to help. If there are any of you others interested in helping please contact Robbie.

*By Ron Brooks*

**PROMOTING OUR CLUB & OUR PROJECTS**

As well as doing good in the world, we need to tell others what we are doing. Geoff Limmer, the editor of the DG Newsletter has asked us

*What I would like to have is some articles about Projects that your Club is doing this Rotary Year. This is a great way of sharing your events / projects with other Clubs in the District. January is a time when we go walkabout however it would be great to have a good story from your club to include in the next issue.*

So, over to you, the readers, write up an article for the DG Newsletter. Tell Pres Bob which of our projects we should promote.

**STAMPS**

Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. It’s a no cost project. Just cut around the stamp by about 1 cm and pop it in a spare used envelope and bring them along to me on club night. I collected some from Joan Harper during the week. Thanks Joan.



To date, this Rotary project has collected stamps that have been sold for **$93,212.**

This year the money raised from the stamps will go to **ROMAC**.

**Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children**.

*Ron Brooks*

**DON HULLAND**

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409 530 435**. Please give him a call as he misses our fellowship.

**ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

December Disease Prevention and Treatment

January Vocational Service

February Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March Water and Sanitation

April Maternal and Child Health

May Youth Services

June Rotary Fellowships

**CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

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|  | **2015-16** |
| **President** | Bob Williams |
| **Vice President** | Stuart Williams |
| **Secretary** | Ron Brooks |
| **Treasurer** | Warwick Stott |
| **President Elect** | John McPhee |
| **Sergeant** | Stuart Williams |
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| **Youth Service** | Glenys Grant |
| Members | Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman |
| **Community & Vocation** | Bob Laslett |
| Members | Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks |
| **Membership & Publicity** | John McPhee |
| Members | Warwick Stott, Bob Williams, |
| **Fellowship** | John Donaghey |
| **Primary Schools Speech Night** | Bob Williams |
| **Programme** | Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen |
| **Bulletin Editor** | Ron Brooks |
| **Web page & Facebook** | Ron Brooks |
| **On to Conference** | Stuart Williams |
| **Historian** | Stan Harper |
| **Almoner** | Graham Sharman |
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