FOCUS 9

What a great evening at the Old England - well supported by members and partners with guests aplenty – Jade and Larissa, two NYSF students we are sponsoring, who together with their respective mothers, Linda and Sharon, benefitted from a very informative and entertaining presentation from Professor Marilyn Anderson. Guests Jennifer and Allan also attended with their friend Chris Bowlen and her partner Tony! Oh! and our almost Honorary Member DG Elect Dr. Bruce Anderson was with us in support of Marilyn. Well done Bruce.

Marilyn’s address drew some interesting parallels between her membership of a science society and Rotary. It is however so very encouraging to understand the growing influence of women in the Australian Academy of Science. (see separate report)

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We were delighted to welcome Professor Marilyn Anderson AO, FAA, FTSE, FAICD at the Old England, who spoke on "What is being done to promote the careers of women in science".

Marilyn is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. She outlined the changes the Academy has instituted over the years to achieve more of a gender balance amongst scientist members.

Interestingly one of the key success strategies has been for male mentors to assist and support established women scientists, at the peak of their careers, to navigate the nomination process.

Success has meant that Marilyn has witnessed an increase in the proportion of women scientists at the Academy from 6% of the total when she joined to 34% today. Marilyn ended by encouraging young women to pursue a career in science.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Marcia and Laurie due back soon!
Peter and Helen off to Cook Islands
Laurie and Jane – Across the Nullarbor
Gordon – In Canada when I spoke to him last
Rodger and Aileen – Inland Australia