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CHRISTINE ANDERSON
Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Benefactor,

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN



“THE HERE AND HAPPY”

(Jason Ferrugia)

Jason's dissertation on "Happiness" was both interesting and thought provoking. Any-one who read the "Pollyanna" books as a child would have recognised his philosophy—"See the good in anything and everything". A positive outlook and one which we would all do well to follow. *(Read more on page 3)*

Thanks Jason.



UPCOMING MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES

Date & Time:	Monday 3rd April [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 10th April [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 17th April [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 24th April [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 1st May [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club		FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Conference Report	Laughter for Living	EASTER	Committee Meetings	Moradabad Project
Speaker:	Pres. Christine	Lynette Mitchell	MONDAY	GROUP A	John Barnes
Chair:	Mike S	Graeme A		Ray H	Rob H
Rotary Toast	Paul W	Mike S	NO	Graeme A	Gary B
Cashier:	Graeme A	Fran M	MEETING	Graham F	Ray H
Scribe:	Rob H	John F		Paul W	Graeme A
Rotary Knowledge		N/A		Paul McA	
Topic:			Rotary Peace Fellowships		
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Gary B	Gary B		Gary B	Martin B
Partners' Night	No	Yes		No	

<i>Birthdays:</i>	8th—Fran Mandergeddes
<i>Wedding Anniversaries:</i>	8th—Anne & John Flemming
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	4th—Ray Hollis & Gary Braddock—'16 5th—Christine Anderson—'14



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

Today our club made another historic event. The Launch of the Interact Club at Fairhills High School. Salwan Shahine, Enid, Ray Paul W and myself felt very honoured to present the Interact banner to the school. The general consensus was a "Wow" from the students and teachers. The first meeting will begin on a Thursday in term two. So very exciting. As a small club we should be very proud of this milestone achievement.

What a "Here and Happy Speech" with so much inspiration from Jason Farugia on Monday, great to have our DG elect Malcolm Chiverton and all our partners join us for a great meeting.

B+, Passion, Surprise the recipe, to keep us all "HAPPY"

Looking forward to a great conference in Geelong this weekend

Hope you all have a great weekend

Till Monday evening

Enjoy your weekend

Yours in Rotary
Christine Anderson
President 2016-2017



"THE WEEK THAT WAS"

Monday, 20th March, 2017

Meeting started at 7pm with Pres Christine welcoming all.

Guests Malcolm DG Elect

Jason guest speaker – Happy

Partners

President announcements

Knoxbrook 50 years – many mentions of Rotary who founded it. Original purchase of land by Rotary FTG.

District conference this weekend. Look out for bike riders. Gee they are travelling a long way from Melbourne to Geelong...

Monday – Caran West – share on all matters on membership. Mulgrave. John will attend on RTFG behalf.

Chairman's reports – Paul Wilson who admitted to losing a credit card. Other members admitted to enjoying a few additional purchases.

Secretary Paul:

Apologies Graham A, Sean C.

Paul highlighted that he collects stamps from a pyramid scheme to the benefit of Rotary. He suggested setting up similar pyramid schemes.

Vocational Gary

Community Ray

Saturday Knoxbrook celebration – got a photo from 3 original members who were present at the time – photo to go to FTG paper. Bunnings during school holidays 4,6,11 April. Ken Miller has offered to be speaker one night.

International Sean

Youth Paul

Interact – new banner inspired by Prince Purple rain. Need working with children or a responsible adult. 30/3 at the Fairhills school.

Rotary community awards – books ordered – 30 applications.

RYLA – info night 4 th April Mulgrave – contact Paul to map or phone Ray when you get lost. Paul admitted to being an old Fart and possibly did not think that this will be minuted. He also managed to thank himself

Treasurer Enid

Enid – website has disappeared. Alex who set up Rotary websites did not pay bills and websites were disabled. This was followed up – new provider was chosen and we are back on line now. The club thanked Enid for her efforts to resolve this.

Sergeant Mike

Mike started with his best singing voice and sang a song "Back to front we live again".... Enid got the chance to draw a card and managed to draw a good card for the rest of the club – well done Enid. Something about eggs and chickens rolling over the road... Somehow the concept of old farts came again possibly under the influence of Paul.

Paul introduced guest speaker Jason Farrugia –
onthechat@gmail.com How to be happy

"The Here and Happy" – the happiest day of my life – every day should be internally happy. Ray took one of the happiest pictures ever. Shared experience of going through a difficult divorce and associated challenges. Journey started with "Love Yourself". Be with someone who makes you happy.

- Ingredients of happiness:
- B+ (Be positive – a state of mind). Accept that it is my choice to be happy or sad or irritated or negative or... Smile often. It is totally within your control.
- Passion – do you have a passion that is yours? Feed it regularly.
- Element of surprise – do something outrageous. Something refreshing and rejuvenating. A surprise a day makes happiness stay.

President Christine closed the meeting and sang the song "Don't worry – Be happy J"

Requested committee meeting minutes by Wednesday. Also start thinking about annual reports. Marg Hurst has a birthday this week which will cost a happy man flowers, a lunch and possibly another trip to an island somewhere...

Scribe: Martin Boettcher



FAIRHILLS HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

CREEPS CLOSER



We had a "preliminary" Interact meeting at Fairhills today where the students were presented with the banner Ray had made and told what Interact and Rotary has to offer in anticipation of them joining next term.

There was good number of students and they seemed very interested so we are looking forward to an active Interact club commencing next term.

I just received the attached email from Salwan, the District Interact chair who was present today.

Many thanks to Enid, Ray and Christine for the ongoing support. I could not have done this on my own..... Even with Salwan's guidance.

Paul Wilson
Youth Service Chair

Rotary

District 9810

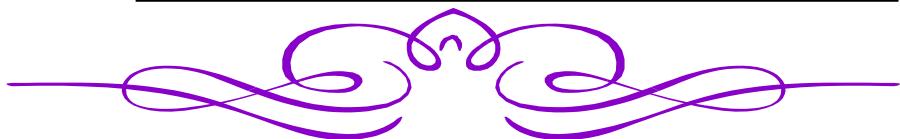


Scoresby—Caribbean Gardens Satellite

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield for their initiative to sponsor a new club in the Scoresby-Caribbean Gardens precinct. This club will be in the first instance a Satellite of the Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield.

DG Carol has invited PP Neil White to be her Special Representative for the formation of the new club which it is anticipated will be a Breakfast club and have a Business Networking component in combination with Rotary.

Please feel free to contact Neil with names of potential members in this area.



A ROTARY THINK TANK

Following a meeting of the College of Governors in November, a group of Past Governors who are passionate about membership convened with the Membership Chair to explore new opportunities for the District to grow its membership through innovation and other initiatives. The first of these was to bring together a group of younger Rotarians and non-Rotarians to chart the "ideal club" from a young person's viewpoint.

Two forums have been held and on 18 or 25 March, a Focus Group is being convened with a view to exploring those not connected to Rotary or not in Rotary about their ideas of what the ideal club would be.

With the changes in the 2016 Council on Legislation to free up areas such as attendance, meeting frequency and style—we are excited that this new concept has the potential to bring a totally new model club to a new group of people.

One key message which is coming through in so many forums is that Rotary is all about the outcomes, rather than the process.

The passion and purpose is essential to successful projects and ultimately clubs.

Utilising technology can be so advantageous in appealing to Generation X and Y's—we are looking to tap into the outcomes of the Focus Group.

Far away in the tropical water

Far away in the tropical waters of the Caribbean, two prawns were swimming around in the sea - one called Justin & the other called Christian.

The prawns were constantly being harassed & threatened by hawks that inhabited the area. Finally one day Justin said to Christian, "I'm fed up with being a prawn, I wish I was a shark, then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten."

A large mysterious cod appeared & said, "Your wish is granted" & lo & behold, Justin turned into a shark.

Horrified, Christian immediately swam away, afraid of being eaten by his old mate.

Time passed (as it invariably does) & Justin found life as a shark boring & lonely. All his old mates simply swam away whenever he came close to them. Justin didn't realize that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight.

While swimming alone one day he saw the mysterious cod again & he thought perhaps the mysterious fish could change him back into a prawn. He approached the cod & begged to be changed back, & lo & behold, he found himself turned back into a prawn.

With tears of joy in his tiny little eyes Justin swam back to his friends & bought them all a cocktail.

Looking around the gathering at the reef he realized he couldn't see his old pal. "Where's Christian?" he asked.

"He's at home, still distraught that his best friend changed sides to the enemy & became a shark", came the reply.

Eager to put things right again & end the mutual pain & torture, he set off to Christian's abode.

As he opened the coral gate memories came flooding back. He banged on the door & shouted, "It's me, Justin, your old friend, come out & see me again."

Christian replied, "No way man, you'll eat me. You're now a shark, the enemy, & I'll not be tricked into being your dinner." Justin cried back "No, I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed....I've found Cod. I'm a Prawn again Christian."

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE.....

2017	Program.	Speaker
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
3-Apr	District Conference Update	Club delegates
4-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
6-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
10-Apr	Laughter for Living	Lynette Mitchell
11-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
17-Apr	Easter Monday - no meeting	
24-Apr	Committees' Meeting	Group A
May	is Youth Services month	
1-May	Moradabad Project	John Barnes (RC Clayton)
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



ROTARY ACRONYMS

There are so many acronyms in the Rotary language, that it is so hard to remember them all, so we shall explain a few each Newsletter to build knowledge. Feel free to put these into your Club Newsletter or Bulletin:

RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Seminar—a leadership program for 18 to 30 year olds held in July annually in District 9810. This is a formal program of Rotary International.

NYSF: National Youth Science Forum—a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and leadership program for students entering Year 12. The program is highly competitive. A District committee interviews and selects candidates.

AG: Assistant Governor This is a person appointed by the District Governor (or DG) to work with the clubs assigned. Note this is AG, not ADG as sometimes referred to.

DTA: District Training Assembly This was formerly called District Assembly and is a forum held annually to launch the new Theme to members of clubs who come together to be trained in their respective areas of responsibility for the following Rotary year. This will be held at Deakin University in Burwood on 21 May, 2017.

PETS: Presidents Elect Training Assembly This is the training seminar for Presidents for the upcoming year. This is a Multi District Seminar held in Ballarat this year.