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WEEKLY BULLETIN



20 Reasons to Join A Rotary Club

1. Friendship
2. Business Development
3. Personal Growth
4. Leadership Development
5. Citizenship in the Community
6. Continuing Education
7. Fun
8. Public Speaking Skill
9. Citizenship in the world
10. Assistance when Traveling
11. Entertainment
12. Develop Social Skill
13. Family Program
14. Vocational Skills
15. The development of Ethics
16. Cultural Awareness
17. Prestige
18. Nice People
19. The absence of "official creed"
20. The Opportunity to Serve



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 17 Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 24 Feb 6.30 for 7.00	Monday 3 Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 10 Mar
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	
Program:	Real Estate & Com- munity	YEP - A Year in Denmark	Committee Meeting	LABOUR
Speaker:	Matthew George	Kate Campbell	N/A	DAY
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Chair:	Graham F	Rob H	Virginia R	NO
Cashiers:	Mike S & Graeme A	Paul Mc & Virginia R	Rob D & Greg D	MEETING
Grace & Toast:	John F	Stuart V	Graham F	
Rotary Knowledge	TBA	N/A		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Fran M	Fran M	Fran M	
Scribe:	Paul Mc	Rob D	Paul W	

Rotary



<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of OTHERS.



THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Monday, 10th February, 2014

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. with PP Graeme welcoming members, visitor Pixie Lea and Speakers Belinda and Marlon Young=Healy

Chairman: **Rob Dawson**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: **John Flemming**

Read and distributed the mail

Apologies: Julie Goodchild, Phil Walters, Greg Downes, Raul Mediratta

Treasurer: **Enid Hughes**

No report

Vocational: **Phil Walters**

No report (absent)

Community: **Graeme Aspinall**

- Spoke with a journalist from Knox Leader re an article on Rotary

New Generations: **Virginia Rutledge**

- RYPEN—John F spoke to Nicole McFarlane re their daughter Jess. Will get back to us

International: **Paul McAloney (Absent)**

- Referred to the article in the bulletin on our family in Cambodia.
- Spoke about a speaker on Strokes—FAST (Face, Arms, Speech, Tongue)
- Urged members to read an excellent article in RDU regarding membership.

Fellowship: **Fran Mandergeddes**

- Praised the visit to the Royal Hotel to enjoy lunch and listen to the New Melbourne Jazz Band. Thanked Mike S for organizing it.

Club Service: **Mike Spark**

- Handed out brochures advertising Shen Yun 2014 appearing at the Arts Centre Melbourne State Theatre. Elaine Featherstone will be addressing the club on 31st March.

Other:

- Enid H advised she had attended a FTG Community Mapping Forum where they had discussed doing a *Volunteers Expo* in May. This will be an excellent opportunity to enlarge our membership. Diary date to be published in the bulletin.

Sergeant-at-arms: **Fran Mandergeddes**

Gave us an insight into the meaning of friendship.

Skill: Stuart V drew 7 of Hearts

PROGRAM: Project in Timor Leste—Casa Vida

Belinda is a Music Teacher and Marlon a Bachelor of Theology/Carpenter. The project in Dili is Casa Vida (House of Life).

- There are 68 girls in the project. Shelter/Schooling/Teacher training is provided
- Marlon has worked on several houses and is returning to Dili in April
- RAWCS project; RC FTG contributed.
- On the first trip the locally built slab work was found to be really bad. This meant modifications to both frame and slab. Also, no reinforcing had been used in the slab.
- The aim was to erect the structure in 10 days (fell just short).
- Great feeling of fulfilment from his involvement.
- The second trip Belinda also went. The party consisted of apprentices/teachers and volunteers. This trip the aim was to basically clad, paint and general finishing of the house.
- It was found that the “green” timber doors fitted last time had warped, splitting and swelling in places. These had to be modified.
- Australians are doing much good work in Timor. The Timorese employed earn around \$4 per day which is considered a fair wage.
- The project on this house is to lock-up stage

Belinda told us they sang songs at night. The Timorese love to sing. English is their fourth language. People are very free spirited and they made many friends there.

Marlon thanked everyone and told us he appreciated the opportunity to go to Timor.

Questions followed.

There being no further business PP Graeme congratulated Belinda and Marlon on their efforts. Mentioned that 3AW advertising has been saturated with Rotary ads. Just recently. Announced next week's housekeeping duties and then closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.

Scribe: John Flemming



RHIANNON'S FIRST REPORT FROM AUSTRIA

Saturday 18th of January 2014 – Sunday 19th of January 2014

Today I embarked on a journey of a lifetime. I left my family and my life back in Australia to live in Austria for a year on a student youth exchange. As I got to Melbourne Airport it finally started to feel real, that I was finally going on the exchange that I had been preparing for almost a year for. The night before we stayed at the Holiday Inn at the airport which made getting to the airport on time less stressful. Once we checked out of our room, I received a going away present from my parents and my sister as well as a card and a photo. I am very grateful for the necklace and the card and photo are both very sentimental gifts as well.

I saw all of the other exchange students who would be catching the same flights with me all wearing the same blazer that make Rotary Youth Exchange so recognisable. As I checked in, I discovered that not only my carry on suitcase was over weight; but also that my two checked bags were over the limit as well. Luckily the man at the desk was lenient and let me have the extra three kilograms. After I checked in I was greeted by my nan and granddad who had come to see me and to say goodbye.

Because I was catching a domestic flight first from Melbourne to Sydney, my family was able to come and be with me until it was time for me to get on the plane and start my adventure. As I said my final goodbyes and I waited in line to board the airplane, the realization that I wont be able to see my family for a whole twelve months set in. I started to cry and I started to doubt my decision about going on exchange. Even though I really didn't want to leave my family, I got on the plane knowing that if I didn't I would regret it for the rest of my life.



Myself with my mum, my dad and my sister Catherine

The flight from Melbourne to Sydney went by really quickly and soon enough we were on our next flight with the rest of the Australians who had caught a different flight and the four Rotary leaders. We then caught the bus from the domestic airport to the international airport. The plane that we went on was the Qantas A380-800 from Sydney to Dubai, which was over thirteen hours. I had an aisle seat right on the wing which was good as I got a little bit more leg room and because the flight felt like it went for days, it was good to have the extra room. I couldn't really fall asleep for very long as every time I was almost asleep someone or something woke me up. We got two meals on this flight. For lunch I had slow cooked beef with tomato and mushroom, which was actually pretty good although it did have a quite a bit of fat on it and for dinner I had a grilled vegetable pizza.

When we got to Dubai for a lay over we didn't really have any time between flights as our Sydney to Dubai plane was delayed in the air due to a numerous amount of planes trying to land at once. As soon as the plane refueled we got back on the airplane, with the majority of us in the same seats to London. For this flight we were offered a butter chicken wrap for dinner, which I didn't take as I already ate dinner on the last flight.

I slept for about two hours straight on this flight which was good because almost as soon as I woke up we were served breakfast. For breakfast we had the choice of a hot or cold option and I took the cold option, as it was muesli with fruit. While I ate breakfast I watched my first and only movie on the flight, which was The Iron Lady.

We then landed in London after a seven and a half hour plane ride. Here we all split up into our different countries and some people had to be rushed to catch their connecting flight. We of course were the lucky ones who had to wait over five hours for our next flight. During this time I got something to eat, had a Starbucks hot chocolate and bought a few pins for my blazer whilst Heidi and I looked around. I also called my family before we caught our next flight.

The flight we caught from London Heathrow to Vienna Airport went really fast and only felt like an hour flight instead of a three hour one. Once we arrived, we said our goodbyes to the people who were being picked up from Vienna and the rest of us along with Sue and Amanda (our leaders) went to check in for our domestic flights. While we waited in the lounge for our flight, I met my host mum Margit and my host sister Iris. We talked while we had a coffee before going to catch our flight.

As I boarded the plane with four other exchange students and my host mum and sister, we quickly felt the coldness of Austria. Our flight was only about 35 minutes long and before we knew it we were off of the 40 person aircraft. After I got all of my belongings we went through the gates where I met my host dad Karl, the family dog Joey and the Youth Executive Officer of my host Rotary Club, Walter and his wife.

The last five of us exchange students said goodbye to one another until we next see each other at our two week language camp in Altmünster. My host family then took me to their home in Haag Austria, which was about a half an hour drive from the airport. I then met my host brother Martin, the cat Leo and the rabbit that does not have a name. I was given a tour of the house and ate some dinner, which is the lighter meal of the day. For dinner we had bread and cheese and turkey sausages. After dinner I headed off to bed and fell straight asleep as I have terrible jet lag. That is all for now.



Heidi, myself and Kelly waiting to catch our flight to Vienna.

Rhiannon

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Greetings!

Community Skills Workshop Calendar: February 2014 – June 2014

Knox City Council is pleased to offer the next series of the Community Skills Workshops starting on 26 February this year. These workshops are for non-profit and/or volunteer based community groups who provide services or programs in the Knox municipality.

Most workshops in this current series are offered **free of charge**, with the exception of two workshops facilitated by Small Business Victoria. These workshops have been heavily subsidised and promise to provide a wealth of knowledge and resource manual to take away.

Bookings are essential. If you are interested in attending any of the sessions, please complete the online registration form by visiting www.knox.vic.gov.au/commskills or contact the Community Development Officer, Community Strengthening Team by email at commskills@knox.vic.gov.au or via telephone on 9298 8351.

Sessions being offered in this workshop series include:

- ✓ Volunteers – How to find them. How to keep them
- ✓ It is Pozible – Find ways to access additional funding through crowd funding
- ✓ Social Enterprises for Not for Profits – What are the benefits
- ✓ Business Planning for Not for Profits
- ✓ Food handling and food safety – All you need to know
- ✓ Business networking for community groups

On behalf of Knox City Council, I would like to thank you for the important role your community group plays in making Knox a vibrant community.

Yours sincerely



Amanda Wiggs
Community Development Officer

RYLA

(Rotary Youth Leadership Award)



Purpose: To deliver an intensive six-day training program for young people aged 18 to 30 nominated by their local Rotary Club for their community youth leadership potential.

The program covers fundamentals and ethics of:

- positive leadership
- communication skills
- problem-solving and conflict management
- Rotary's purpose and service to the community
- building self confidence and self-esteem and
- elements of community and global citizenship.

7 July (Monday) to 12 July (Saturday) 2014

YMCA Lake Dewar Lodge
339 Garrards Lane, Myrniong Victoria

DO YOU HAVE A PROPOSED CANDIDATE IN MIND? —PLEASE SEE VIRGINIA RUTLEDGE

STOP PRESS ---- STOP PRESS ---- STOP PRESS

President Phil has suggested that on

Sunday 2 March 2014

the club participates in "**Clean-up Australia Day.**"

This would be done by attending at Phil's lovely estate and spending time to walk around and collect any rubbish or other irrelevant items we see on the way.

Phil has also suggested that we could breakfast at his home, either before or after the clean-up.

Would you please therefore put this event into your diary, and indicate interest and commitment as soon as possible.

Fran Mandergeddes

Community Kitchen Roster - 2014

Guide Hall

Underwood Rd

Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)

Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
26th Feb	Paul Wilson
12th March	John Flemming
26th March	Virginia Rutledge
9th April	Graeme Aspinall
23rd April	Paul Wilson
7th May	Enid Hughes
21st May	John Flemming
4th June	Graeme Aspinall
18th June	Paul Wilson
2nd July	Virginia Rutledge
16th July	Paul McAloney
30th July	John Flemming
13th August	Paul McAloney
27th August	Graeme Aspinall
10th September	Paul Wilson
24th September	Virginia Rutledge
8th October	Enid Hughes
22nd October	John Flemming
5th November	Virginia Rutledge
19th November	Graeme Aspinall
3rd December	Paul Wilson
17th December	Enid Hughes



Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information
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