FOCUS 8

Last Monday members of our Board met with District Governor Brian Peters prior to the meeting for a general discussion around what we felt District could do to assist our club succeed with our projects and achieve our objectives.

The following meeting was graced once again with correspondence via “special delivery” in regard to the forthcoming Brownlower Awards which are under the supervision of Senior Sergeant Smokey Dawson. The attendees were riveted to their seats in anticipation of the information being communicated.

Later, DG Brian addressed the gathering informally with a little personal background (see the latest District Directory) and conveyed to us what Rotary means to him and what he intends to focus on this year.

Brian then introduced Tiana Lacey who, as a very recent Rotary Exchange student, now represents ROTEX an alumni and very active support group for both outgoing and incoming Rotary Youth Exchange Students. Tiana’s presentation was very informative and considering she has only just turned 17 years of age confidently delivered. Question time further demonstrated Tiana’s commitment to Rotex and understanding of the RYE precessional effects.

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26 August
Speaker: Professor. M. Anderson AO
Topic: Gender Equity in Australian Science
Chair: Cynthia Balogh

02 September
Speaker: Cameron Glover - Interplast
Topic: Repairing bodies and rebuilding lives
Chair: Laurie Rose

09 September
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA
Chair: Terrie Seymour

16 September
Speaker: Bonnie Miller - The Collaboration Group
Topic: TBA
Chair: Greg Taylor

Thought for the week
Minds are like parachutes.
They only function when they are open.

James Dewar
AND Graham Openshaw found the Joker in the pack $$$. Look out for Graham next Monday evening, particularly if he is anywhere near the bar !!

Regarding next Monday at the OE, we have invited Marilyn Anderson to talk with us about gender disparity in the scientific community. This we thought would interest not only members but also our partners and potentially our children/grandchildren. The only concern we have is that although the topic is important – the Gallery space is limited, so please book in with Ken asap or advise your inability asap so that we can avoid turning people away unnecessarily.

Thanks,
Noel

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Editorial

Thank you DG Brian, AG Emma, and Rotex member Tiana, for gracing us with your presence and for your words of wisdom and contribution to a memorable meeting.

On the following page you will find an item headed “The Ideal Rotarian”, which I extracted from page 2 of Brian’s 2020 District 9790 Handbook. Well worth reading, as well as the other content of that page.

Brian demonstrated his sense of humour when we discussed Rugby Union, which he had played at school in England. I asked him what position he played and he said scrum half.

He then went on to say that he had been 4’2” (1.27m) but then after a growth spurt, he got to 5’4 and a half” (1.64m).

I had to apologise to Emma, because when I saw her at a previous meeting at the Old England, she was leading (lead by?) a guide dog. I didn’t realise she was training the dog, until she arrived without it on Monday. Mea Culpa.

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"The first thing we must do if we are to have international understanding is to realize what is prejudice and what is fact."

Paul P. Harris, In his address to the 1937 Rotary International Convention
The Ideal Rotarian:
"Will laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
And the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
And endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, Whether by a healthy child, A garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
To know even ONE life has breathed easier Because you lived. This is to have succeeded"

This is a true Rotarian.

Ralph Waldo Emerson-Cooke

Please Note: Ken Norman always seeks to finalise numbers by Monday 10.00am by collating responses about attendance at that day or evening’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–