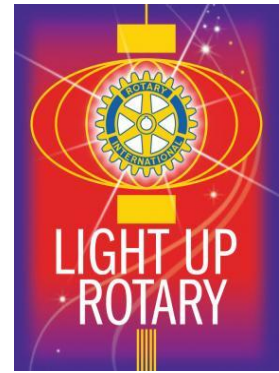




**Rotary**   
Club of Forest Hill

## Weekly Newsletter

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

ForestHill Rotary

### CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Russell Medhurst Vintage vehicles & rallies	Bob Williams	Stuart Williams
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Codie Collins - Indigenous Scholar	Warwick Stott	Chris Tuck
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Elaine Featherstone Chinese Culture	Bob Laslett	John McPhee
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Scholarship Presentations	Bob Laslett	Stuart Williams

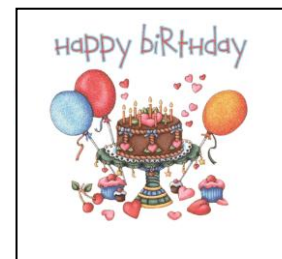
### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Doug Berwick – Birthday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

Jenny Coburn – Wedding anniversary 26<sup>th</sup> Jan [Roger]

Ron Brooks – Birthday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan

Warwick Stott – Birthday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan



### DUTY ROSTER

	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
Cashier	Bob Laslett	Warwick Stott
Recorder	John McPhee	Ray Smith
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Bob Williams
Emergency	Jenny Coburn	Stuart Williams

### 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 9878 4891 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au)**

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

I think I can speak for everyone I talk to at Forest Hill when I say we are delighted to see Ron back amongst us again (written by the editor)

## BILL'S BLURB

Just a "Blurbette" this week. Welcome back, Ron! (Just to make it official.)

Good news this morning - the money for our District Grant (Scholarships) will be in our bank account in the next couple of days.

Market staffing for the next two months will be difficult so please do everything you can to help out. In February we have the Blackburn Lake BBQ the night before the market and in March we have half a dozen of our regulars at Conference. We will need all of our members to pitch in for those two weekends and perhaps we will need a few Honorary Members and partners as well. Let John know if you can help out.

### Coming Up:

13 Feb	Cluster Presidents' Breakfast
13 Feb	BBQ at Blackburn Lake
20 Feb	District Presidents' Dinner
26 Feb	Cluster Youth Forum

### Little Known Facts:

Australia has the world's highest proportion of migrant settlers in a developed nation with over 25% of Australians born in another country.

**Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"**

## LARRY THE LORIKEET HAS FLOWN.....OVERSEAS !!!

Pauline is the 13 yr old daughter of Marie France who was looked after by our club over 20 years ago when she was a 20 yr old studying here. She is translating Larry the Lorikeet into French for her 8 yr old brother Christophe in their home in Marseilles. The book will be taken into his school to be read to the class following Robbie and I giving the class a 20 minute talk about Australia and its flora and fauna with great help from Marie France who provided many Australian animal props and was our translator.



## GIVE YOUR FOREIGN COINS/NOTES TO OUR ROTARY COLLECTION

Big **THANKYOU** to everyone. UNICEF will get a real boost. Look at the collection. We are now filling our eighth coffee jar and the pile of notes is growing.



The UNICEF foreign coin collection !!!!!

*Ron Brooks*

## WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com) and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions. It has not had any additions for the last two months while I have been travelling but I'm ready to put your stories on again.

## WEBINARS

You can find Rotary webinars on the webinar page at:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming> These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair....bed?

## MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR

The next one is an hour from 10am Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb USA Central Daylight time, which I have worked out to be 3am Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb Melbourne time. I listened to the last one. I encourage you to set the alarm for this one.

## REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me 41 reasons. Have you got others you can tell us about? I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

**It's Good for your Health:** Studies show that having a good social network extends your life, keeps you healthy, and staves off mental deterioration. ..

## PAST EXCHANGE STUDENT CORNER

I got this email from Christina Sutcliffe, Canada

*Hmm, so here is a little update! Edit as you see fit!*

*Since I left you in hmm, 1990...wow, that is a long time - I have had the pleasure and I think privilege to have an interesting and meandering path to my current role as a consultant in organizational change management in Ottawa, Ontario, the capital of Canada. My path took me from graduating with an Honours, Bachelor of Science, to a Masters of Industrial Relations. I worked in ergonomics with Glad/Clorox, as a Research Coordinator at Queen's University in Kingston, and at a Canadian think tank on economics and business, the Conference Board of Canada. After that, I held a few different jobs/consulting positions all in the area of organizational change management and organization development. I like what I do, but I think I could always be happier travelling! When I left you, and finished my masters, a span of say 10 years, I spent much of that time doing ultra-distance cycling called randonneuring, and running 10 kms and half marathons. I discovered trail running, and competitive squash at the provincial level. During this time, I also had the pleasure of hosting Max and Wendy Parish. It was great to have them visit with us in my hometown of Orangeville. I also had a fellow exchange student, Gabe, come on a bike trip with my Dad's cycling tour company in the Canadian rockies.*

*When I moved to Ottawa, my running went to another level, running faster now (at 40, then I ever did when I was younger!). And ironically, I discovered your sport of lifesaving, here in cold Canada. We have a team of about 20 Masters athletes, and a strong national team of seniors and juniors - I have been involved in the sport now for 8 years and travelled to Germany, Egypt, Australia and most recently France for the World Lifesaving championships held every 2 years. In Australia in 2012, I was able to meet with some cherished friends and really family from the Forest Hills Rotary club, and that was a very, very special time and memory for me even today. I know how busy our lives become with our families, grandchildren, and just life in general, and these folks made time for me despite all their daily pressures (hugs to you all).*

*My daily life in Ottawa consists usually swimming 3-5 times in the morning, walking the dog, heading to work with government clients, heading home to walk the dog, and then heading out to run, surf ski, paddleboard, or right now, cross country skate ski. I have a small bungalow just 4 km from downtown, and have spent time trying to refurbish it (anyone have any skilled labour they can send over :)*

*I have a fantastic group of friends who I really consider family in Ottawa, most who I run, swim, etc. with. I have not been lucky in love YET but here is to hoping! My father lives in Ottawa close by, and spends his days biking 50-100 km at 76 years of age. My mom and brothers all live North of Toronto and I love the area, so love visiting them. I have one nephew, who is an outdoorsy fellow himself, so family time together is always fun.*

*Thanks so much to Ron for giving me this opportunity to connect with you all. I am sending you all hugs, and though time passes, and we all get older, the time I spent with you was a defining moment in my life, so thank-you all again.*

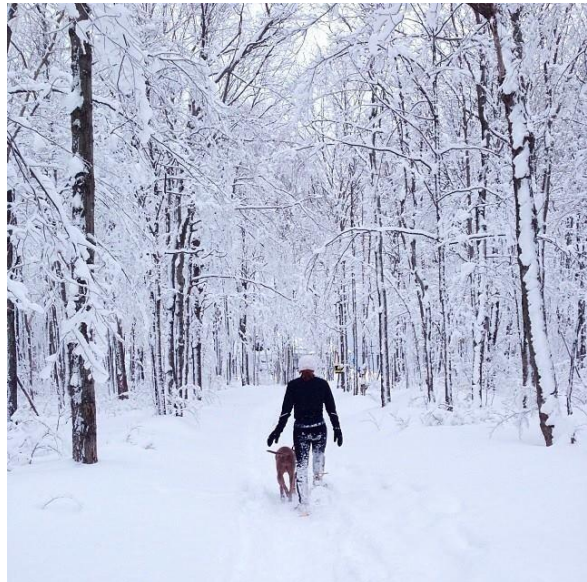
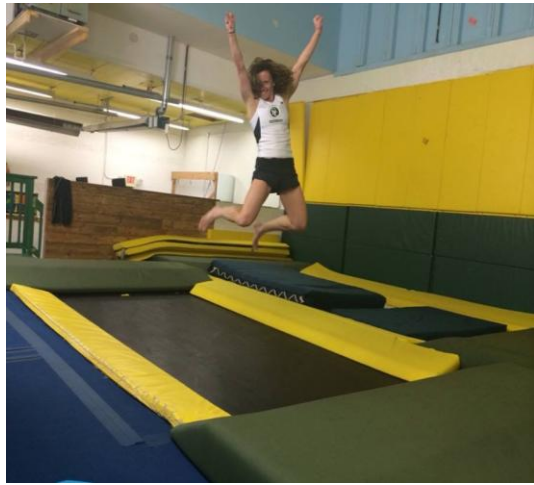
*Below are some photos of me and my 'stuff'! My home in Ottawa is always open to you, and my email address is [Christinamsutcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:Christinamsutcliffe@gmail.com).*



Meecham Lake



Christina and brother



Hiking in Collingwood Ontario

## FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS

Next fellowship is Peridot Theatre Friday 20th February 2015

"Six dance lessons in six weeks."

Described as very moving, very funny very human and a delight.

*John McPhee*

## STAMPS

You must have got lots of stamps on your Christmas envelopes including overseas ones, we did. Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to Jenny Coburn or to me. Carol Farmer and her team are ready to snip and sort them.

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2014-15

<b>President</b>	Bill Marsh
<b>Vice President</b>	John Donaghey
<b>Secretary</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott
<b>President Elect</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Sergeant</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Foundation &amp; International</b>	Chris Tuck
<b>Youth Service</b>	Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper, Glenys Grant
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	Bob Laslett Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
<b>Fellowship</b>	Doug Berwick Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn
<b>Primary Schools Speech Night Programme</b>	John McPhee
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	John McPhee
<b>Web page &amp; Facebook</b>	Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen
<b>On to Conference</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Historian</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Almoner</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Public Officer</b>	Stan Harper
	Graham Sharman
	Bill Marsh

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