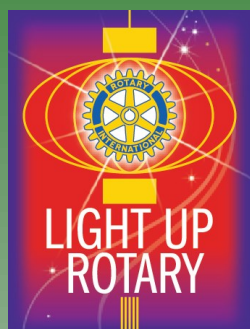


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President, Rotary International –

GARY C.K. HUANG

Rotary Club of Taipei,
Taiwan

District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

TONY MONLEY & Kathy

Rotary Club of Templestowe

President,

MIKE SPARK & Wendy

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,

Vale: August 2003

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



Changeover is complete—outgoing President Phil Walters congratulates President Mike Spark (second time around).



Welcome to the first of **“MIKE’S MUSINGS....**

Thank you to all those who could attend Changeover Night. A good time was had by all including partners and visitors. Barbara’s final presentation went over particularly well and the formality of the changeover was conducted with speed and grace(!)

We look forward to a year of good fellowship and increased membership as a result of both fellowship and community projects. We need to raise our profile in the local community and have already commenced that with projects such as the recent Volunteer’s Expo. We’re also running a campaign of advertisements in the local newspaper. All these things help towards gaining new membership.

All for this week.

Mike Spark
President

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CHANGEOVER OVER JUNE 30TH 2014

An auspicious occasion! President Phil handed over the reigns of office to President Mike. An informal evening as Changeovers go but a good time was had by all enhanced by the excellent presentation given by our Youth Exchange Student, Barbara Gaudencio who leaves us next Sunday to return to Brasil. Good Luck Barbara. May you attain your life's goals.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 7th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 14th July [6:30 for 7:00]	Monday 21st July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 28th July [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 4th August [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	Committee Meeting	Musings of a Bail Justice	District Governor's Visit	Prabhat Allooi - Home of a New Dawn	Committee Meeting
Speaker:	N/A	Robert Mealyea	Tony Monley & Kathy	Shivanii Cameron	N/A
Committee Subject	TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBA
Chair:	Mike S	Rob D	Paul McA	Graeme A	Mike S
Cashiers:	Graham F & Paul W	Phil W & Fran M	Graeme A & Rob D	Paul W & Christine A	Paul McA & Virginia R
Grace & Toast:	Christine A	John F	Enid H	Paul McA	Fran M
Rotary Knowledge	N/A	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Bob H	Bob H	Bob H	Bob H	Rob D
Scribe:	Greg D	Paul McA	Paul W	Rob D	Christine A

<i>Birthdays:</i>	None
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	8th—Pam & Phil Walters—'77
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



Rotary's early emblem was a simple wagon wheel (in motion with dust). It was designed in 1905 by Montague M. Bear, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago who was an engraver. He designed the emblem to represent both civilization and movement. Most of the early Rotary clubs adopted the wheel in one form or another.

The present emblem, 24 cogs and six spokes, was adopted in 1924. A keyway was added to signify usefulness. An official description of the emblem was adopted at the 1929 International Convention.

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Monday, 30th June 2014

The meeting opened at 7.20 p.m. with President Phil welcoming all members and guests.

President Phil announced:

- Reminded us of the “Oscar the Brave” collection and suggested we dig deep.
- Spoke of the really good fellowship year and thanked Fran and Graham particularly.
- Fundraising—a good year (\$8,000 plus \$15,000 for the CFA).
- The Volunteer’s Expo day was a great initiative
- Relay for Life—a good event
- Worked with the Cluster during the year.
- Student Exchange—Barbara and Rhiannan (outgoing) was shared with RC Bayswater.
- Also referred to the possible renewal of our relationship with Knoxbrooke.

Chairman: Paul Wilson called for reports.

Secretary John Flemming

- Read the incoming mail
- Apologies—Graeme Aspinall (overseas)

Treasurer Enid Hughes

- Distributed the 2013-14 Annual Report.
- Read out her Treasurer’s report, advising that even with the recent purchase of a laptop and projector the club was still solvent(!). Also, for the first time in five years the club’s fundraising had exceeded expenditure which meant we can start the new Rotary year with a small but important financial buffer.
- Only printed 10 copies of the Annual Report as it was now posted online on the website in the form of a PDF and available to all members.
- Moved acceptance of the year’s audited accounts. Accepted by the Club members.

PRESIDENTIAL HANDOVER :

President Phil handed over the collar of office and inducted Mike Spark as President for 2014/15.

President Mike informed all present that he intends to focus on membership and community efforts this year. Also, fun and fellowship so that with more members we can do more for the community.

Sergeant-at-Arms Fran Mandergeddes

Extracted our dollars with “strange comments” relating to both the incoming and outgoing presidents. Fran also drew attention to the club’s support of the Foothills Church—reminding us that Christmas gifts for men/boys were required.

PROGRAM - Barbara Gaudencio—Youth Exchange

Barbara spoke of her exchange year and accompanied it with a Powerpoint presentation.

- Knew very little of Australia before she came
- Spoke of her home (11th floor apartment)
- Was slightly apprehensive of starting school at Mater Christi.
- Was taken snow skiing her first weekend here and had problems.
- Visited Healesville Sanctuary and was introduced to Australian animals.
- Introduced to Vegemite—will never eat it again!
- Was taken to Brighton Beach
- Made many school friends
- Visited Melbourne Show—it was great
- On her birthday she went to the City with friends
- Advised the outgoing student of what to expect in Brazil
- Christmas was very different to how it’s celebrated in Brazil.
- Went to Sydney—Fireworks, Bondi, the Bridge and Opera House.
- School valedictory dinner—long gown, hair and make-up done—a wonderful evening.
- Rotary Conference in Bendigo was a little boring as there wasn’t much for Students to do.
- Safari—Went to Coober Pedy, Northern Territory (Uluru). So different! Had a camel ride, went to Alice Springs; ate Aboriginal food (not witchety grubs); Had a snake put around her neck; Visited the Stockman’s Museum at Longreach. Surfers Paradise (it rained). They walked around Sydney and climbed the bridge, and cruised the harbour.
- Enjoyed a farewell afternoon tea with all the other District Exchange Students.
- Made a number of lifetime friends, has become more independent and hopes to return to Australia in the future.
- Intends doing law as a career but doesn’t yet know which area.
- Barbara indicated that she knows it will be a little strange when she gets home but her friends are all going to different universities so she won’t feel “the odd one out” as other students have found.

There being no further business President Mike announced next week’s housekeeping duties and closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m.

Scribe: John Flemming

2014-15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Mike Spark
Secretary:	John Flemming
Treasurer:	Enid Hughes
President Elect:	TBA
Community:	Graeme Aspinall
International:	Paul McAloney
Vocational:	Phil Walters
Youth:	Paul Wilson

OFFICE BEARERS

Foundation:	Graham Faulkner
Membership:	Robert Dawson
PR/Marketing:	Paul Wilson
Fellowship:	Fran Mandergeddes
Bulletin Editor:	Enid Hughes
On-to-Conference:	Greg Downes
Program:	Robert Hurst
Club Protection Officer:	John Flemming



Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

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
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	Christine Anderson
19th November	Graeme Aspinall
3rd December	Paul Wilson
17th December	Enid Hughes

GREAT COMMUNITY RAFFLE

Maxi's Mall
Upper Ferntree Gully

Saturday 12 July

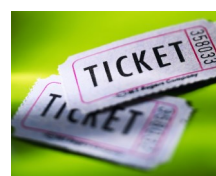
9.30-12.00	John F, Paul W
12.00-2.00	Mike S
2.00-3.30	Christine A

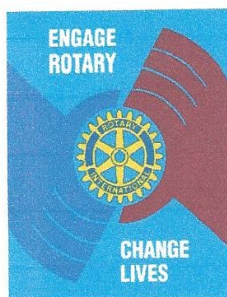
Saturday 19 July

9.30-12.00	John F
12.00-2.00	Mike S
2.00-3.30	Christine A
2.00-5.00	Ian McFarlane

Saturday 26 July

2.00-5.00	Ian McFarlane
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INVITATION

9810 GSE Team Return Dinner

Join with our Rotary colleagues to welcome back our District 9810 Group Study Exchange team to District 6580, Indiana, Matthew Cardamone, Annalisa Foo, Melissa Johnson and Lana Whitehouse. Accompanied by PP Shia Smart, we look forward to hearing from them as they share their experiences and insights into life and their occupations from a different perspective.



RSVP: No later than Friday 11th July 2014

When: Wednesday 23rd July 2014 at 6.30 for 7.00pm start

Venue: Knox Club - Cnr Stud and Boronia Roads, Wantirna

Cost: \$35.00 (2 Course Dinner)

Rotary Club of Knox are hosting The Welcome Home Dinner

Payment can be made by:

Cheque to " Rotary Club of Knox" or

EFT to following account: A/C Name: Rotary Club of Knox

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 000 Account: 142 417 906

For enquiries and booking please email to Huong Pham

email: wantirna@hillre.com.au



Hi Enid,

Thanks for your email. Thanks for the transfer of the sponsorship money – much appreciated.

I am happy to get artwork and bio's for a further five students from the Special Ed School. I'll get that to Ken as soon as I have it.

I understand that RC Fern Tree Gully took on the Spec Ed School as their focus, and wish to continue to sponsor the students attending that school.

We will always have students from Spec Ed that mainstream – but I would recommend that those students continue under the sponsorship of RC Fern Tree Gully. The students still do require sponsorship, in fact more so, as stationery costs at NDS are slightly more than the Spec Ed School (but still within the revised amount of sponsorship)

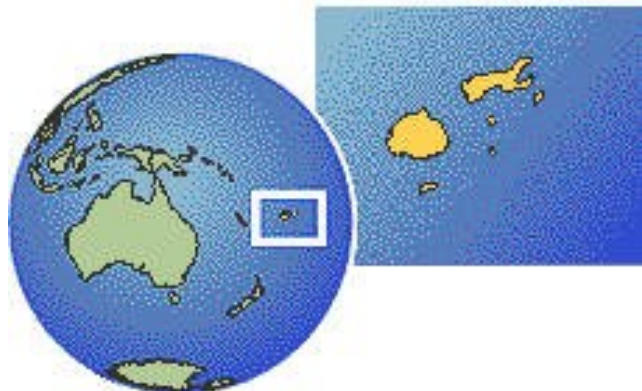
We work with NDS in the ABCD program already and the school is an excellent partner in the program. NDS and the Spec Ed School are located on the same property, so the students that have transferred have relocated to classrooms in the same school grounds. I would advise that RC Fern Tree Gully continue to support any students that get mainstreamed to NDS. I think this is the best solution for everyone involved – and the least messy!

Thanks again Enid, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Tania

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