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P.O. Box 5078, Clayton 3168
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Meets every Monday 6:15 for 6:30pm at Clayton RSL
163 Carinish Road, Clayton (Melways 79D3)
(No meeting on public holidays)

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March is Rotary Literacy Month

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Date: 31st March
Speakers: Neil Rickard & Bob Millen
Subject: "Membership Discussion Part 2"
Chairperson: Richard Simmons
Duty Desk: Lesley Zuccaro
Fellowship: John Barnes
Bulletin Notes: Dianne Day

Presidents Thoughts



LAST MEETING – 17th March

Attendance: 60%

Apologies: John Goldspink, Lesley Zuccaro, John Barnes & Jon Breisch

Visitors:

Make-ups: Jon Breisch & John Barnes

Sickness:

Travellers:

Director and Member Announcements: See Notes

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ralph Zuccaro will donate a bottle of wine for the Raffle once a week for the new Presidents Collar. Lucky prize winner for this week was Bob Millen.

Guest Speakers: Bob Millen & Neil Rickard

Notes

The Sergeant opened the meeting with the Toast of Loyalty and Rotary Grace

President Jim welcomed members and guests and acknowledged the apologies and makeups.

The subject for the tonight's meeting was "Membership". The meeting was jointly chaired by both PP Bob Millen & PP Neil Rickard. The aim for the discussion was to highlight the fact that membership is important to the survival of the Rotary Club of Clayton and that we should start to plan now for the future.

It was highlighted that 10 years ago we had 28 members in the club and now we sit on 17. This means in the last 10 years we have lost 1 member per year without gaining any new ground. After a quick poll with the members who were present at the meeting the consensus showed that a good target would be to have 10 extra members by the start of January 2009. Also highlighted was the fact that due to the loss of members some projects were suffering or not being performed anymore.

Some interesting statistics which were presented at this years PETS were:

City of Monash

Population	156,898
Rotarians	209
Ratio	1:750
Clubs	8
Ave Membership	26.12

City of Kingston

Population	134,626
Rotarians	167
Ratio	1:806

Clubs	6
Ave Membership	27.83

The question was raised "What actions can be done now in the Rotary Club of Clayton?" The first task which was given by Bob & Neil was that each member should pick three names under the theme, "Select the person you want?".

The second task given was to look at the club itself and review what could be improved. Some points raised were:-

- Meeting timing (start & finish).
- Special regular meetings for guests.
- Formality of the meeting. These include reports, room dress and meeting dress.
- Introductions and visitor greetings.
- Timely distribution of information.
- Member identification.
- Visitor information package.
- Contribution to the bulletin by members.

Our next Meeting on the 31st March will be Part 2 of the Membership discussion. So bring along all your ideas and suggestions as to the best way to tackle this on-going issue of increasing our membership. It is important we have a plan and pursue it with a passion. So please all try and make this very important meeting.

General

- PP Ed Allchin gave a conference report with full details on the all the guest speakers and activities over the long weekend.
- At the conference our club won the District 9810 Bulletin Award. Well done to all the members who have contributed to the bulletin.
- Next years conference will be in Hobart (Tasmania) from the 26th to 29th March 2009. Next week DGE John Barnes will provide information about the conference.
- The Rotary Club of Oakleigh has offered us the opportunity to help them with the Oakleigh Market every Sunday. This will be broken into two shifts (7:00 am to 10:00 am & 10:00 am to 1:00 pm). We have been offered \$17 an hour to help out. As this is a big task to take on each Sunday, a vote will be taken at our meeting on the 31st March to decide.
- PP Warren Fricke gave a report on Heather's progress. Warren also mentioned how much Heather and himself appreciated the great support been given by everyone.
- The Bike Ride to conference raised \$60,000. Just remember that \$2,000 came from us after DGE John Barnes rode his bike (I think it was all down hill).
- The club changeover will be on the 23rd June 2008, at the Mulgrave Country Club. The cost is \$25 pp, which includes a 3 course meal. The time is 7:00 for 7:30 pm. See Michael Ellinger if you wish to attend.

- Our MUNA attendees for this year on the 3rd & 4th May are Kesimary Ah-Wa & Ainulea Nooroa from Westall Secondary College.

Please do not forget that our meeting on the 21st April will be moved to the 23rd April so we can help the Rotary Club of Oakleigh celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

Announcements.

Birthdays in March: 5th Neil Rickard, 22nd Bill Sides

Wedding Anniversary's in March:

Rotary Club of Oakleigh

On 23rd April the Rotary Club of Oakleigh will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the granting of its Charter with a dinner at "Merrimu Receptions", Dandenong Road, Murrumbeena.

The sponsoring of the Rotary Club of Clayton was a significant event in our history and an invitation is extended to all members and partners to join us at this celebration.

A formal invitation will be forwarded later and this notice is to advise you in advance of this coming event.

The chief guest on the night will be Past RI President Royce Abbey AO.

I hope a group from your club will be able to attend this significant event in our clubs history.

Peter Norman, President.

LETTER FROM LONDON

GSE Team Leader Mac Purcell

Hi Everyone

I have been back in the UK for a week and a bit now, taken a bit of time to arrive in a sense, taken a bit of time to get used to being back and having to make up my own agenda too!

So please forgive me if it has been a long silence, but there has been a lot going on in my return, but more importantly, how I can say thank you for a wonderful time in 9810.

This has been the biggest problem for me, how can I express in words my gratitude for the unending stream of generosity, the heart felt openness and hospitality to a complete stranger, albeit a fellow Rotarian. Thank you seems really very inadequate, but thank you very much.

It was not just shown to me as a Rotarian, but also shown to the young professionals that I had the privilege of bringing to your great city and country.

I was told that the experience of GSE would change the way that I think about so many things, that is true, I am a different person to the one that left Heathrow sometime ago. If it was possible, everyone should experience GSE or something very similar. Thank you very much.

Not just the Team members, but the social hosts, the vocational hosts, and the many Rotarians and others, I am sure that they experienced lots of good feelings too. Thank you for organising a wonderful experience, there might have been a couple of grumpy moments, but they only helped to emphasise the really true moments of connecting with people that you have never met before.

Isn't that what Rotary is all about?

I owe you all so many dinners, drinks and good times, just call me when you are in town.

Regards

Mac Purcell

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PADDINGTON ROTARY CLUB

www.paddingtonrotary.org.uk

RC of Glen Waverley

The 2008 Wine Auction for Interplast

Date: May 5, 2008
Time: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start
Place: Village Green Hotel
 Cnr Ferntree Gully and Springvale Roads
Price: \$25.00 per person (drinks at bar prices)

All funds raised will go to Interplast to send to teams of Plastic Surgeons in South East Asia and the Pacific Islands.

These surgeons treat those who have conditions untreatable in their own country whilst additionally

training local doctors to continue their work when they complete their stay.

Cash donations to Interplast over two dollars are tax deductible. Bookings essential to reserve a table.

**Contact: Sue Mills (BH) 8544 3162 or
0407547493**

RC of Chirnside Park

RED FACES NIGHT

Date: **Friday, May 2, 2008**

Venue: Glen Waverley Community Centre,
Waverley Road, Glen Waverley
(near Springvale Road Corner)

Time: 7:00 for 7:30 pm

Cost: \$15 per head

Drinks: At bar prices

Catering: Bring platters to share at your table

Entertainment: Clubs should get together and do an act - use lots of imagination, let's see what talent we have in the District

Organising Club: Rotary Club of Chirnside Park

Enquiries:

Lynn Whelan
Rotary Club of Chirnside Park
Tel Mob 0409 938 694

Email lynnwhelanevents@hotmail.com

The "Foundation Cup" at Conference

Thank you John Glenn and the Foundation team for an informative and profitable session at Conference.

The total cash collected in the Foundation Cup at Conference totalled - \$1,148.50. The money is already on the move to help eradicate polio – thank you to all the contributors.

Conference Success Story!!

I would like to thank all the people who visited my stand at The Rotary Foundation booth at Conference. My goal was to raise \$1000 for Chiedza but I didn't

know how realistic this was. However, we **raised \$1052** which I am absolutely thrilled about.

Stella spoke to 2 clubs after conference (BMC and Doncaster Sunrise) and she really appreciated the welcome and support she received at these clubs and of course at conference. Stella is having a wonderful time up in Sydney and has already given 4 presentations to Rotary Clubs and also the Qantas Cabin Crew.

We enjoyed seeing her after all these years. Once again many thanks everyone.

Kind regards

Carol Hedley

Los Angeles Convention 2008

To those Rotarians who will be attending the Convention in June, the following Rotary Water Summit may be of additional interest.

Rotary Water Summit Los Angeles

As you will know from our previous mailings, a number of you who share our interest in water and sanitation agreed that it would be a great idea to hold a one-day conference, just prior to the International Convention in Los Angeles

The event is scheduled for Thursday, June 12th, and we have lined up a very impressive group of speakers and panelists. Sunita Narain, World Water Laureate will be a keynote speaker and representatives from US AID, Pepsi-Cola and the Hilton Foundation will tell us how to access millions of dollars in funding

Many of you indicated that you plan to attend but, to date, the registration is much less than is needed to ensure a successful conference.

If you do intend to participate please log on to:
http://www.sporg.com/pom/registration?cmd=event_info&event_id=102180

And register immediately! Unless we see a major increase by April 1st we may be obliged to postpone the conference to some future date.

Thank you for your support,
Cordially,
Ron Denham, Chair,
Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group

Questions or comments can be directed to our administrative contact:

Contact Name: [Anna Shepherd](#)
E-mail Address: info@wasrag.org
Phone Number: [416-596-3624](tel:416-596-3624)

RC of KNOX

TRIVIA NIGHT Friday May 9, 2008

Where: Wantirna Club
(Stud Rd Wantirna Ph. 9801 5555)

Time: 7:30pm (8:00pm Trivia Sharp)

RSVP” Peter Cole
9758 7994 or 0439 997 583

Bev McNamara
9758 2818 or 0419 897 615

Prizes: Prizes awarded for First, Second and last place. Door Prize and Raffle Prizes.

Cost: \$20 per person for a fun-filled night

Drinks Bar will be open from 7:30 till finish. NO BYO

Food: BYO, some chips and nuts will be provided.

Thank you for you much needed support.

RC of CROYDON

The Hawthorn Band Celebrating 120 years of music

Enjoy an afternoon of great music with a program of popular classics, Broadway show tunes, and all time favourites, including the music of Strauss, Elgar, Lloyd Webber, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and a tribute to the incomparable Shirley Bassey.

Wonderful music for every taste, thanks to the superb artistry of Australia’s premier band with their 24 brilliant musicians, winners of the Australian National Band Championships fifteen times in the past thirty years!

When: Sunday, April 20th 2008
Where: Yarra Valley School
Kalinda Rd, Ringwood

Time: 3:00 pm
Cost: Adults \$24
Pensioners & Students \$20.

For further details contact:

Hans Meyer 9725 8108 (BH)

RC of WHEELERS HILL

PROMOTING ROTARY’S IMAGE IN THE COMMUNITY



The attached photo shows the latest design used by the Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill to promote Rotary awareness in the community through its Pull Up Banners project.

The banner was designed to counter the vague perception that some people have of Rotary being an organisation of 'elderly men meeting to raise money for overseas causes' – probably a commendable group, but not of much relevance to most people!

The banner focuses on the club's vision that came out of club clinics, and is meant to show that being involved in Rotary is a positive and enjoyable experience. The photos were selected to show that club membership is a mix of ages, from below 40 to retirement, both male and female, and including people of different ethnic backgrounds.

This banner is used at local Rotary events, and seems to be doing its job well. We felt that there should always be some point of reference for further information, so decided on using the club website, as Presidents change each year.

If you'd like to find out more details of these banners, go to the club's website at <http://rotarnet.com.au/wheelershill> and click on the **Pull Up Banners** button in the header.

ShelterBox Founder, Tom Henderson

Special Rotary Information Night

Dear Rotary Friends

All Clubs have a need to introduce new members, but it is sometimes hard to explain what Rotary is all about. So we have arranged for a top Rotary speaker – Tom Henderson, the inspiration behind ShelterBox – to be the speaker at a membership focused evening.

The evening is this coming Tuesday 1st April at the Novotel Hotel, 285 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley and **we need your assistance** in ensuring the success of the event.

It would be very much appreciated if you can come along and if possible bring with you a potential member. This is an excellent opportunity to 'introduce Rotary' to your friends, families, colleagues, etc. They can experience how one Rotarian has changed the World, and illustrates what Rotary is all about.

Tom is a top speaker with a great story. So it would also be an excellent evening to bring along recently joined Club members who have not previously heard Tom Henderson speak.

The evening commences at 7.00 for 7.30 pm and will conclude with coffee at 9pm. **Please note there is no**

charge and it is a theatre seating function (no meal).

Please let Rob Verity know the names of the people attending coming on rverity@bigpond.net.au or by phone to 9800 4333.



Rotaract Roster

Meetings in April – TBA

Rotaract is an international organisation for people aged 18-30, who like to have FUN, and who want to make a difference. While having fun we try and make a difference to the local and global community. Each club is affiliated with a Rotary Club. Rotaract is a non-religious, non-political organisation.

The first Rotaract club was chartered on 13 March 1968, in North Charlotte, North Carolina, U.S.A. As at March 2005 there are 7,869 Rotaract clubs in 146 countries with an estimated 180,000 members.

Rotaractors are involved in a variety of social, professional, international and community based activities, which include:

- * Guest Speakers
- * Sporting challenges
- * Leadership training weekends
- * Organising Student Encouragement Awards
- * Direct assistance within the community (e.g. tree planting, working bees)
- * Raising funds for the community (e.g. DEBBRA Foundation, Salvation Army)
- * Working at the annual Desperate and Dateless Ball as bar staff
- * Weekends Away
- * Restaurant Nights
- * Film Nights
- * Bus Tours
- * Formal Balls

In November 2007, the District 9810 Rotaract committee launched a new website which contains much information about the many Rotaract programs and activities. Click on the following link to go to this website: [Rotaract District 9810 website](#)

The Four-Way Test

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. It was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages.

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS:

April:

- Wednesday 23rd - 50th Anniversary of the granting of its Charter at "Merrimu Receptions", Dandenong Road, Murrumbeena.

May:

- Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th - MUNA
- Sunday 18th – District Assembly at Deakin University.

June:

- Monday 23rd – Club Changeover at Mulgrave Country Club
- Sunday 29th - District Governors Changeover.

WHERE OTHER CLUBS MEET

A Rotarian can attend the weekly meeting of any Rotary club around the world. This is a "make-up" and counts as attendance credit when you are not able to attend a meeting of your own club. Meeting details of some local clubs are:

BENTLEIGH MOORABBIN CENTRAL:

Wednesday 7.00 am for 7.10 am (breakfast)
Hemisphere Centre, 488 South Road, Moorabbin

BRAESIDE: Monday 6.00 pm for 6.15 pm at Melbourne Golf Academy, 385 Centre Dandenong Road, Heatherton.

CHELtenham: Wednesday 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm
Buckingham Motel, 1130 Nepean Highway, Highett.

DINGLEY VILLAGE: Wednesday 6.30 pm for 6.45 pm
Dingley International Hotel, Boundary Road, Dingley Village.

GLEN WAVERLEY: Monday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
Village Green Hotel (Cabaret Room), Cnr Springvale & Ferntree Gully Roads, Mulgrave.

HAMPTON: Tuesday 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Classic Residences, 5 Brewer Road, Bentleigh

HUNTINGDALE: Thursday 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
Huntingdale Golf Club, Windsor Avenue, Huntingdale

MONASH: Wednesday 7.00 am for 7.15 am
Victoria Police Academy, Viewmount Road, Glen Waverley

MOORLEIGH-MOORABBIN: Monday 6.30 pm for 7.00pm –
South Oakleigh Club, 1 Victor Road, East Bentleigh.
Note recent name change.

MORDIALLOC: Tuesday 6:00 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. Mentone
Motor Hub Motor Inn 200 Nepean Highway (cnr Warrigal Road), Mentone

MOUNT WAVERLEY: Wednesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm.
Bruce County Motor Inn, 445 Blackburn Road, Mount Waverley

NOBLE PARK: Thursday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm. Sandown
Regency Motor Inn, 477 Princes Hwy, Noble Park

OAKLEIGH: Thursday 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm. Leighoak
Tabaret, 1555 Dandenong Road, Oakleigh (Cnr Atkinson St)

SPRINGVALE CITY:
Thursdays: 6.15 for 6.30pm at Board Room, Sandown
Greyhounds Tabaret, View Road, Springvale.

WAVERLEY: Tuesday 12.30 pm for 12.45 pm
Riversdale Golf Club, Huntingdale Road, Mount Waverley.

WHEELERS HILL: Tuesday 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
Mulgrave Country Club, Cnr Wellington & Jells Road,
Wheelers Hill

Details for all District 9810 clubs can be obtained in the district directory or website. Details for clubs around the world are available in the RI Directory (held by the club secretary) and on the RI website (www.rotary.org)

FORTHCOMING ROSTERS

This WEEK

Date: 31st Mar

Speaker: Neil Rickard & Bob Millen

Subject: "Membership Discussion Part 2"

Chairperson: Richard Simmons

Duty Desk: Lesley Zuccaro

Fellowship: John Barnes

Bulletin Notes: Dianne Day

.....AND THE NEXT

Date: 7th Apr

Speaker: TBA

Subject: ""

Chairperson: Lesley Zuccaro

Duty Desk: John Barnes

Fellowship: Dianne Day

Bulletin Notes: Jon Breisch

.....AND THE NEXT

Date: 14th Apr

Speaker: TBA

Subject: ""

Chairperson: John Barnes

Duty Desk: Dianne Day

Fellowship: Jon Breisch

Bulletin Notes: Warren Fricke

LOYAL TOAST

Please charge your glasses and assist me in toasting: Rotary International and our country, Australia.

ROTARY GRACE

For good food, for good fellowship, and the opportunity for Service through Rotary, We Thank You O Lord, Amen

REMINDER

Contributions for inclusion into the Bulletin should be passed to michaele@netspace.net.au by Friday evening of each week.

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a club meeting. Contact Michael Ellinger on 9541-5356 by 4 pm on the day of the meeting if you are not going to be present.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A back seat passenger tapped the taxi driver on the shoulder to ask him a question.

The taxi driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on to the footpath, grazed a pole and came to rest centimetres from a shop window.

Everything was quiet and the driver said: "Mate, don't ever do that to me again. You scared the living daylights out of me."

Apologising, the passenger said he did not expect a tap on the shoulder to have such a reaction.

The driver replied: "I'm sorry. It is not really your fault. Today is my first day as a taxidriver. I have been driving hearses for the past 25 years."



It is very important to know your element.

There was once a defence minister who was a qualified pilot. He went to a defence base on the coast to see and to try out a new flying boat.

In the air he was allowed to take the controls and after a while he began an approach to an airport. He was circling lower and lower when his companion said: "Sir, this is a flying boat."

The defence minister gave a knowing look and headed to a harbour where he landed safely.

The companion apologised for presuming the minister had made a mistake and received a homily that politics was such a tough business he could not afford to make mistakes.

He then said goodbye, opened the door and jumped into 20 fathoms of water.

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