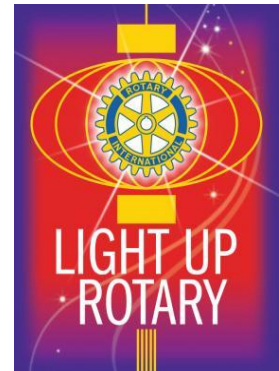




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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

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>
13 th April	Membership meeting	Warwick Stott	Ron Brooks
20 th April	Roger Coates, <i>Anzac Day</i>	John McPhee	Ray Smith
27 th April	Ron Brooks, <i>European travels</i>	John Donaghey	Chris Tuck
4 th May	Mario Anders <i>Grief Counselling</i>	Ray Smith	Warwick Stott

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

17th April Merle & Ray Smith Wedding anniversary



DUTY ROSTER

	April	May
Cashier	Glenys Grant	John McPhee
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Bob Laslett
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams
Emergency	Ray Smith	Bob 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 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

Overall, in all avenues of service to the local, Australian and world communities our club this year to date has donated \$35,585 (see breakdown later in the Newsletter)

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary's Public Relation Committee came up with this one-sentence definition of Rotary which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"

For administrative purposes the Rotary world of 1.2 million men and women is split into 34,200 clubs. The clubs are grouped into over 500 districts in over 200 countries. In our district there are about 1,300 Rotarians in 47 clubs in a triangle Box Hill/ Healesville/ Chelsea

DIARY DATES

17 May DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

27th June DISTRICT CHANGEOVER

29th June CLUB CHANGEOVER (Pres Bill hands over to PE Bob W)

14 Sept DG visit

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

So, we had no sergeant's session again last week as we had no meeting. Did you spend the money on extra Easter eggs? Poor Glenys, with no raffle yet again, she is concerned that her cellar is short of a few bottles of wine.

Notes by Ron Brooks

FARMERS' MARKET SUN 12th APRIL

Thanks to Chris and Jenny Tuck, Bob Laslett, Stuart Williams, Christine Stott, Grant Tomietto, Cathie Stott, Bob and Barb Williams, Glenys Grant, Pat Pridham, and Warwick Stott for manning the stall and serving up delicious egg & bacon sandwiches. Our club has \$8,457.05 available for our Whitehorse community work (as at the end of March 2015). This is available through our involvement in running the monthly market. Well done everybody involved.

HOPE KATOLO NURSERY SCHOOL-ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

We this year decided to order its Entertainment Books through Hope Katolo Nursery School. We have supported this wonderful enterprise for a number of years and they will receive our commission directly.

Please contact Stuart Williams directly if you wish to order or go directly to Leanne, and say you are from Forest Hill Rotary.

What do we know of Kenya? It's a nation of 44 million people with 73% under 30 years old living in a democracy. It is 83% Christian, 11% Muslim. It is the largest East African economy, exporting tea, coffee and cut flowers and mainly relying on agriculture. Child labour is common because of poverty and lack of access to education. Two things targeted by Hope Katolo nursery school. We perhaps know it best for its production of middle and long distance runners. It won 11 medals in the 2012 London Olympics, more than any other African country.



Hope Katolo children on an excursion



Another photo from Kenya of the Hope Katolo nursery school children

POLIO PLUS UPDATE

Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable. In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$9 billion.

Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Less than **370** polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2014, which is a reduction of more than 99 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day. The polio cases represented by the remaining one percent are the most difficult to prevent, due to factors including geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

More than one million Rotary members have donated their time and personal resources to end polio. Every year, hundreds of Rotary members work side-by-side with health workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries. Rotarians work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute mass communication tools to reach people in areas isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. Rotary members also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

Every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year through 2018. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents.

Rotary has a growing roster of public figures and celebrities participating in its **"This Close"** public awareness campaign, including Bill Gates, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, actress Archie Panjabi, action star Jackie Chan, golf legend Jack Nicklaus and South Korean pop-star Psy. These ambassadors help educate the public about polio through public service announcements, social media and public appearances.

Notes from Ron Brooks

1. *Archana "Archie" Panjabi is a 42 year old British actress, best known for her role as Kalinda Sharma on The Good Wife.*
2. *Park Jae-sang is a chubby 37 year old with slicked back hair who wears tacky suits (see what you learn if you read this Newsletter!)*

STAMPS

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to me. Carol Farmer and her team are ready to snip and sort them. They are looking for work to do.

FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

So far, the Rotary clubs of Boronia, MASH, Waverley, Sandringham and Nunawading have supplied us with foreign coins to join with ours. The 3kgs of Australian pennies are only worth \$8/kg compared with an estimated \$35/kg of other foreign coins. So, the 97.7kgs we have collected for UNICEF could be worth about \$3,500.

OUR CLUB DONATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CAUSES THIS YEAR

Foundation	\$1,300	
Polio Plus	\$1,000	
Interplast	\$550	
ROMAC	\$550	
Disasteraid	\$1,600	Two survival boxes
Disasteraid	\$800	One survival box for Vanuatu
RAWCS	\$200	Vanuatu appeal
RAWCS	\$800	Queensland cyclone appeal.
Total	\$6,800	

OUR CLUB DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY & VOCATION THIS YEAR

Box Hill High Scholarships	\$6,000
Golf Prize to Vanuatu	\$500
Indigenous Health	\$2,500
Apprentice awards	\$4,500
Handbrake Turn	\$5,400
Pride of Workmanship	\$500
Christmas hampers	\$1,000
Legacy Widows	\$400
Total	\$20,800

OUR CLUB DONATIONS TO YOUTH THIS YEAR

Our Youth Service team aim to provide enriching opportunities for young people in the community.

This year our programs have been developed and chosen with the aim to cover the broad spectrum of Youth – from preschoolers to young adults. We have partnered with local primary and secondary schools, the Whitehorse Council, Science Institutes and environment groups.

Our chosen students have been helped to participate in these District Youth Service Events:

MUNA- Model United Nations Assembly To help Year 11 students learn more about the UN	= \$1080.00
NYSF – National Youth Science Forum This much sort after program helps Year 11 students who aim to have a career in Science.	= \$1250.00
RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment A tool to develop and enrich potential and success – Year 9-11 students	= \$260.00
The Science Experience To encourage interest in science /technology in students Year 9-10	= \$345.00
RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Award for 18-30 years old An intensive Leadership training course	= \$600.00
PSSC- Primary Schools Speech Contest To develop speaking and presentation skills for 10-12 yr olds	= \$650.00

And also in these unique Club events:

YAA – Primary Schools Youth Achievement Awards = \$1600.00
 Year 6 students
 Acknowledging those who are local 'unsung heroes'.

Community Service Award (Environment) = \$400.00
 Acknowledging those Secondary School Students
 who contributed to an environmentally focused book
 for 2-6 Year olds.

Gift of this Children's Book to all Whitehorse primary and preschools =
 \$1800.00

TOTAL YTD* = \$7985.00

*A further Community Service Award is to be given in May 2015

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**

A Mixed Gender organisation recognizing the rights of both men and women within it and beyond through leadership, volunteering and contribution.

PARKMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY FAIR Sat 18th April

From noon til 5pm come along with your grand children and support Parkmore Primary in Jolimont Road, Forest Hill. mini Farmers Market, Cake sale, Art Expo, Silent Auction, Rides & Games, Face Painting, Animal Farm

FELLOWSHIP

The next Peridot presentation is their One Act Play season, Friday 1st MAY 2015

Next film night will be Friday April 17th details will follow in the next issue.

STAN HARPER

Stan had a fall at home so is presently in Knox hospital, bed 15 in the Ambleside wing, with the official visiting hours 4 to 5 pm and again 6-30 to 8. He would love to see you for a chat. Please go and see him. You can visit him anytime really.

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER Sat 27th June

Details have been circulated.

Venue: Karralyka Centre, Mines Rd, Ringwood Mel 50A6

7pm for 7:30pm

Cost: \$60

RSVP: 12th June

Please tell Sec Ron if you are going.

Pres Bill & Judy, PE Bob & Barb, and Ron & Robbie have booked so far.

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

To register for the remaining webinars in the **Membership Matters!** webinar series please visit <http://www.rotary.org/webinars>

View the recording of the **Simple Steps to Innovate Your Club** webinar:

<https://vimeo.com/118740192>

View and download the **PowerPoint presentation**:

<http://slidesha.re/1yIVDYT>

Join the conversation in the **Membership Best Practices discussion group**:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/exchange-ideas/groups/membership-best-practices>

View a recording of **Parts 1 and 2 in the Membership Matters!** series:

<http://vimeo.com/103365589> (Part 1)

<http://vimeo.com/108381769> (Part 2)

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2014-15

President	Bill Marsh
Vice President	John Donaghey
Secretary	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott
President Elect	Bob Williams
Sergeant	Stuart Williams
Foundation & International	Chris Tuck
Youth Service	Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper, Glenys Grant Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman
Community & Vocation	Bob Laslett Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
Membership & Publicity	Doug Berwick Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn
Fellowship	John McPhee
Primary Schools Speech Night	John McPhee
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
Public Officer	Bill Marsh

Newsletter articles to the editor at ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au by **5 pm Wed.**

If you do not wish to receive this publication please contact the editor. He will be sad..... but understanding and cooperative.

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