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Rotary Club of Box Hill

President,

PAUL McALONEY & Kay

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,

Vale: August 2003

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN

from RI Director Guiller E. Tumangan and Rotary Leaders of Zones 7A, 7B, and 8

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Attending inductions, I am happy listening to either the district governor or the club president commit to goals that are aligned with the general direction adopted by the RI Board. This means that during this Rotary Year, we can look forward to among others engagement of new members, improved member retention rate.

I heard some clubs' desire to lower the average age of club members. What changes in the club culture will have to be made to make the club attractive to young professionals and executives? Having visited clubs many times over, we know that the club's culture is their source

of pride. Just one small detail, though. I went to Rotary Club Central and found that some 60% of members do not report their birth date. We will not be able to accurately track the progress on such an important commitment. This is the second year that club members are encouraged to complete their profiles in My Rotary and our target for each club is to have at least 50% of their members have activated accounts.

Reflecting on the present state of growth and President Ravi's theme, I wondered: Is the ease with which this year's theme is translated into projects and contributions to The Rotary Foundation the same for membership growth?

How can we concretize the idea of "Join Rotary and Be a Gift to the World?"

What strategies do we formulate so that the young professionals will see an invitation to Rotary as a gift?

What intervention or activity can be undertaken so that the more senior members feel that they are a gift and translate this feeling to recruitment of relatives and friends to Rotary?

What visuals do we need to communicate to prospective Rotarians that to be in Rotary is a gift to the world?

There are no easy answers. I can empathize with a relatively rookie Rotarian now serving as club president as he/she struggles to create or modify the club's culture to make the club attractive for recruitment, engagement and retention of members.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 10th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 17th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 24th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 31st August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 7th September [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Committee Meeting	Days for Girls	RYDA Road safety education program	Headspace - Knox	Committee Meeting
Speaker:	N/A	Margaret Cunningham	Nicole Van Brakel	Andrew Gardiner	N/A
Committee Subject	TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBA
Chair:	John F	Graeme A	Paul W	Mike S	Mike S
Cashier:	Virginia R	John R	Fran M	John R	Paul W
Rotary Toast	Sean C	Paul W	John R	Enid H	Graham F
Rotary Knowledge					TBA
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Mike S	John F	John F	John F	Graeme A
Scribe:	Christine A	Sean C	Mike s	Bob H	Christine A

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



PAUL'S PONDERINGS

The District is very pleased to hear that Ian Riseley has been selected by the nominating committee as the Rotary International President for the year 2017-2018. We wish Ian and Juliet all the best in their future journey. What a boost for District 9810.

Last Friday five of our members attended the District Membership Seminar, which was an excellent effort to kick off our membership drive. There were excellent presentations but they were spoilt by poor sound and the viewing screen was too low on the wall so those people down the back could not hear and had difficulty in seeing the videos. We have a lot of membership material downloaded on a memory stick so hopefully there will be some good suggestions on ways to increase our membership. August is Membership month so we need to be very active this month. Whom have you spoken to about Rotary lately, or even better who have you invited to a meeting?

Mondays meeting is committee meeting night, so please when you arrive sit with your fellow committee members.

Until Monday
Yours in Rotary
Paul



Paul McAloney
President 2015-16



Learn all about the proposed President of Rotary 2017-18....

DISTRICT 9810's IAN RISELEY!

IAN H.S. RISELEY, is a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria Australia. Ian H.S. Riseley is a practicing chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co. Riseley received an Australian government's Peacebuilder award in 2002 in recognition of his work in East Timor. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for services to the Australian community. A Rotarian since 1978, Riseley has served RI as treasurer, director, task force member, RI Board Executive Committee member, committee member and vice chair, and district governor. Riseley is a former member of the Australian Polio Eradication Private Sector Campaign and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Juliet, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation.

Juliet Risely became a Rotarian in 1995 as the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Hampton, although her association with Rotary started much earlier as a host mum to a number of Exchange Students and as editor of OZlines the District's YE newsletter. She has held many positions in the club including Club Secretary for a number of years, International and Foundation Director, eNews and web blog editor and club Treasurer. She has served the District on a number of New Generations, Vocational and Marketing Committees, was District webmaster from 2002–2005 and has served as a District Governor's Representative 1996-97 and as a District Governor's Special Representative in 2003-04. (**Juliet was also a District Governor of District 9810 in 2011-2012. This is the first time that a PDG will be the spouse of a sitting RI President.**)

As a passionate advocate of 'Literacy for all' Juliet co-ordinated Literacy Resources for the District in 2006-09. Juliet admits that her professional life as a Librarian was a true delight as it brought together 3 of her favourite things: people, beautiful books and information. With a Master's degree in Information Management, Juliet has directed, developed and consulted to library and information services across the Corporate, Research and Educational sectors. She has lectured at tertiary level and currently works as an Information Consultant through Riseley Consulting and as a director of the family business Peninsula Organics.

Juliet is married to Ian, a Past Rotary International Director and Treasurer. They are both multiple Paul Harris Fellows, members of the Paul Harris and Bequest Societies and joint Major Donors. Ian and Juliet have 2 children, and 3 grandchildren. When not writing and illustrating small books for the smaller members of her family; Juliet is a gardener and actively involved in local environmental groups. Ian and Juliet live on 7 hectares at Moorooduc where they practise their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living.

COMING UP SOON.....

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

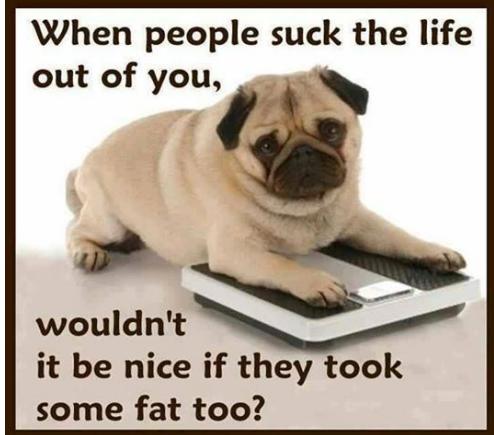
9.00—12.00 p.m.	12.00—3.00 pm
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Friday, 21st August	
Graeme Aspinall Mike Spark John Flemming	Graeme Aspinall John Flemming

Friday, 30th October	
Graeme Aspinall John Flemming	Graeme Aspinall John Flemming

Footballer's Quote:

'I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father.'
(Shane Wakelin).



Another Footballer's Quote:

'Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.'
(Mick Malthouse - Collingwood).

Community Kitchen Roster - 2015

Guide Hall
Underwood Rd
Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)
Rotary roster - every second Wednesday, 5.30pm

DATE	ROTARIAN
12th August	Paul Wilson
26th August	John Flemming
9th September	Paul McAloney
23rd September	Christine Anderson
7th October	Graeme Aspinall
21st October	Paul Wilson
4th November	Enid Hughes
18th November	John Flemming
2nd December	Graeme Aspinall
16th December	Christine Anderson



Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more
information
0425 432 290

People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.



Nigeria on the brink of becoming polio-free

Nigeria has gone almost one year — longer than ever before — without a case of wild poliovirus. The last case was reported on 24 July 2014 in Kano state. Once the gateway to polio in Africa, Nigeria is paving the way to eradicating the disease on the continent.

But reaching the milestone is only one step on the final road to ending polio and it is too soon to celebrate victory. Until polio is eliminated everywhere, it can return to Nigeria and the rest of Africa. Less than a decade ago, in 2006, polio paralyzed 1,000 people in Nigeria.

For the African region to be certified polio-free, including Nigeria, there must be no polio cases for two more years. To do this, all children in Nigeria and throughout Africa — including those in hard-to-reach and underserved areas — must continue to be protected against the disease.

“The ultimate goal is to ensure that the routine immunization infrastructure is established to increase and sustain the level of herd immunity” [protection for people who are not immune that occurs when a large percentage of the population has been vaccinated], says Tunji Funsho, chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. This will enable children to “continue to be immunized on schedule and protected from the virus even after the cessation of IPDs [Immunization Plus Days].”

Once all surveillance data is processed, Nigeria will be poised to be taken off the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) in September. That achievement would leave only two polio-endemic countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan. In 2014, Pakistan accounted for 85 percent of the world’s polio cases. As of 17 June, polio cases in Pakistan had decreased by nearly 70 percent.

“With Rotary, we made tremendous progress last year,” said Hamid Jafari, WHO’s Director for Global Polio Eradication and Research, speaking to attendees at the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, in June. “We must keep going to end polio. If the world’s commitment to polio eradication remains strong, we will soon see a polio-free world.”

Africa’s 54 countries have overcome major challenges to protect children against polio, including insecurity and reaching children in remote areas. The continent’s last case of wild poliovirus was reported on 11 August 2014 in Somalia. In 2004, just 10 years earlier, the disease afflicted more than 12,600 Africans, accounting for 74 percent of all cases worldwide.

Rotary, along with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, has played an important role in this progress, which has us approaching the one-year milestones in Nigeria and all of Africa. Rotary has donated \$688.5 million to fight polio in Africa, including nearly \$207.3 million in Nigeria. Rotarians also have dedicated their time and personal resources, immunizing children, donating and raising funds, mobilizing community support, and engaging governments in the cause.

Rotarians everywhere are looking with great anticipation for Africa to “soon celebrate a milestone that once seemed unthinkable: one year without a single case of polio,” says RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Funding, political commitment, partnerships, and sustained high immunization coverage are needed to finish the job in Nigeria and all of Africa. As recently as 11 June, Rotary granted \$19 million to support polio eradication efforts in Africa, including \$10 million for Nigeria alone. By continuing to support the final push to eradicate polio, we can ensure that future generations of children are free of this devastating disease.