





President: John McPhee

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CLUB PROGRAM				
Date	Event		Chair	Thanks/ Meeting report
1 August	Behind the Badge <i>Nancy Notman</i>		Bill Marsh	Mike Finke
8 August	Violence against Women <i>Wendy Austin</i>	Committees	Ron Brooks	Nancy Notman
15 August	Simple facts about eyes <i>Dr Vini Kumar</i>	Board	Bob Williams	Ray Smith

THIS WEEKS CELEBRATIONS

Rob Grant-Birthday- August 4.

DUTY ROSTER

	August	September
Cashier	Stuart Williams	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Glenys Grant	Mike Finke
Greeter	Bob Laslett	Hans Eecen
Emergency	Bob Williams	Nancy
		Notman

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

DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is 0409

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While President John was sunning himself in northern climes Vice President Bill provided a few reminders for members.

Committees who are considering proposals for joint projects with Rotaract need to proceed fairly quickly so that Rotaract can consider all of the proposals they receive and plan their program for the year.

Budgets are to be ready for presentation at the next Board Meeting. Need to 'fine tune' as much as possible so the Board can allocate funds accurately according to what money is available. Keep 'contingencies' to a minimum.

We have the two markets on the 13 & 14 August. Let Bob W/John McP and Warwick know if you are available.

1st August "Behind the Badge' – Nancy Notman

8th August 'Violence Against Women' – Wendy Austin & Committee Meetings

Bill

LAST WEEK'S MEETING



With both the President & Sergeant on holidays our stand-ins Bill & Ron kept things moving. Ron, in particular, had as the theme of his reflection "Performance Enhancing" and he came up with a number of interesting ideas. Lance Armstrong could have used him as his lawyer as Ron took a number of thought provoking approaches to what could be called performance enhancing.

Stuart was the chair for the evening and he kept the meeting moving well and we quickly moved through reports and on to our guest speaker.

Dr Frank Chen, a colorectal surgeon, put his talk into perspective when he said his youngest son tells people, "Dad is a bum doctor"!!

Frank's talk was interesting and informative and very thought provoking. He certainly made us realise how important the annual 'Bowel Scan' program Rotary is involved in is to the health of the community. He also made you realise that a regular colonoscopy is the best preventive approach you can take and well worth the effort of taking the preparation and the discomfort prior to the scan.

Bill thanked Frank for a great talk and presented him with a hand turned pen made from Celery Top Pine. The pens are made by our resident wood turner, Ray Smith, and are a beautiful gift.

The raffle was then drawn and Warwick went home with the chocolates – literally. This was the hamper of chocolates originally donated by Michael Sukkar and won by Gary Davis who then donated them back to the club to re-raffle. A wonderful gesture with a nett gain to the club's finances of over \$500. Bob Williams then won the bottle of wine as second prize and Bill kindly offered to look after it until Bob returned. Your wine is safe Bob – had it been Warwick's chocolates I couldn't have given that guarantee.

The official meeting was then closed by Bill but individual conversations continued for quite some time as Frank was happy to stay on and talk to people.

The Sergeant raised \$20.25 and the raffle &135!

Bill Marsh

DIARY DATES

Friday 12 August	District Foundation Seminar
Saturday 13 August	Blackburn Market
Sunday 14 August	Whitehorse Farmers Market
Sunday 11 September	Schwerkoldt Cottage
Monday 12 September	DG's visit
Thursday 15 September	Primary Schools Public Speaking Contest

SERGEANT'S REFLECTIONS

See Acting President's report

CINEMA NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

The first Friday of the month means Forest Hill Rotary cinema fellowship at Forest Hill Chase. We meet at the Melba café at 6pm before going to the cinema. I will let you know next week which shows are on and when. \$8.50 buys you the best seat in the houseif I buy them in bulk. So come to the cinema next week Fri August 5 or just come and have a chat and coffee. You can go to an early screening time or later, just tell me what tickets you want.

Hans

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

- 2 Aug Robbie Glenys
- 9 Aug Robbie Kevin
- 16 Aug Robbie Barb
- 23. Aug Robbie Barb

ROMAC NEWS

This is another great story from ROMAC.

Bradley Bola had a microcephalic head and eyes squashed out to each side, causing a terrible divergent squint. Over the years Rotary have brought him over here for operations: his head size has been expanded and just recently Lional Kowal has fixed his squint. Look at this fantastic result.



ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

August

September

Membership

Education and Literacy

THAI THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS RE AUSTRALIAN WAY OF LIFE

Q. How do people get to the public transport? (question asked 800 metres from bus stop)

A. They walk to bus or train. (In Thailand people do not walk. If it is over 300 metres, people jump onto the back of a motor cycle (taxi). It is just too hot. Cost – 20c max.

Q. Where are the customers? (after having Harvey Norman Nunawading store pointed out before and after Rotary.)

A. We work retail 9am -5.30/00 pm (Thailand many stores open 10am until 10pm. Seven days a week.

Q. Where are the cars/ people? (after driving along Springfield Rd, and many others at 8.30 pm)

A. Inside. Eating, relaxing. (Most Thai roads or sois in Bangkok, even 20 km from Siam, having masses of people, walking, eating, and driving cars or taxis until 11pm or later. Very few Thais eat meals inside their Condos or homes. Most eat "on the street.")

Q. Why are we driving in S movement? (In Para Rd., heading toward a roundabout.)

A. We are about to go around a roundabout. (Roundabouts hardly ever sighted in Thailand. A big one at Victory Monument, another on a main road near Hua Hin. Most Thai roads are straight. Very few curves except on elevated Toll Roads.)

Q. Where are the Taxis? (observed everywhere)

A. There is one (near MCG). (possibly every fourth car is a taxi on the roads in Bangkok. Taxis are very cheap. Very few people as a percentage own cars. You can also hire Tuk tuks or motor cycle taxis.)

Q. Why is the sun out now, it only rained two minutes ago? Why is it warm now when it was very cold two hours ago? (Thai weather is hot, or very hot, or extremely hot.... All the time.)

A. This is Melbourne – 4 seasons in one day. Certainly had this many days this winter.

Q. Where are the motor bikes? (most days we might see 2 or 3 per outing. In Bangkok and ... wow in Vietnam, 20 to 100 motorbikes at every set of traffic lights.

A. A few people ride motorbikes and motor scooters.

Having a visitor from overseas certainly makes you think about the similarities and the differences in the way we live. There are very many similarities... but on reflection, many differences.

Stuart

A BUM NOTE

What is the basic difference between Thailand and Australasia, food, traffic, and customs, even if we have differences. But we all had a smile and a good human relationship T[®] thousand per well. I thank you for the warm hospitality during my stay in Australia. Rotary friends all love. I was very impressed by the hospitality. Thank you so much

Love Bum

ARTICLES

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