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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



BUILDING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FAIRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Accompanied by Ms Adrienne Tanner, May, Marnice, Rachael and Pam gave us a comprehensive report on their cultural visit to Thailand which included taking part in an important project (helping to build a retaining wall) in a small village "somewhere in Thailand". A very well put together video gave us a great insight as to how all the students reacted to a very "out-of-usual" experience.

Teagan and Mikayla who had planned to attend tonight's meeting were unfortunately unable to come so a prepared report was read out outlining their activities when they attended the weekend camp of **RYPEN** (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment).

The Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully is proud to be in the position of assisting the students of Fairhills Highschool and hopes to build further on this relationship by establishing an **INTERACT** Club there in the near future.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 23rd May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 30th May [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 6th June [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 13th June [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 20th June [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club		FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Branding & Marketing - Digital World	IMPACT	Committee Meeting	QUEEN'S	Probus Clubs in Knox
Speaker:	Russell Pearson	Kathy Kaplan AOM	N/A	BIRTHDAY	Bruce Crago
Committee Subject	N/A	N/A	TBA		N/A
Chair:	Rob D	Graeme A	Christine A	NO	John F
Rotary Toast	John R	Sean C	Fran M		Graeme A
Cashier:	Fran M	Graham F	John R	MEETING	Fran M
Scribe:	Graeme A	Rob D	Rob H		Christine A
Rotary Knowledge	Ray H - Background		Paul W INTERACT		Gary B - Background
Sergeant-At-Arms:	John F	John F	Rob D		Rob D

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



PAUL'S PONDERINGS

At last week's meeting the students from Fairhills High School attended our meeting, and gave a presentation on their trip to Thailand, and also their experience on RYPEN. What a marvellous presentation it was too, especially the video highlighting the work they did in the village where they were staying. Without any experience what so ever the students built a brick wall, which was required to control the flow of irrigation water.

They certainly worked hard, mixing cement, carrying bricks, and with their wide hats on they looked like the old Chinese Coolies undergoing slave labour. They lived in a remote Thai village with no phones, no computers, and experienced a completely different culture. They all enjoyed the experience so much that they want too go back again.

So congratulations to the students; it has been a great achievement by them.

On Monday morning Paul Wilson, President Elect Christine, and myself, along with Salwain Shahine are meeting with Fairhills High School with the view to establishing an Interact Club in the School. So lets hope everything goes smoothly and we can get it up and running. This Monday's meeting our guest speaker is Russell Pearson, who is going to speak about Branding and Marketing in the digital world. So if I don't see you at District Assembly, I will catch you at Monday's meeting.

Yours in Rotary

Paul

Paul McAloney
President 2015-16

"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 16th May, 2016

The meeting opened at 7pm with President Paul welcoming all members and Family members (spouses) and guests. Paul then passed the meeting on to John Fleming (Sargent of arms) who in turn passed the baton back to the chairman for the night.

The meeting was then passed to the Chairman (Paul Wilson) who promptly moved into request for reports.

Chairman's Reports

Secretary (Christine Anderson)

- Various letters were received and have been already passed on to the various committees with the only other matters being the Mayoral Ball (details given to all members present) and the up and coming District Assy.

Apologies Graeme Falkner (who unfortunately is in hospital.)

Treasurer (Enid Hughes)

- Enid reminded all outgoing chairs that their reports for the Annual Report were needed by the end of the month.
- Incoming chairs are invited to the June Board Meeting and were expected to table their budgets for 2016-17. (Outgoing chairs to collaborate if necessary)

Annual Bowel Scan: (John Fleming)

- Indicated that the several locations supplying tests for cancer were showing signs of success.

Fellowship (Fran Mandergeddess)

- Reminded those present that the "Elvis" dinner and show was fast approaching and that she had concerns that some may not get the tickets as she had to pay for them prior to the next meeting!

Other

- Robert Hurst advised the members that a past member was in palliative care at Wantirna Health and could be visited if so desired.
- Martin Boetcher indicated that members were all invited to attend the "Hawaiian" dinner at his home on the 28th of this month (please dress accordingly) with all proceeds going to his charity. Also mentioned was the open invitation to his ongoing dinners (Wednesdays).

Program

- A presentation was given by the school members headed by Tegan and Mikala who traveled to Thailand on the Fairhills School program to assist a village there that had problems from recent earthquakes. The presentation was both by members from the team and the video (edited by help from a nearby village for them). The five students and two teachers indicated that they were taken to a village somewhere in Thailand (no phones to find out where they were) and helped the locals to build a long wall for the diversion

of water to assist the rice crops in the future. They had a great time immersing themselves in the culture and learning about the people they were helping.

• From the dvd and the team we learned that they were well looked after living in upstairs accommodation and when food was given were required to eat theirs first as custom dictated (unbeknown to them as they are used to all eating together).

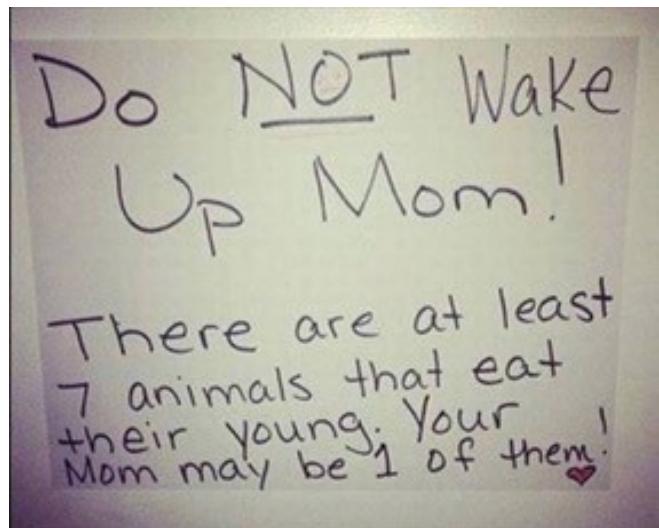
• Of course they had a great time albeit building a wall! And mentioned that they had ridden on an elephant among other exciting things. All in all, they were very happy to have had the opportunity to visit these people and by doing so gain friends which if possible they plan to see again.

The next speaker will be Russell Pearson

Meeting closed at 8:14pm.

The Scriber John

Oh! You're home.....





May 2016

Rotary

District 9810



One of the aspects of good leadership and governance is "continuity". This concept has been the subject of much discussion in Rotary circles for many years. At District level we have what we call the "G Train", comprising the current Governor and those on the pathway to follow. As from next year this group will also include the Immediate Past Governor. At club level, where everything that Rotary achieves is done, continuity is vital. Most club projects are continuous in nature and roll on irrespective of the change of Rotary years. So, it is at this time of the Rotary annual cycle that we must all ensure that there is efficient and effective handover of information between those departing roles and those taking up those roles. The days of, "in my year" are long gone. A prime responsibility of all Rotary leaders is to effect smooth transition from one administration group to the next.

The recent Council on Legislation has been reported upon and detailed reports are published elsewhere, but I wish to comment on two of the outcomes. Clubs have now been given flexibility as to meeting regularity and style. I encourage clubs to experiment with how these options may benefit the ability of your club to remain vital and be attractive to not only new members but also to existing members. I suggest that to hasten slowly is the best way to explore these opportunities. The other opportunity is that enabling Rotaractors to become Rotarians as well. As I read it, it will be up to clubs on an individual basis to determine how this will happen, but may I encourage clubs to embrace their Rotaractors and encourage this dual membership opportunity.

I want to raise the issue of "Rotary Post-Nominals". There are a few Rotarians out there who use as part of their signature line PHF or PHF +2 etc. There are no post nominals in Rotary. All identification is taken care of with the prefix, such as PP. Signature clauses can and should contain the title the person holds, or held in Rotary, be that a club, District, or International title. Given that a Paul Harris Fellow, as worthy as the title is, is in International Rotary circles an acknowledgement of a contribution made to The Rotary Foundation. In Australia, and in some other countries, clubs use the PHF system as an award mechanism to acknowledge exceptional service or contributions to the Rotary cause. This is good. However, a PHF can be and is presented to an individual whose financial contribution to the Foundation exceeds certain benchmarks. It is not appropriate therefore to affix letters such as PHF after your name when signing letters or email communications, and is certainly inappropriate to contain such suffix on a business card.

Best wishes to all as you continue to Be a Gift to the World.

David Tolstrup
District Governor 2015-2016
Rotary District 9810, Australia



Be a gift to the world

May	Youth Services month	
23-May	Branding & Marketing - Digital World	Russell Pearson
30-May	IMPACT	Kathy Kaplan AOM
June	is Rotary Fellowship month	
6-Jun	Committee Meeting	
13-Jun	Queen's Birthday - No Meeting	
17-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-Jun	Probus Clubs in Knox	Bruce Crago
27-Jun	CHANGEOVER	
Goodbye Paul, WELCOME CHRISTINE		

July	is the start of new Rotary officers' year of service	
4-Jul		
11-Jul		
15-Jul	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
18-Jul		
25-Jul		

Community Kitchen Roster - 2016	
Guide Hall	
Underwood Rd	
Ferntree Gully (Next to train station car park)	
DATE	ROTARIAN
1st June	Paul Wilson
18th June	John Flemming
29th June	Mike Spark
13th July	Graeme Aspinall
27th July	Paul Wilson
10th August	Mike Spark
24th Aug	Christine Anderson
7th Sept	John Flemming
21st Sept	Paul Wilson
5th Oct	Graeme Aspinall
19th Oct	Paul McAloney
2nd Nov	John Flemming
16th Nov	Christine Anderson
30th Nov	Paul Wilson
14th Dec	Mike Spark

Dinner provided
Contact Graeme Aspinall for more information
0425 432 290



Guest Speaker Opportunity

Jim McPhee, of Rotary Club of Monbulk has launched a well acclaimed Book, *Tin Legs and Toasting Forks* which chronicles the many challenges he had to overcome after the hip amputation of his left leg from bone cancer at the age of 13 in 1947. Although his prognosis was not good he survived and hopes his story might be an inspiration to any young person afflicted with a life threatening disability.

Jim is prepared to visit any interested club to give an account of his many challenges, many humorous, some with a degree of pathos, and will donate 30% of the price of each book which members may be interested in buying.

Jim can be contacted on 5968 1656 or 0427 044670 and jnmcphée@hotmail.com