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Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully



WEEKLY BULLETIN



Rotarians out and about on Australia Day



Celebrate
what's
great!

UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 30th Jan [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 6th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 13th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 20th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 27th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Foundation/ Centurian Club	Club Assembly - Club Rules & By -laws	Mongolia	Committee Meetings	Rotarians Against Malaria
Speaker:	Ian Donald	N/A	Lynette Phuong	GROUP A	Gloria Har- greaves
Chair:	Martin B	Ray H	Bob H	Fran M	Paul McA
Rotary Toast	John F	Enid H	Gary B	John F	Graham F
Cashier:	Mike S	Gary B	Graeme A	Bob H	Paul W
Scribe:	Ray H	Bob H	Mike S	Graeme A	Mike S
Rotary Knowledge	N/A	N/A	N/A	Graeme A	
Topic:				Rotary Community Corps	
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Graeme A	Graeme A	Ray H	Ray H	Ray H
Partners' Night	No	No	Yes	No	No

<i>Birthdays:</i>	1st—Graeme Aspinall
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

I hope you all celebrated Australia Day in your own “Aussie Style” and had a fun day.

Our first committee meetings last Monday, have given us all a chance to put on our “Thinking Caps”. We need everyone’s ideas to assist our local community, to utilise the great fundraising plans coming up this year. Looking forward to sharing your ideas on Monday.

Thank you to Mike Spark, sharing with us the inspirational work the Rotary Foundation had achieved over the last 100 years. We need all your ideas for our club to celebrate this amazing Rotary story.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday. Hope our high seas travellers are enjoying themselves and the ocean is calm.

Enjoy your week

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
President 2016-2017



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 23rd January 2017

The meeting opened at 7 pm with President Christine welcoming all members.

President's Announcements:

President Christine held a one minute silence in honour of those people killed in the Bourke Street Mall on the 20th Jan.

Chairman: John Flemming

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

Secretary: Paul McAloney

Advised the mail has been distributed.

Apologies Sean Campbell

Treasurer: (Enid Hughes)

1. Advised the meeting of a Malaria fundraising dinner on the 30th April organised by RAMS. She suggested if enough members are interested we could organise a table from the club.
2. Reminded the members about the District Conference. She needs to know who is going, and who requires accommodation.

Community (Ray Hollis)

1. Ray spoke about Knoxbrooke 50th anniversary coming up on the 25th March 2017. They have requested our support to help register people attending, and also handing out showbags. Ray has also offered to construct garden beds to replace ones that have deteriorated.
2. Glengullan village have approached Ray about constructing rest stops between the village and the Boroondara shopping centre. Ray will investigate

Fellowship: (Fran Mandergeddes)

Fran is looking at attending Kinky Boots in late March.

Fundraising (Graeme Aspinall)

1. The fund raising committee have asked that people put their thinking caps on and come up with organisations and projects that we can raise money for.
2. Graeme advised that the two BBQ's over the Xmas period raised \$1500.00.

Foundation (Mike Spark)

1. Mike gave a talk on Foundation and commemorating 100 years of service.

Sergeant-At-Arms: (Graeme Aspinall)

Graeme gave us some interesting facts about New Years Eve.

Skill: Paul McA won the swindle and drew the Queen of Hearts.

PROGRAM: Tonight was Committee B meetings.

President Christine conducted housekeeping and wished everyone a happy Australia Day.

Meeting Closed at 8.25 p.m.

Scribe: Paul McAloney



LOCATION IS EVERYTHING

When it comes to service projects, it's good to locate some in the middle of town.

A visible service project in the center of town and a well-placed sign helped the Rotary Club of Luanshya, Zambia, grow its membership from a historic low of three members to double digits in less than a year.

Patrick Coleman was new to Luanshya — a city of about 100,000 people — and a relatively new member of the club in the 1990s when one day he saw a man in a wheelchair trying to negotiate a flight of steps to enter the city's civic center. At that time, access ramps couldn't be found anywhere in Zambia.

"He got out of the chair and crawled up the steps on his rear, one step at a time, and asked passersby to lift his chair to the top," says Coleman. "I thought, what a horrible thing for this man, to have such a lack of dignity."

Coleman decided to approach the town council for permission to build a ramp, partnering with the Christian Resource Center for supplies and persuading a few contractors to do the work pro bono. Once the ramp was completed, he placed a big sign with the Rotary emblem on it, advertising the work of the club and the partner organization.

"People saw it because it was in the middle of town, and everyone goes to the civic center at least four times a year," Coleman says. "People began to ask, 'Where does this Rotary club meet, and what is Rotary all about? Why did these people build a wheelchair ramp?'

"The project's success was greatly magnified soon after, when the president of Zambia visited and was so impressed with the ramp that he declared the country needed more of them. The story of his visit and an accompanying photo showing the Rotary sign in the background made the front page of the newspapers. "Within six months, our club had grown fourfold. We brought in 13 members on a single day," Coleman says.

Coleman, who's now a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, says the club learned a couple of valuable lessons that are applicable to any club:

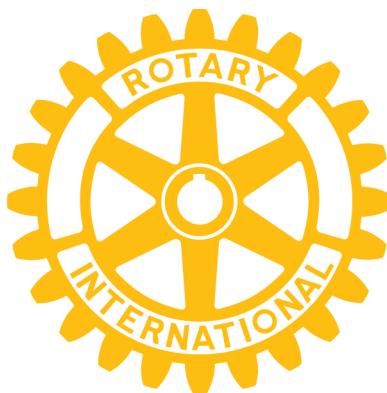
Locate a few of your projects in urban areas where they will be seen, and used, by potential members.

"We tend to do many of our projects in rural areas, and that's where we put the signs," Coleman says. "But the people in the villages aren't going to join Rotary; they don't have the money. And the people in our urban areas don't know what Rotary is doing because they don't go to that village for water, or send their kids to that school."

"Always look for ways to meet concrete needs in your community to keep members involved. New members are particularly good at spotting needs (like the absence of a wheelchair ramp) that others may be overlooking. "They bring a fresh set of eyes," Coleman says.

Coleman's club is awaiting approval for another highly visible project, this one in honor of The Rotary Foundation's centennial. Fittingly, it involves fixing a public latrine in the center of town. More than a century ago, one of the first Rotary service projects was the construction of public toilets in downtown

Rotary



FIVE REASONS TO CHECK OUT OUR REFRESHED WEBSITE If you haven't visited Rotary.org recently, you're missing out! Our public-facing site has a fresh, contemporary look that clearly answers the often-asked question: "What is Rotary?" For many people, our website is their introduction to the impressive work that Rotary members do to improve lives around the world. It's meant to create an emotional connection that inspires potential members, donors, and partners to get involved. The latest changes to the public site do that, and more. (And work is underway to improve [My Rotary](#) as well.) Here are five reasons that you'll appreciate our new public site. Visit Rotary.org to see all the improvements and share the news with your clubs and community.

IMPROVED READABILITY Speaking of speed, technical improvements reduce the time it takes a page to load. And by enlarging type sizes throughout the site, we've also made our content easier to read.

BETTER ORGANIZATION In addition to organizing the content so you can find what you need more easily, we've improved our search function so you get results quickly.



GROWING UP IN THE '50 & '60'S.....

(Your Editor remembers it well!)

1. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."



2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC.

"Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."



7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."



12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world

who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.

"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My father taught me HUMOUR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.



"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS.

"You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

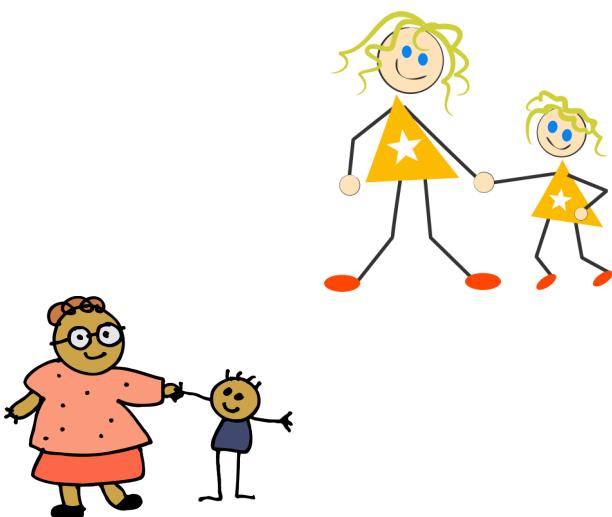
"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"



IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2017	Program.	Speaker
January	is Vocational Service month	
30-Jan	Foundation/Centurian Club	Ian Donald
February	is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month	
6-Feb	Club Assembly - Club Rules & By-laws	
10-Feb	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
11-Feb	"Bikie's" Sausage Sizzle	
12-Feb	Greek Festival - Sausage Sizzle	Ferny Creek
13-Feb	'Mongolia'	Lynette Phuong
17-Feb	Presidents' Quarterly Mtg.	Mulgrave Country Club
18-Feb	"Bikie's" Sausage Sizzle	
20-Feb	Committees' Meeting	Group A
27-Feb	Rotarians Against Malaria	Gloria Hargreaves
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
4/5th Mar	Multi Dist. PETS	
4/5th Mar	Knox Festival	
6-Mar		
10-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
13-Mar	Labour Day - No Meeting	
20-Mar	Committees' Meeting	Group B
25-Mar	Knoxbrooke 50th anniversary	
27-Mar		
31/3 - 2/4	District Conference	Geelong
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
3-Apr		
4-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
6-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
10-Apr		
11-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
17-Apr	Easter Monday - no meeting	
24-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group A
May	is Youth Services month	
1-May		
5-May	Presidents' Quarterly Meeting	Mulgrave Country Club
8-May		
12-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
15-May	Committees' Meeting	Group B
21-May	District Assembly	
22-May		
29-May		
June	is Rotary Fellowship month	
5-Jun		
9-Jun	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
10-14 Jun	International Convention	Atlanta, Florida
12-Jun	Queen's Birthday - No Meeting	
19-Jun	Committees' Meeting	Group A
26-Jun		
Goodbye Christine, WELCOME Christine (again)		

Legend:

	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event