

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

Vol. 54 No.7

15th August. 2016



President, Rotary International

JOHN F GERM & Judy
Rotary Club of Chattanooga,
Tennessee, USA



District Governor, Dist. 9810 –

CAROL LAWTON & Frank
Rotary Club of Montrose & District

President,

CHRISTINE ANDERSON
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

IVAN GIGOVIC,
Vale: August 2003
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



JIM MCPHEE

TIN LEGS AND TOASTING FORKS

Jim gave us a highly entertaining presentation on the very serious subject of how he coped with life after losing a leg to cancer at a very early age. (*See page 3 for further details*).

Thank you Jim—you made light of what must have been a very difficult life. Between the bouts of laughter the story proved to be very moving.

Thanks Jim.

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 15th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 22nd August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 29th August [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 5th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 12th Sept [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Committee Meeting	Bridge Builders Youth Org.	Knox Council's Grants Program	Interplast	Impact for Women
Speaker:	N/A	TBA	Deb Robert	TBA	Kathy Kaplan
Committee Subject	Group B	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair:	Ray H	Martin B	John F	Bob H	Gary B
Rotary Toast	Martin B	John F	Enid H	Gary B	Bob H
Cashier:	Mike S	Fran M	Gary B	Graeme A	Sean C
Scribe:	Paul McA	Sean C	Bob H	Gary B	Mike S
Rotary Knowledge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A	Ray H	Ray H	Ray H	Graeme A
Partners' Night	No	No	No	No	Yes

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



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Our guest Jim McPhee had us all absolutely captivated listening to his amazing enduring struggle, and facing so many challenges throughout his life. Overcoming the loss of three weight bearing joints, the ankle, the knee and the hip, from an early age, he encourages other young people in their endeavours to overcome disabilities and lead a normal life. Jim's book "Tin Legs and Toasting Forks" is an astounding journey of internal struggles through decades of endeavouring to live an "ordinary life" with extraordinary physical difficulty.

Thank you to all our partners who were able to join us and hear this amazing speaker.

Doesn't it make you feel proud to be a Rotarian?

Well done and good luck to our Olympic champions

Enjoy your week

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
President 2016-2017



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 8th August, 2016

The meeting opened with the Toast to Rotary and President Christine welcoming all members and partners and our guest speaker Jim McPhee on an interesting topic "Tin legs and toasting forks"..

President Christine announced:

- FTG Community day to be held at the end of November. This annual event looks like it might be called the "Blue Dandenong's Twilight Festival" a name suggested by our committee.
- Reminded members that on Friday 12th Aug is the District 9810 Annual Foundation Seminar, Foundation is approaching its the 100th anniversary year and she encouraged all members to attend, on Friday 12 August at the Box Hill Town Hall to "Focus on the Magic" of Foundation.

Chairman: Paul Wilson also doubled as the Sergeant for the night, croaky voice and all. (No way could he sing soprano)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: (Paul McAloney):

Read the mail; and was delighted to find amongst the mail (on his return from bathing in the warm waters and drinking cold beers in Thailand) a flyer and a plastic bag from students at the Ferntree gully North primary school collecting items used in rescuing animals by the RSPCA. This was for their participation in the Rotary Junior community award program being sponsored by our Rotary club.

Apologies: Received from : John Fleming, Martin Boettcher, Ray Hollis, Graham Faulkner, Mike Spark. (A permissible excuse being his and Wendy's 30th Wedding Anniversary)

Vocational: (Gary Braddock): Gary had a delightful experience which was reported in this week's bulletin. He was able to direct a prospective Rotary member to a local Rotary Club as he was recognised as a Rotarian through his lapel badge and was approached by a young lady asking how she could join Rotary.

Also Gary mentioned a Careers of the Future Program being run by Swinburne University at their Wantirna campus as part of the National Science Week commencing on Thursday August 13th

Community: (Ray Hollis) Absent on Rotary business

Youth: (Paul Wilson): Reported to members that applications for the next RYPEN camp on September 9th were low and Fern Tree Gully Rotary Club may be able to sponsor 2 attendees.

Fellowship: (Fran Mandergeddes): Reminded Members of the Elvis Night Being Held in Wantirna on 20th August and of the Theatre Night on 2 September at Lilydale. She made a passionate plea for members to donate gifts for men to be distributed at the Foothills Church Christmas lunch. Other years she has funded it herself but this year will find it difficult and is asking for help. Please consider do-

nating a gift that would be suitable for a man, toiletries, clothing or anything at all. (Apparently there will be some argy-bargy around this issue but the scribe can't recall why!!!!)

Fundraising: (Graeme Aspinall): Graeme is seeking assistance with the sausage sizzle to be run on 19th August at Buntings in Ferntree gully.

Foundation : (Mike Spark): away enjoying his 30th wedding anniversary

Sergeant-At-Arms: Ole' Croaky Voice Paul Wilson tested everyone's knowledge on Olympic history and Australia's involvement since the modern Olympics commenced.

Skill: the draw was won by PP Enid but still no cigar! She drew the three of diamonds!

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker Jim McPhee was born in Thornbury in 1934, he woke one morning at the age of 11 with a pain in the left leg, following x-rays he was found with bone cancer. At that time hospital care for children was primitive, parents were not allowed to visit for the first month and then only weekly after that. Patients were fed what amounted to boiled tripe which they had to eat with a spoon. He became an amputee at the age of 13 when he lost his left leg at the hip, from Osteogenic Sarcoma (bone cancer), he had to face the rest of his life living without an ankle, knee and hip joints.

Despite this challenge he has competed on equal terms with able-bodied persons in team sports of cricket and table tennis, and is a passionate follower of test cricket and Aussie rules football. He has outstanding recall of his life in Melbourne suburbs in the mid-20th century.

Most of his working life he has been in the insurance industry both as an employee and self-employed as a loss adjuster where he dealt with fire, flood and disaster situations involving many thousands of domestic claims, All in all Jim's story was so enthralling that a number of members purchased the book which he had written about his life.

Meeting Closed at 8:42 p.m.

Scribe: Robert Hurst

**EACH ONE
BRING ONE**



COME, JOIN ROTARY



TOM BURLINSON

PERFORMS

THE BEST OF
SINATRA

THE GREATEST HITS

FEATURING SENSATIONAL
ALL STAR BAND



Club of Croydon

George Woods Performing Arts Centre,
Yarra Valley Grammar School
Kalinda Road, Ringwood

Saturday 8 October 2016
At 8pm

Mail to: Concert Box Office, Rotary Club of Croydon, PO Box 226, Croydon VIC 3136

Please send me _____ tickets @ \$40 I enclose cheque for \$ _____

or charge my Visa Mastercard (circle) Expiry

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Postcode:

--	--	--	--

Book tickets online at www.trybooking.com/215800
Or in person at : Hans Music Spot, 77-79 Main Street, Croydon

All proceeds will go to a project to support children who are victims of family violence

Committee Meeting Reports:

Following the new style of Committee Meetings President Christine has asked each of the Committee Chairs to submit a written report to the Board. Below are three of the reports submitted for the August Board Meeting. Each week, we'll be printing one or two of these reports so that members are kept up to date with what is happening in the club.

The editor (and President Christine) will be happy to receive your feedback on this new development.

Enid Hughes
Editor

MINUTES OF VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

25TH July 2016

PRESENT: Gary Braddock, Paul Wilson,
Fran Mandergeddes, Bob Hurst.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Each member will give an address to the club about his/her profession. We propose that this be done over 2 dinner meetings. The first group in the first half of the year and the second group to be in the second half. Dates to be discussed and locked in.
- Proposed visit to Donations In Kind—this to be a partners' day followed by lunch. Suggested date is Saturday, 17th September.
- Proposed visit to Port Phillip Prison
- Proposed visit to 3M Innovation Evening
- Visit to Swinburne University of Technology, Wantirna Campus, Thursday, 20th August—4.00 p.m.—7.00 p.m. This is to coincide with Science Week.

Action to be Taken:

- GB to contact 3M
- \GB to contact Port Phillip Prison to see if guided tours are still a part of their program
- GB to contact Donations in Kind store if all members are in agreement with the proposed date.
- Need to get numbers for the visit to Swinburne University evening then contact Kate Kent Evans from KIOSC to confirm numbers.

Gary Braddock
Vocations Chair

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

9.00 am	-	3.00 pm
---------	---	---------

Friday 19th August, 2016

Graeme Aspinall
Brian Mandergeddes

John Flemming
Fran Mandergeddes

SOME PEOPLE WILL ONLY
LOVE YOU AS LONG AS
YOU FIT IN THEIR BOX.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO
SHOVE THAT BOX UP
THEIR ASS.

DEEPressions

**A Rotarian is someone
who, through their efforts:**

- Digs wells from which they will never drink
- Restores eyesight for those they will never see
- Builds houses they will never live in
- Vaccinates children they will never meet
- Plants trees they will never sit under
- Educates children they will never know
- Feeds hungry people, regardless of colour, race or politics
- Knows real happiness



2016-17 CCOMMITTEES

GROUP B

YOUTH

Paul Wilson

Ray Hollis

Paul McAloney

Gary Braddock

Enid Hughes

FUND RAISING

Graeme Aspinall

John Flemming

Sean Campbell

Graham Faulkner

FELLOWSHIP

Fran Mandergeddes

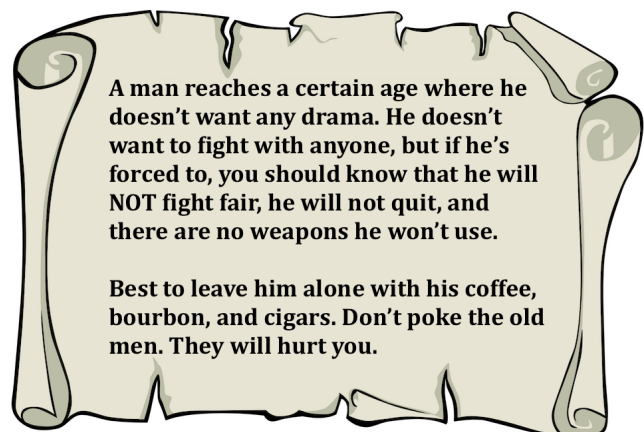
Bob Hurst

Martin Boettcher

Mike Spark

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

Date: 2016	Program.	Speaker
August	is Membership & New Club Development month	
15-Aug	Committees' Meeting	Group B
19-Aug	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
19-Aug	Presidents' Quarterly Mtg.	Mulgrave Country Club
22-Aug	Bridge Builders Youth Org.	TBA
29-Aug	Knox Council's Grants Program	Deb Robert
Sept	is Basic Education and Literacy Month	
5-Sep		
12-Sep	Impact for Women	Kathy Kaplan
16-Sep	Youth Service Seminar	
19-Sep	Committees' Meeting	Group A
26-Sep		
30-Sep	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
October	is Economic and Community Development month	
3-Oct		
7-Oct	Community Service Seminar	
10-Oct		
14-Oct	Social Media Seminar A (Fri)	
15-Oct	Social Media Seminar B (Sat)	
17-Oct	Committees' Meeting	Group B
24-Oct		
28-Oct	Vocational Service Seminar	
31-Oct	Cup Eve - No Meeting	
November	is Rotary Foundation month	
7-Nov		
11-Nov	Pre PETS	
14-Nov		
18-Nov	International Service Seminar	
21-Nov	Committees' Meeting	Group A
25-Nov	Presidents' Quarterly Mtg.	Mulgrave Country Club
28-Nov		



RYDA Road Safety Education Program

I am extremely pleased to advise that as a result of your club's follow up with Fairhills High School they have booked to attend RYDA at our Lilydale venue on **Monday 5th September**. They are anticipating approximately **130 students** to attend on the day.

I'm writing to you to express my sincere thanks for your support of our program and also ask if your club would be interested/available to provide me with **6 volunteers** to assist me on the day?

Venue: Box Hill Institute Lilydale Lakeside
Address: 1 Jarlo Drive, Lilydale
Arrival time: 8.30 a.m. Finishing at approximately 2.30 p.m.

Catering: We will provide morning tea and lunch for all volunteers who assist at a RYDA Program.
Here is a list of the duties the volunteers would be doing during the day:

- Upon arrival—help setup equipment (particularly the Stopping Distances area with bollards, marquee etc). Our facilitators will be onsite to assist with this.
- During day—each volunteer will host a group of students. What this means is that they would be given a folder with a timetable and, with the assistance of the supervising teacher, will help move students between sessions. Assistance in keeping time for our facilitators would also be helpful.
- At the end of the day—help pack up equipment (particularly the Stopping Distances area). Our facilitators will be onsite to assist with this.
- Any other small duties that come up throughout the day as requested by Catherine Smith or other RSE staff.

Please let me know if this is something you would like to get involved in.

Don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further information. Looking forward to your reply.
Thank you

Regards

Catherine Smith Program Coordinator—Victoria



RYDA is designed for senior high school students as they begin to drive or ride as passengers in cars driven by their peers.



Interplast™

Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives
in the Asia Pacific region

Dear President Christine, International Director Sean , Secretary and Past President Paul; Past International Director Virgina, and members of the Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully.

On behalf of our District 9810 Committee and Interplast, I am writing **to thank your Club** for its contributions of **\$1000** in the last Rotary year. Please pass on my thanks to Virgina who does not have a listed email address.

With contributions from Clubs, including your Club, and very generous individual donations, our District has been responsible for funding more than **half the cost** of a **two week surgical and training program** in **Laos** in February 2016 and will be funding **half the cost** of a similar program in **Samoa** and **fully funding** a similar program in **Labasa Fiji**, all to be implemented in **this financial year**. Further, The Rotary club of Wandin is well on the way to raising sufficient funds to pay for a surgical and training program in 2017/18. I will keep your Club informed of the outcome of these Programs for your Club is partly responsible for this combined effort, raising \$51,205 from 25 Clubs plus \$13,455 in individual donations. **An exceptional year!**

With ongoing support this year and next year, contributing Clubs and individual donors will justifiably have the satisfaction of knowing that Interplast's work with similar surgical and training programs will deliver wonderful results , all in accord with its headline ' REPAIRING BODIES AND REBUILDING LIVES'.

If your Club can support Interplast again this year it will be very much appreciated. Every dollar helps!

Please consider visiting the Interplast website www.interplast.org.au If your Club would like an up to date presentation, or short verbal report please let me know.

Interplast - We exist to repair bodies and rebuild lives

www.interplast.org.au

Interplast is a not-for-profit organisation working to empower our neighbours through surgical treatment for patients and training for local medical staff.

If anyone would like to make an individual donation, it will be credited to the District and 'soft credited' to your Club- with thanks!

I am happy to answer any question or query.

Thanks again

Len Brear,

District 9810 Chair of the Interplast Committee

Rotary
Club of Fern Tree Gully

