

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.



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WEEKLY BULLETIN



LEN BREAR

Rotary Club of Nunawading

Len gave club members a very informative presentation on INTERPLAST, telling us when and where it was formed and how Rotary FTG could be involved. *Pictured: Chairman Graham Faulker thanking Len.*

ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN

Bulletin Editor, Enid Hughes will be on leave for the next four weeks, visiting family in the UK. There will therefore be no bulletins posted to the website until Sunday 21st September (assuming she's recovered from jetlag by then).

Club members will receive basic information from Graeme Aspinall, by email.

See you when I get back!

Enid Hughes
Editor



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

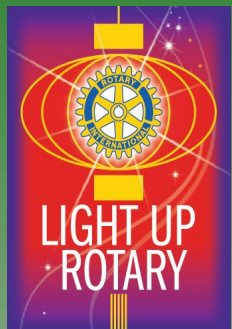
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Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,

Vale: August 2003

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DISTRICT 9810

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UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 25th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 1st Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 8th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 15th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern	Knox Tavern
Program:	The Challenge to Lead Program	Committee Meeting	Peace Palette	Stroke Safe Foundation
Speaker:	Maurice Kerrigan	N/A	David Nyol Vincent	Richard
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Fran M	Mike S	Bob H	Virginia R
Cashiers:	Bob H & Christine A	Graeme A & Lee M	Phil W & Fran M	Paul McA & Rob D
Grace & Toast:	Lee M	Paul W	Virginia R	Fran M
Rotary Knowledge	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Phil W	Fran M	Christine A	Christine A
Scribe:	Virginia R	Christine A	Graham F	Bob H

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

"MIKE'S MUSINGS...."

Hi, all!



- The cluster approach to the Prabhat Allooi Inc. request for funds for an ambulance in India (including a request for 1-for-1 grant from District funds) has started, with me providing a list of the cluster club presidents for Shivanii (Helen) to contact re speaking at their clubs in the near future.
- The Presidents meeting last Friday week was informative, with lots of interesting projects being highlighted by various clubs in the District. The DG advised that the first 16 clubs to donate to the Polio fund would gain a district match for their funds – we had already sent off our donation after Tony had mentioned this when he visited the club in July, so we're "first in, best dressed"! Brian McDaid requested that all International project activities be reported to him, to avoid the duplication of efforts that has happened sometimes in the past.
- Tim McCarthy is going to join us – congratulations and welcome, Tim! Let's all see who can become the next member to follow Lee and Tim this year!
- Our indefatigable Treasurer/Bulletin editor is off on Wednesday to the old country for a month (Have a lovely holiday, Enid – you really deserve it!), so Graeme A will put out an abridged bulletin for us in the next few weeks – thanks for that, Graeme!

Keep well, and happy! - and tell the world you know about Rotary, please.

TTFN - Mike

Mike Spark
President

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Monday, 4th August, 2014

The meeting opened at 7.00pm with President Mike welcoming all members along with past member David Gilbert and Guest Speaker Len Brear.

President's announcements

Attended a combined cluster and District Presidents meeting last Friday, details will be summarised in the bulletin.

Cluster to support the proposed Rotaract Club, Club to consider applicant for Shine on awards

18th Nov – a junk auction being held by the cluster

10th Oct – Rowville /Lysterfield Business breakfast

Chairman: Graham Faulkner

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Secretary: John Flemming

Read the inward correspondence

Apologies: Christine Anderson, Virginia Rutledge
Make Ups; Nil

Treasurer: Enid Hughes. No Report

Vocational: Phil Walters. No Report

Community: Graeme Aspinall.

- Meeting with UFTGully re CFA collection.
- Meeting to be held on Tuesday re establishment of Men's Shed

International: Paul McAloney.

- Advised the Board approved a \$300 donation for a volunteer Nicole to travel to Sth Africa.
- Asked did the cluster support the purchase of an ambulance in India (recent guest speaker). Mike advised Helen Cameron needs to speak to all the cluster clubs before a decision is made.

New Generations: Paul Wilson.

- Attended Rotaract meeting last week – need to have 20 members before charter is given.

Club Service: Mike Spark.

No Report

Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes.

- Thanked Mike for organising Jazz afternoon at the Royal Hotel.
- Reminded members of theatre night this coming Saturday.

Sergeant at Arms: Robert Dawson

Extracted a gold coin from members with deep and meaningful (dreadful) quotes.

Skill: Fran drew the 8 of Clubs.

Guest Speaker: Len Brear

In 1983 the Rotary Club of Cheltenham instigated the Interplast concept in Australia within the then Rotary Dist 980 [now 9800]. Its intentions were to repair bodies and rebuild lives in the Asia Pacific region.

Interplast became a joint project between Rotary and the Royal College of Surgeons providing medical teams to carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery in developing countries performing surgeries for cleft lip, palate and burn trauma injuries.

Today the focus is more on training with the value of service being in excess of \$2 mil throughout the Pacific Region

Rotary has provided up to \$500,000 in funding with the balance coming company's and trust donations. Rotary's funding Australia wide has dropped to less than \$250,000. 16 clubs within our District have not contributed in the past 6 years.

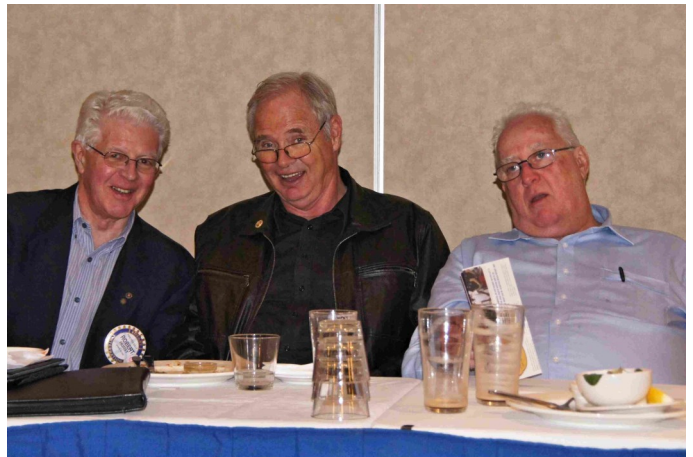
The objective this year is to raise \$46,000 for a surgical team and a training team to travel overseas.

To date, Interplast has visited 25 countries, performed 21,000 operations and conducted 37,000 consultations, 180 volunteer surgeons have donated their time.

In conclusion Len asked the club to consider Interplast in their donation giving.

There being no further business Pres Mike thanked Len Brear, and with no announcements the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Scribe: Graeme Aspinall



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
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

Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more
information
0425 432 290

National Youth Science Forum

A record 51 students have been nominated by 28 Clubs to attend the District interview on August 9.

72 students registered in District 9810 as having an interest in attending the 2015 NYSF programs that will be held in Canberra in January 2015.

The District has been allocated 18 places on the 2015 programs.

On Saturday August 9 interview panels made up of Rotarians, non-Rotarians with a scientific background and past NYSF students will have the enjoyable activity of talking with the 51 nominated students and then completing the difficult task of selecting the 18 students to attend the NYSF.

Thank you to all the Rotary Clubs and Rotarians that have made the time and effort to engage with these students and giving them the opportunity to present themselves for NYSF selection.

PP Paul Taran

Featuring the RGHF Senior (published) Historians

DG 02/03 Fred A. Carvin, author of "Paul Harris and the Birth of Rotary."



History Matters- Paul Harris Birthday

"The truth is he rode no white charger. He carried no flaming sword. He was rather, a very average young man much too busy to take on outside obligations, much too harassed by the demands of earning a living. They say he was good-hearted but prone to procrastination. However, he had one saving grace - he recognized his shortcomings." Oren Arnold - The Golden Strand

RGHF Senior Historian DG 02/03
Fred A. Carvin

During the month of April, the Rotary world traditionally honors Paul Harris's birthday. Although Paul never had an official birth certificate authenticating his arrival on April 19th, to a struggling family in the small town of Racine Wisconsin in 1868, the above description does reflect the character of the man he grew to be.



**THIS IS BECOMING A REGULAR
EVENT!**

Sunday Afternoon

The New Melbourne Jazz Band

The Royal Hotel, Upper Ferntree Gully.

As usual—a great time was had by all.

Thanks for organizing it Mike



What Paul Harris Said, a feature of RGHF since December 2001.

Paul P. Harris' August 1912 message to Rotarians: "Rotarianism is a step in the evolution of humanity and in the emancipation of man from the exactions of unceasing servitude to the interests of self."

He goes on to write: "Don't fail to inventory your smiles. They are great assets, and stand in the same relation to success that frowns do to failure."

Acquaintance, the Foundation of Success.

Here's to success, real success, your success, my success, the world's success; and here's to the foundation of success, the practicalized scientized, sterilized, vitalized foundation of your success, my success, the world's success - acquaintance, the dynamics and harmonies of Rotary."



Paul P. Harris,
Founder of Rotary
23 February 1905



YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM—MID-YEAR DINNER

On Friday evening I attended a YEP Mid-Year dinner held for the purpose of parents who currently have students on Youth Exchange overseas. Helen and Martin Ives, parents of Rhiannon told us she was having a wonderful time and was considering not coming home! (Where have we heard that before??? Past YEP District Representative Julie Goodchild would remember quite a number of those statements.)

All of the parents were happy with what was happening with their sons/daughters. Some are having difficulties, as always happens, but all problems appear to have been resolved and the students have learned from their experience. All agreed that the Rotary YEP program was one of the best youth programs they'd encountered.

Enid Hughes
Student Counsellor

