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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



JANE VERITY **THE WORLD'S BEST KEPT SECRET—** **DEMENTIA CARE—THE SPARK OF LIFE**

Spark of Life reignites the spirit and restores joy and vitality to people with dementia and their carers, in this way relieving their emotional suffering. Passionate in her quest to help restore some quality of life to those suffering dementia, Jane gave us a riveting presentation on how her Foundation is helping.

Discover more at www.dementiafoundation.org.au

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 7th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 14th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 21st Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 30th Dec [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 4th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	4 Cherrington Place		
Program:	Committee Meeting	District Conference Lauch	Christmas	New	No
Speaker:	N/A	Peter Cummings	Break-Up	Year's	Meeting
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	Party	Holiday	
Chair:	Paul McA	Graeme A	(BBQ)		
Cashier:	Graeme A	Rod D		NO	
Rotary Toast	Enid H	Stuart V			
Rotary Knowledge	John F MUNA	N/A		MEETING	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Sean C	Sean C			
Scribe:	Christine A	Rob H			

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



PAUL'S PONDERINGS

This Monday is D day where we require someone to put their hand up to be President in the year 2016. Someone who cares about the future of our club and does not want to see it fold. We also would like your ideas on how we can improve our relationships with Knox council, especially in the field of fund raising, and community projects.

At last weeks meeting we had an excellent talk from Jane Verity about Dementia. It is really refreshing to see that they are now coming up with programs to combat Dementia, and give patients some quality of life. It was also great to see Link back for his second visit, and the good news is he wants to join Rotary. So Christine get that application form ready quickly. It was also a pleasure to have Beth Vize, and Graeme Aspinall's partner Wilma in attendance. Our partners are welcome at any meeting, it does not necessarily have to be a partners night.

Our Christmas meeting has become a problem in that the bowls club is not available on the 21st, and a lot of people are not available on the 22nd which was the alternative night. It is now back to Monday the 21st and will be held at Fran's place. More details will be available at Mondays meeting.

Some great news has just arrived on my computer. The Rotary Foundation has been ranked in the top 10 charities in the world. The scores ranked on a scale of 1 to 100, he are based on financial health, accountability and the transparency of reporting. TRF is ranked No 5 in the world.

Until Mondays meeting,

Yours in Rotary,

Paul

Paul McAleoney
President 2015-16

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 30th November 2015

The meeting opened at 7pm with President Paul welcoming all members and guests Wilma and Link.

President Paul

Was delighted with the fact that all members were present and not due to "fact finding missions" around the world??.

The meeting was then passed to the Chairman (Sean) for his report.

Chairman's Reports

Secretary—Christine Anderson

A number of letters were received with one from "Wheelchairs for Kids asking for funds and Christine noted that perhaps we could donate some money as the wheelchairs only cost \$150 each to build!, one from the "Prostrate cancer foundation" requesting funds, one from ""Trang" our funded Cambodian assisted child (no longer funded due to lack of correspondence – none seen for at least five years?, ABC Dreams Program (Fiji) with a Christmas card and last but not least the "low Level Student assistance scheme" which basically funds currently two year 15-16 students in the last two years of their education to the tune of \$2,000 each split over both students.

Apologies

No apologies needed as all present!

Program: Jane Verity—Dementia Care

Jane is the Founder and CEO of Dementia Care Australia and the internationally awarded *Spark of Life*. She is a world leader in the emotional care of people with dementia and is challenging the status quo in the way we care and create a world that ignites the human spirit.

An excellent presenter, Jane gave us an inspiring insight into how we should be caring for our loved ones who suffer from dementia.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

The Scribe—John Reid



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
16th December	Christine Anderson

Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information



COMING UP SOON.....

**FERNTREE GULLY NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTATION
ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD**

5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 9th December

School

Forest Road

Ferntree Gully

All members, partners and friends welcome to attend.

**REMINDER - MENS GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY
PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS MONDAY 7th DEC**

PLEASE be as generous as possible my friends, and make a donation of gifts for the less wealthy males in our community.

Any donation is greatly appreciated and valued - e.g. socks, jocks, t-shirts, razors, shaving soap, deodorants, shampoo, conditioner, packs of playing cards; puzzle books, pens, pencils, hankies, etc.

Young fellows also need gifts - basketballs, cricket bats, shorts, etc. and any of the above.

You have no idea just how much joy our small offerings bring to people at this particularly difficult time of year. Just to know they are not forgotten is the best gift we can give.

Thank you for your support.

*Fran M
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Please click on the link below. Please use this information when seeking contributions and take great pride in what it says.

<http://www.cnbc.com/2015/12/01/the-top-10-charities-changing-the-world-in-2015.html?slide=7>

Top 10:

1. Direct Relief (California based)
2. MAP International
3. Catholic Medical Mission Board
4. United Nations Foundation
5. Rotary Foundation
6. Samaritan's Purse
7. Institute of International Education
8. Compassion International
9. US Fund for Unicef
10. Natural Resources Defence Council



The Rotary Foundation

This not-for-profit organization works to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace. Using [Rotary Foundation](#) grants, Rotary's 34,000 clubs across the globe develop and carry out sustainable humanitarian projects and provide scholarships and professional training opportunities.

One of its biggest initiatives aims at eradicating polio through its PolioPlus program, launched in 1985. Since then, Rotary and its partners, including the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, have immunized more than 2.5 billion children, reducing the incidence of polio by 99 percent and eradicating it from all but three countries.



Fantastic News for District 9810- An Interplast Surgical and Training Program- to Laos

Thanks to those Clubs and persons in D9810 who donated to Interplast in 2014/15- nearly **\$39,000**.

Our District is using those funds, combined with funds from an Australian private donor (with business interests in Laos who is keen to assist) to contribute to the cost of a **two week surgical program in Vientiane, Laos** which will occur in **February 2016**.

It will consist of a team of 7 volunteers - 2 surgeons, 2 anaesthetists and 3 nurses to deliver this two week program of **free** plastic and reconstructive surgery and training.

Our involvement in this program was requested by Interplast recently. Our District 9810 Interplast Committee, at its meeting on the **19th November** last, wholeheartedly agreed.

Interplast has been working in Laos since 1996, where it initially focused on surgical programs and the **training** of local surgeons in cleft surgery. However, with the establishment of a cleft team of local surgeons, Interplast programs- **surgical and training now focus on burns surgery** based at the **Mahosot Hospital in Vientiane**. Further details and a **Report** will be given later on.

Since 1996, Interplast has delivered **29 program activities** (surgical and separate training programs) to Laos. This February 2015 program will be the 31st activity. Across these programs, Interplast teams have undertaken **1355 life changing operations** and consulted **2291** patients.

D9810 funds totalling \$39,000 will combine with \$35,000 from the said private donor, to cover the estimated total of \$74,000 in costs. Laos is a high cost program.

The Costs we are paying for are: Airfares \$9500; Accommodation \$10,500; Surgical equipment and supplies \$14,000, Freight of equipment \$5000- totalling **\$39,000**. **The costs** being paid by the **second donor** are: insurance, visas, medical registrations, translators, volunteer meals, local hospital costs for in patient operative care and local drugs, program coordination and incidental costs, totalling **\$35,000**.

The 26 Contributing Clubs in 2014/15 are set out on page 39 of the **2014/15 Annual Report**. They are, in alphabetical order: *Bayswater, Bentleigh Moorabbin Central, Box Hill, Box Hill Central, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Clayton, Dingley Village, Emerald & District, Forest Hill, Glen Waverley, Hampton, Healesville, Lilydale, Manningham, Mitcham, Mont Albert and Surrey Hills, Moorleigh Moorabbin, Mordialloc, Noble Park, Nunawading, Oakleigh, Ringwood, Templestowe, Wandin and Warandyte -Donvale*. **Thanks Again!**

A Plea

Please support District Governor David's objective to raise **\$45,000** this year to fund a Surgical Team. **If we reach the target early** it is possible that a surgical program will be allocated **by June 2016**.

In 2014/15, six Clubs accounted for \$23,000 in both Club and individual donations. We cannot take this level of wonderful support for granted and ask for support from all Clubs !

If those 26 Clubs that supported Interplast last year continue to support Interplast this year, and hopefully to the same, or an increased the level of support, **that would be fantastic**.

If your Club is **one of the 21 Clubs that did not contribute to Interplast last year** then please discuss within your Club the opportunity to participate in a similar program, to '**take ownership**' with others, of a program this year, and to reach our objective.

Please promote the opportunity for **individual donations**. See the District Directory for details. **Thanks!**

Any query? Can we make a new presentation?

Please contact me at lhbrear@bigpond.com or 0455022229; or other Members of the Committee, PP Harvey Lane, PP Bob Williams, PP Warwick Bisley, PP Geoff Weeks, PP Chris Mara or PP John Scroi.