THIRD QUARTER X

At our last meeting Rob McGuirk a member of Rotary Club of Melbourne presented on the worldwide activities of hostelling, drawing on the similarities in social and cultural objectives of Hostels International and Rotary International.

The prior Thursday a few of us attended Rotary Club of Rosanna’s third annual Jazz Night featuring McLeod College Bands, Big Band and vocalists. These students are indeed talented as confirmed by the number of competitions in which they have received significant awards. The Austrian Club being the venue ensured that the food was both bountiful and fabulous. Our Rotary Exchange Student Eleonore enjoyed the evening with our small group.

Speaking of Eleonore, we attended Preston Rotary last Wednesday Lunchtime for a presentation from Rachel and Nicola both members of ROTEX, such an impressive RYE Alumni undertaking. Cont. Page 2 ….
I have encouraged the group to present to our club later this year. Eleonore also spoke and answered questions on her experiences so far, such experiences to be enhanced by the “Safari” that she will undertake along with all other 9790 Exchange Students over the next 3 weeks, commencing in Albury then over to SA, up the middle of the continent then across through Queensland and down the East Coast, through N.S.W and back to Melbourne/Albury. Eleonore will present to our good club at an evening meeting before she departs back to France in early July. I’m exhausted just typing that!

This meeting will hear from our members who attended the District Assembly and their impressions of the Assembly and breakout sessions. Thank you, Richard Luke for Chairing in my absence.

Noel

Our Guest Speaker Rob McGuirk, a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, spoke to us about Hostelling International, a charity that manages a worldwide federation of not-for-profit youth hostel associations. We are more familiar with the YHA (Youth Hostels Association) “label”. Rob is himself actively involved in the management and administration of the organisation. Rob suggested that as Rotary International has similar ideals and objectives to YHA, that both organisations could benefit from a greater degree of interaction and cooperation.

Cynthia, I’m disappointed Smokey isn’t here today as I was hoping to get an early Brownlower vote!
ATTENDANCE  8 APRIL 2019

Members         16
Guest Speaker    1
Guest – Reilly Trew 1
Makeups          9
Apologies        13

DATES TO REMEMBER

16 April - Board Meeting (NB Revised Date)
22 April - Easter Monday (No Meeting)
29 April - “Family” Evening Meeting

I never let schooling interfere with my education.
- Mark Twain

DON’T FORGET
that we are looking for a
PRESIDENT
FOR YEAR, 2020-2021
This is an excellent way to help the club if you haven’t been helping so far this year!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Laurie and Jane  Sri Lanka
Keppel Turnour   Shepparton
Brian Overton   Home again
Gordon          Northern Hemisphere
Cynthia         Mexico

Guest Speaker   4th March 2019

Janet Hay from the Rotary Club of Canterbury and a Member of the Rotary Action Group for Micro-finance and Community Development, spoke at the 4 March luncheon on “A new way to do charitable giving”. Her presentation focused on the form of long-term development aid pioneered by Dr Muhammad Yunus, a Bangladeshi social entrepreneur, banker, economist, and civil society leader who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for founding the Grameen Bank. He pioneered the concepts of microcredit and microfinance that are low interest loans given to entrepreneurs too poor to qualify for traditional bank loans. These microfinance loans enable entrepreneurs in developing countries to start new businesses.

Janet engaged the members with her description of Ten for Tamils, an Australian based charity where she is the Treasurer, that offers credit to women entrepreneurs of Tamil origin in Sri Lanka. The organisation has been so successful, and the project drew such interest, that multiple members expressed an interest in working with Janet in the future.

This summary was accidentally omitted from the 18 March 2019 COG by Assistant Editor BN and is included now for completeness, and with apologies to Cynthia and Janet.

Please Note: Ken Norman always seeks to finalize numbers by Monday 10.00am by collating responses about attendance at that day’s meeting. So please try to telephone or email Ken by that time; and, at the same time, forewarn of any guests. (Predicting our numbers as closely as possible helps to minimise our catering costs)

ken.norm5@bigpond.com  or  0437 770 831 – Ken also collates the attendance information. He needs to know of "make up" events
Hi Bruce,

Thanks for continuing to send me the COGs. I am now living in Bournemouth England, so its probably a good idea to take me off the mailing list.

FYI: My new email address is michael.coleman@salvationarmy.org.uk.

My regards to everyone.

Mike
Michael Coleman (Major)

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)