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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

7 January 2019

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CLUB PROGRAM			
Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
7 Jan	Barbecue at the Finkes		
14 Jan	The Story of Hangan Constructions <i>Indi Hangan</i>	Mike Finke	Sue Ballard
21 Jan	The District new Website <i>Joady Barnes</i>	Ron Brooks	Bill Marsh
28 Jan	No Meeting		

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy birthday to John Donaghey (3 Jan), Kira Finke (6 Jan) and Kathy Donaghey (9 Jan). Club anniversary best wishes to Bob Williams (1 Jan) and wedding anniversary congratulations to the Marshes and the Lasletts (both couples on 8 Jan).

DUTY ROSTER

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Recorder	John Bindon	Barb Williams
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Chris Tuck
Emergency	Ray Smith	Glenys Grant
Cashier	John Donaghey	Bob Laslett

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

Merry Christmas to all.
We'll see you in the January.
Thanks for a great first half of the Rotary year.

Mark your calendars with the following:

- 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.

Club Meeting 17 December

We had 12 members plus John Bindon, Ian Teese, Stuart's friend Jaffrim, visiting Rotarian Sharon Partridge, Marg McPhee, Jenny Tuck and our speaker, Rick Hunt, so nineteen in all.

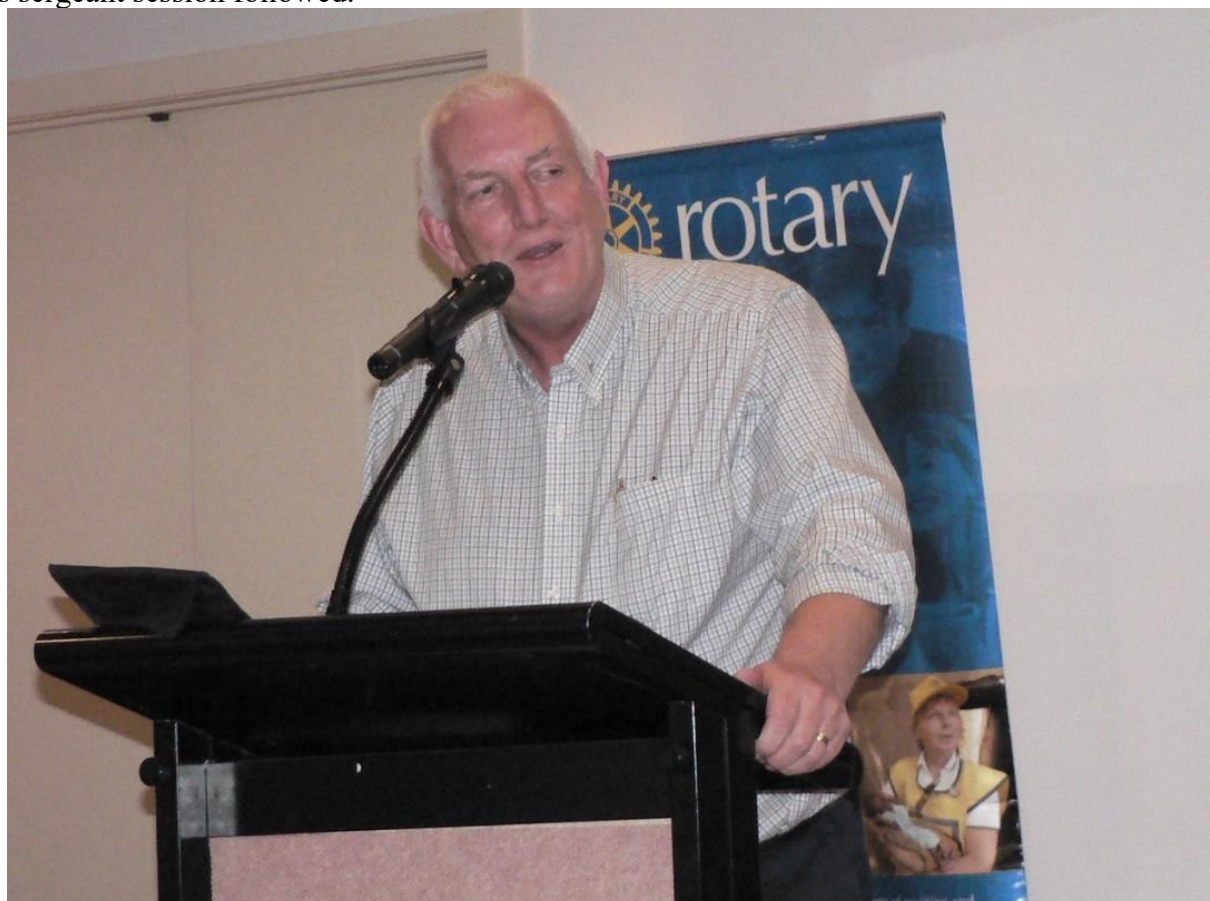
Mike's reflection was about the joy of giving.

Mike seeks new Fund -Raising ideas and as usual talked up the red wine on offer in our raffle. Added to our usual bottles of red and white (thanks John Donaghey) plus our choccies, Chris and Jenny kindly donated two large boxes of mixed cherries from their farm. Winners were Graham, Barb S and Barb W, John B and Ian. John Mc chaired and introduced Jaffrim and Stuart to talk about her project of wanting to sell hand- made scarves and shawls etc with all proceeds to go to a Rotary project in Bangladesh.

Warwick told us that four from our info night met at Bunnings coffee shop to discuss future direction with a possible project to do with Family Violence. Bob W is on the Mitcham Community House Family Violence committee and can organise a speaker on the subject if required.

Glenys thanked Bob L for making himself available to re-present the Youth Achievement award at Blackburn Primary on the 20th December. Mike reminded us of the first meeting in the New Year being a bbq at his home with details to be emailed out in the New Year. He wants to update our emailing out list so please assist him with this. Bill thanked all who worked at Bunnings last Friday raising over \$450. Hamper items to him in lieu of Bob L who was an apology.

Bob W's sergeant session followed.



Our speaker was Rick Hunt who spoke of his work with prisoners and their families, particularly at Christmas time as he volunteers with an organisation that “makes a difference” and he picked up on the fact that we in Rotary also “make a difference”.

47% of prisoners re-offend within 2 years but 53% get on with their lives on the “outside.” He spoke of prison fellowship courses his organisation offers and told us of when he played in a band at Pentridge once and the grim feeling when that door slammed shut behind him. He promotes “change on the inside” as rehabilitation is so important if prisoners are not to re-offend.

He spoke of children learning the practices of their parents, good or bad and the importance of positive role models for children. They host Christmas parties in prison and try to involve the prisoner’s families in any way possible. He believes that positive mentorship is vital and so his organisation offers this as well.

Wow what a human dynamo is Rick and we all learned so much about a subject that I’m sure most of us knew nothing about. The club made a donation of \$200 to his organisation plus for Rick, our usual wonderful hand-made pen by Ray which Rick was delighted to accept.

Raffle took \$66 and Sergeant session finagled \$32.70

John kept the meeting to time and we finished a little after 8pm.

Bob W

President’s Reflection 17 December 2018

The final meeting before the Christmas break is an excellent time to pause and think about the joys of giving. They say it’s better to give than to receive. I think they’re right. I get more happiness and a bigger sense of satisfaction from watching somebody open a well-chosen present I’ve given them than I do when I’m opening my own presents.

Being a part of a service club gives us a chance to experience that all year round. What we do for others isn’t always wrapped. Sometimes there’s no ceremony. There are times we don’t get to be there when it’s delivered or used. But that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t have that same thrill we get from choosing a great gift. I’m not religious, but I cannot think of a more appropriate word: It is a blessing to be able to provide for others and we should be able to wallow unrepentantly in the joy of making others’ lives a little better in some way.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A big thank you to all who assisted in the hamper collection. East Burwood Uniting Care were delighted to receive the gifts and many needy local families will benefit.

Membership

We have stressed that prospective members may be interested in the current dinner meeting concept, or may be interested in a satellite concept when members meet, say, over a cup of coffee monthly, and communicate at other times electronically, and this may be more suitable to people who are working or are more time-poor, but it still allows them to support their community.

Therefore, please think of the acquaintances or family members who this may suit. Please ask them and let them decide rather than you saying “Oh, no, they wouldn’t have time” or “live too far away” or some other reason. Don’t be negative, because we need to show district that we can increase our membership.

For heaven’s sake, think **membership**

Warwick

Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019

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

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

The early bird date has passed but there is still room.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

January

Vocational Service

February

Peace and Conflict Resolution

ARTICLES

The next flyer will come out in mid-January. The best of Christmas blessings to you all. Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to rlaslett76@gmail.com by 5pm Wednesday 9 January.