



**The Flyer
2017-2018**



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

President: Bill Marsh

Number 34

Club address:

Email address:

Website:

Meeting location:

Meeting time:

Facebook:

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

16 April 2018

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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event		Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
16 April	Rotarians against Malaria <i>Peter McPhee</i>	BOARD	Barbara Searle	Ron Brooks
23 April	Shrine of Remembrance <i>Shirley Devery</i>		?	?
30 April	Bucatini with partners			

CELEBRATIONS

Ray and Merle Smith celebrate their wedding anniversary on 17 April- congratulations

DUTY ROSTER

	APRIL	MAY
Recorder	Bob Williams	Ron Brooks
Greeter	Barbara Searle	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Barbara Williams	Mike Finke
Cashier	Bob Laslett	Chris Tuck

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

BILL'S BYLINES

Peridot Theatre bookings are coming in steadily. I have asked all of our local clubs and Berengarra to support us. They are assured of a great show, good company and a super supper – actually pre show, interval and post show goodies. All for \$22 with \$5 per ticket returning to the clubs/groups for their own fundraising. The Hope Katolo girls are also spreading the word so we should reach our target of 200 tickets by the end of May. **To book go to Trybooking and search for 84 Charing Cross Road Preview on 7 June 2018.** Our Probus friends and partners are very welcome.

Saturday June 23rd we will be joining other community members in a tree planting activity at Blackburn Lake. I hope as many members as possible can make the day. We want to plant a minimum of 20 trees so we can meet the target Ian Riseley has set of one tree for every Rotarian. The good thing with our planting is we know the trees will be looked after following the planting and as they grow to maturity.

Thanks to the young robotics enthusiasts and Pat Armstrong who entertained us so well on 9 April. We wish them all success in their endeavours.

Just a quick reminder to go out and shop – **could ALL members please bring a bag of non-perishable food items to our meeting on Monday.** These will be on display at the volunteering Forum and then donated to Eastern Relief.

Also don't forget the District Assembly with its training for next year.

Some dates for your diaries.

Saturday 14th April – Blackburn Market

Monday 16th April – Board Meeting

Wednesday 18th April -Cluster Volunteering Forum

Monday 28th May – Apprentice Awards

Monday 4th June – Youth Citizenship Awards

Saturday 23rd June – Tree Planting at Blackburn Lake 9.30 – 11.30am

Remember - Rotary: Making a Difference - is not just a theme it is what we do.

Meeting Report 9 April

Sergeant Bob Williams opened the meeting with a reflection on the topic of the Rumbek School in South Sudan. The school is now built at a cost of \$90,000, a portion of which was a donation from our Club and also 2 by \$5000 District Grants.

A total of 19 people attended the meeting including a PP of this Club John Bindon.

President Bill Marsh:

Reported that in the Annual Report of The Berengarra School our donation of \$4000 was highlighted which was used to purchase theatre curtains and block out blinds.

Reminded us to bring food items next week for the food table for Eastern Relief at the Volunteer's Forum on April the 18th.

That a profit of \$941 was made at the Bunnings Sausage Stall on Easter Monday.

The film night last Friday was attended by 9 people.

District Assembly will be held on May 20th at Deakin Uni.

Peridot Theatre only has 32 people registered so far. Please book tickets.

Plant a tree will be held on the 23rd of April at 9.30-11.30 at Blackburn Lake.

Other notices:

15 people will be required for the Egg and Bacon Stall at the WHFM next month.

MUNA on the first weekend in May has 15 students from Whitehorse participating at Parliament House.

Although no Sergeant's Session was held the collection raised \$25, and the raffle raised \$59.

There were 2 speaker's sessions for the evening.

The first was IC Robotics who were 4 students who had entered a robotics competition and had spoken at the District Conference.

The robotics competition aims among other things to create an opportunity to develop skills and share a passion for robotics. Also the competition aims to promote STEM education and community involvement.

This group of students won the Chairman's Award at the competition in Sydney and will now attend the world competition in Texas in the next few weeks.

Knox Council had provided them with financial resources to promote their work at 6 schools.

Later that evening P. Bill Marsh presented them with a cheque for \$500 to assist with their travel expenses.



The second speaker was Pat Armstrong (RC Doncaster) who spoke about the East Timor Lighting Project. Some 3 years ago our Club Committed to support this project.



Pat gave us a background presentation on East Timor and how the people will benefit from solar lighting and some facility to charge some items such as mobile phones. Currently candles and kerosene lamps are used for lighting in remote areas which have safety and health implications for the population.

Rotary is joining forces with the Alternative Technology Association (ATA) to deliver this project.

A typical installation is a 30 W panel, LED lamps, a current regulator, a sealed lead acid battery and a phone charger adaptor.

The goal of this project is to promote literacy and improve maternal and child health.

The next step is, over the next 3 years to install a pilot project of 100 houses in a community. Community engagement will be key to the project which will be managed by the community.

The budget for the project is \$116,432.

This was a very interesting presentation.

Chris Tuck

Sergeant's Reflection 9 April 2018

As our club is now registered as the project club to finalise the fit out of the Rumbek School in South Sudan I thought I'd briefly re-cap on the project.

It was about 8 years ago when I was working as the Business Manager at Good Shepherd and I employed Sam who had been one of the "Lost Boys of South Sudan" and resettled in Australia. He told me of his dream to build a school in his home village of Rumbek in South Sudan and knowing I was in Rotary, could Rotary help his dream.

It took a few years to get momentum and with a committee of mainly Rotarians and local South Sudanese we had agreement from a local South Sudanese Catholic Diocese to assist in the school construction which using local labour was estimated to cost under A\$100,000.

Sam insisted that the school must have 50% girls enrolled with separate toilets for them so his thinking was directly in line with Rotary's plus there must be a bore and well for the village and school water, as then the women walked miles each day to a river for the village water.

Manningham club took on the project management role with our club in support and we started fund raising. With the help of two District Grants of \$5,000 each, one for the water bore and well and the other for the toilets we have finally finished all the construction and toilet blocks with the Catholic Diocese to provide teachers and management of the school which will have 100 or so pupils starting very soon.

The school will be known as the "Melbourne Rumbek Friendship School."

The project has cost just on A\$100,000 and as the construction phase handled by Manningham club has been completed and as Forest Hill club has been an important part of the whole project, the school committee wanted our club to be the project manager for the fit out to which we have agreed.

We will work in with the local Catholic Diocese as to what these fit out needs will be, as much school equipment can come from their other schools in South Sudan so our role will be mainly coordinating, collecting any funds in our RAWCS account and sending them off.

We can be well pleased with our involvement and I have some photos to send around as well as the story of Sam's earlier life fleeing the war in his country as an eight year old. He and thousands of other young kids walked for two months with many drowning in rivers or being eaten by crocodiles or being shot before finally reaching a camp in Kenya where 20,000 of them spent 12 years or more subsisting on a single bowl of rice a day.

I feel very proud and humble to have had a small part in Sam's later life with him now being a qualified accountant, being Victoria University's "Young Achiever of the Year" a few years ago and now married and a dad and hoping to bring his family in Kenya out to Australia soon.

Bob

Blackburn Station Market Roster for 14th April 2018

8am to 10am Bob L, Ray, Sue, John Mc and Bob W

10am to midday Bill, John Mc, Ray, Bob W, Barb W and Glenys from 10-30

Midday to finish Ray, Bill, Glenys, Mike, Barb W and Bob W

See you all Saturday

Bob W

WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET

8TH April 2018

Many thanks to Mike and Bob and Barb Williams for helping out on the day.

However as next Market is on 13th May and we are manning the egg and bacon stall we will need 15 helpers.

Please contact Warwick if you can help.

Results for last Sunday were:

Stalls	\$3,690.00
Donations	\$1,156.40
Egg & Bacon	410.00
Total	\$5,256.4

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

District Governor Malcolm Chiverton and District Governor-Elect Russell Gurney invite all Rotarians and Rotaractors to our 2018 District Assembly on **Sunday 20 May** at 9.00am at the Burwood Campus of Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood 3125.

- DGE Russell will outline Rotary International and District 9810 directions for the new Rotary year.

- District Officers and Committee Chairs will outline strategies, plans, and activities for 2018-19 in engaging and interactive sessions.
- Key Club Officer workshop sessions will provide the latest tips and techniques.
- An informative new (er) members session is being offered.
- A special combined session for Presidents-Nominee and Presidents-Elect will be held.

There will be something for everyone. ***Be the Inspiration*** in your Club and Community in the coming year and reinforce to the world that we are ***People of Action***.

We welcome all attendees to RSVP via the Club Registration form by **no later than Friday 27 April** to:

Carol Lawton
 District 9810 Learning and Development
 Coordinator clawton@melbpc.org.au

Volunteering with Rotary

VOLUNTEERING MEETING -- 18th APRIL

Wednesday 18th April from 6.30 pm
Whitehorse Council Offices
Waratah Room
379/397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading

ROMAC news



At last Wed medical check-up, we were advised by Joana's cardiac surgeon that her operation was successful and that she has a clean bill of health and could now return home.

Since my last update, Joana has been busy baking, visiting farms and the Melb Zoo, meeting up with Lucilia at RCH and playing with kids at the park. Today, her final outing before leaving us is a visit to the Healesville Sanctuary. Joana is returning home fit and well and has grown considerably through all the experience that she has had with Dianne and Gavan.

GIANT MONOPOLY



FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST

The reliable A-team of Robbie and Barb will launch us into the new term next Tuesday. More helpers are being sought.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

April	Maternal & Child Health
May	Youth

ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to rlaslett76@gmail.com.au by 5 pm Wednesday please.