FIRST QUARTER VI

It was a pleasure to welcome now regular visitors Jenny Mulholland and John Wright again at our last meeting. The meeting took the form of a “Stand-Up” where members were provided the opportunity to communicate directly with their fellow Rotarians regarding current and planned activities of one of our committees or the individual Rotarian concerned. These “Stand-Ups” will become a regular feature throughout this Rotary year and accordingly will be identified in your programme.

For those not able to be with us, on this occasion we heard from:

Ken Norman
- RCH contribution to Foundation over 62 years
- Members subscriptions now being processed

Leigh Aitken
- Shine-On Awards
- Forthcoming combined districts conference
- Our preparedness to offer to home host country Rotarians during conference

Rodger Tice
- Installing security screws to community members number plates
- Storage King relationship

Wayne Dunstan
- ONJ Walk and BBQ arrangements for Sunday 16th September THIS SUNDAY!

Geoff Cook
- Boasted about his Golf Day expertise
- Asked members to start identifying Sponsors and/or Team Players
- Reminder Re Ivanhoe Grammar student interview project

Other Matters
- Banyule Council relationship
- Banyule Cattle Yard service opportunity
- Membership forms via the COG to be returned asap

Looking forward to an artistic luncheon this week.

Noel
PROGRAMME

Sep 17 Paul Kathner, Set Designer & Artist
  Chair for the Day – Leigh Aitken
Sep 24 TBA
Oct 1 Wayne’s Hot Rod
Oct 8 Run from Poverty
Oct 15 Janet Roberts-Brown, RBTB
  Also NYSF students and teacher
Oct 22 ARH - Lift the Lid on Mental Health

DATES TO REMEMBER

16th September - ONJ Walk and BBQ (Sunday)
  
  Remember to bring/wear Rotary Cap, Shirt, Apron and
  Fluoro vest (or whatever you have)

21st September - Ivanhoe Grammar Interviews

29th September AFL Grand Final

9th October – Safe Plate Day

21st October Greensborough 50th Anniversary Luncheon

SAFE PLATE DAY

Tuesday 9 October
10.00 am – 1.00 pm

WEST HEIDELBERG MALL

Tools required to change vehicles
  over to “non-theft” screws:
  kneeling pads, Phillips head and
  large blade screw drivers

Please call Rodger if you can help

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10 September 2018

MEMBERS  -  16
GUESTS  -  3
APOLOGIES  -  11

Humour

There was an old man named Michael Finnegan,
He had whiskers on his chin-igan,
They fell out and grew back in-again,
Poor old Michael Finnegan.
  Begin-again.

Charlie not too impressed with Gran’s win!
MAKEUP - Peter Carr

We are enjoying Oxford and surrounding countryside. Just done a makeup at the Rotary Club of Oxford, started in 1922 and been meeting at the Randolph Hotel, opposite the Ashmolean Museum, since 1955! Now that's commitment. They meet at the same day and time we do.

Note they call themselves “The Rotary Club”, despite there being three clubs in Oxford! I was still one of the younger attendees! Meeting was just like ours, but with grace and a toast to the Queen. Guest speaker on homelessness in Oxford, which has risen since government cutbacks to welfare services. Also announced that the only remaining Rotaract Club in the district had just closed, again. Seems clubs just aren't what they used to be.

My regards to all the club members.

Cheers,

Peter

BAD PARROT

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary.

Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

MAKE-UPS and APOLOGIES

Ken Norman always seeks to finalize numbers by Monday 8.30a.m. Please telephone or email apologies or guest numbers to Ken by then. Predicting our numbers as closely as possible minimizes our catering cost. ken.norm5@bigpond.com OR 0437 770 831
ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

District 9790 has been participating in Friendship Exchanges for a number of years. However the majority of Rotarians in our District are not aware of this program, however this awareness is now growing.

What is Friendship Exchange?

Rotary Friendship Exchange is Rotary’s exchange program for Rotarians and their spouses. Friendship Exchanges allow Rotarians the opportunity to experience another culture first hand in the homes of Rotarians in another country.

The exchanges are reciprocal and usually last about 2 weeks. The goal of the program is to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace through person to person contact across national boundaries. D9790 only has participated in team programs where a number of Rotarians and spouses participate. Rotarians would spend 2 to 3 nights with each host usually in different areas of that Rotary District. The number of participants of an exchange can be from 4 to 10 couples but this number can be changed by agreement between the Districts.

Who May Apply?

The team program is only available to Rotarians and their spouses.

How can a Rotarian apply for exchange?

Rotarians must apply to the District 9790 RFE committee for inclusion in an exchange. The RFE chairman will advise Rotarians of exchanges on offer and the dates of the exchange. Payment of a deposit of $200 per person will secure a place on the exchange. RFE chairman will attempt to have several exchanges on offer each year but this will be dependent on obtaining interested Districts from overseas.

What countries can be visited?

Any Rotary District in the World that is interested in RFE and that wishes to exchange with D9790. The Districts approached will depend on the interest of Rotarians wishing to visit. The time of the visit is also by agreement between the two Districts keeping in mind the wishes of the participating Rotarians. D9790 will also be arranging an exchange with other Australian Districts in the future.

How can I host a friendship exchange?

If you would like to host a Rotarian on a RFE contact your RFE Committee and record your interest. If the RFE team is staying in your area then they will attempt to involve you. This will depend on the numbers in the RFE team and how many hosts are available.

What is expected of me if I host an exchange?

You are expected to arrange a number of activities for your guests. Some spare time is also required. Guests are expected to meet out of pocket costs to attend venues, etc but this is by agreement. The host provides lodging at no cost. You are expected to treat guests as family.

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