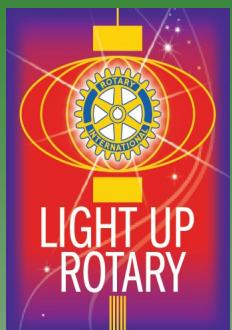


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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



JESS McFARLANE

Jess, daughter of one of our ex-members, Ian, recently attended the annual RYLA camp. An eye opening and very developmental week for Jess. As with all our RYLA candidates, Jess was greatly enthused about this excellent Rotary program.

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UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 15th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 22nd Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 29th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 5th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 8th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club			Lindy & Graham Faulkner's home	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Christmas Break-Up Party	No	No		
Speaker:	N/A	Meeting	Meeting	BBQ	BBQ
Committee Subject	TBA			BYO	
Chair:	Fran M			Everything	
Cashiers:	Bob H	Christmas	Christmas		
Grace & Toast:	John F	Break	Break		
Rotary Knowledge	N/A				
Sergeant-At-Arms:	N/A				
Scribe:	N/A				

Birthdays:	16th—Paul Wilson
Wedding Anniversaries:	None
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully	None

"MIKE'S MUSINGS....

Hi, all!



Great news, to end a year of massive changes!

PP Paul McAloney has offered to be President-Elect for the remainder of this Rotary year, and thus will be our President in the 2015/16 year. The Club has gratefully accepted his offer at last night's meeting (and thus will not need to recycle me for a third time (:-)). Thanks, Paul - be assured you have the complete support of all club members.

On Wednesday evening, the Cluster Presidents are meeting with the firm that organizes all the City of Knox community events, to find out what they are planning, and how Rotary can assist. I will report on the outcomes in the New Year.

Thank you to the members who attended the presentation of the Rotary Junior Community Awards (RJCA in Rotary lingo) at the FTG North Primary School, prior to our meeting last week. Enid, the two G's, John, Paul and I were all very impressed with the standard of presentation of the Projects completed, and the responses of the "kids". They have individually progressed marvelously over the period of the project, and this program really expands their knowledge, understanding and personal skills in very tangible ways. It is a program unique to us in our Rotary area, and we owe a lot to the teachers and parents who help the children do so much in a mere 10 weeks of effort. I hope as many or more can get along to the Fairhills Primary School RJCA presentation night from 5-30 – 6-30 next Monday evening, before our Xmas do at the FTG Bowling Club (this is delayed slightly because of the Fairhills event, and will start now at 7 for 7-30).

Speaking of Xmas do's, the 15th December meeting will be a totally social event, and normal club procedure and roles will be dispensed with. Virginia and Fran organized the Kris Kringle at last week's meeting, so that will be a success – everyone knows the rules now! We all look forward to seeing members and partners see out the calendar year with a lot of fun and fellowship!

The Board and I extend Season's Greetings to "you and yours", and trust you will all be safe and happy over Xmas and New Year. We hope to see you at the Faulkner's home on the 5th January (BYO everything, I believe!) for our first meeting of the new year.

Remember over the next few weeks to not only enjoy the well-deserved break but also to think about potential new members – then ask them to come along to a Speaker Meeting, and enjoy our renowned RC of FTG hospitality!

Keep well, and happy! TTFN from Mike.

*Mike Spark
President*

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday 1st December 2014

Minutes of Weekly Meeting: Monday 8th December 2014

The meeting opened at 7.45pm with President Mike welcoming all members and guest speaker Jess McFarlane and her family.

President's Announcements:

- Mike advised the DG that he would be standing as President again for 2015/16
- Presented a cheque for \$64.00 to Graham Faulkner being the Raffle winner
- Presented a \$200 .00 donation to Fran for Motor Neurone fundraising effort.

Chairman: Rob Hurst

Chairman's Reports:

Secretary: John Flemming Read the incoming mail

Apologies: Stuart Vise, Paul Wilson, Greg Downs

Treasurer: Enid Hughes No Report

Vocational: Phil Walters No Report

Community: Graeme Aspinall No Report

International: Paul McAloney No Report

Youth: Paul Wilson In the absence of Paul, Pres. Mike advised six members attended Ferntree Gully North primary School and presented the Rotary Community Awards to a number of students who gave an excellent presentation on their community involvement. Pre Mike presented their certificates. Next Monday 15th Dec presentations will be held at Fairhill's Primary School 5.30-6.30 pm for those wishing to attend.

Club Service: Mike Spark No Report

Fellowship: Fran Mandergeddes Sought help in sorting through a large number of gifts for Foothills Church Christmas giving. Took numbers for attending theatre night at Lilydale on March 20th. Took numbers and meal preferences for those attending next week along with kriskringle gift pairing.

Other: Paul McAloney addressed the meeting of his concern for the future of the Club and its need to be viable, that he was prepared to be the next President and was seeking members support. Club members are to remember what meals they order and only receive their ordered meal as there have been a number of mix ups over recent weeks.

Guest Speaker: Jess McFarlane addressed the club on her

experience having attended the recent RYLA camp sponsored by our club. The weekend got under way with get to know you games including unusual activities that required teams to work as a team and respect one another. Other activities included, exposure to reptiles which was confronting to some, food challenges being blind folded to identify food types, identifying your values, giving personal presentations, and giving suggestions as to how Rotary could get more participants.

Development areas included - Leadership, Life Skills, Self Awareness, Personal Values, Getting over Fears, Healthy Relationships, Self Esteem, Team Building and Communication.

Jess thanked the Club for giving her the opportunity to attend the camp.

Bob thanked Jess and presented her with a gift.

There being no further business Pres Mike dealt with the housekeeping items and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

PS - Skill drew the 8 of Clubs

Scribe: G 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
17th December	Enid Hughes



Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more
information
0425 432 290

**"Courage is the art of being
the only one who knows you're scared to death."**
~ Author Unknown

ENID ON THE MOVE!

(With a great deal of help—thankyou to Rob, Graeme and Cheryl!)



From here....



To here....



ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

Various members attended the presentation of certificates to participating students at Ferntree Gully North Primary School. As always—their efforts were impressive and their

