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WEEKLY BULLETIN 5 MONDAY JULY 31st 2017

MEETING 3884	MEETING 3885
Monday August 7th 2017	MONDAY August 14th 2017
Chair:	Chair: Willis Duncan
Program: SHEEPVENTION	Program: CLUB ASSEMBLY...PROJECTS
Cashier:	Cashier: Glenn Howell
Bulletin:	Bulletin: Tony Wark
Bar:	Bar: Rose Howard
Fines:	Fines: Damien Meagher
Set up:	Set up: Noel Howard
Coming Dates	

REPORT OF MEETING NO. 3883 JULY 31ST 2017

Chairman Bob Penny welcomed everyone to the meeting.

After Rotary Grace and Loyal Toast, we made an International toast to the **Rotary** Club of Kampala, Uganda where International President elect Sam F. Owori was a member. Sam unfortunately passed away after surgery a few weeks ago.

President Leo welcomed guest Bruce Blok for his second meeting.

- Birthday – Jo Howell on 5th August
- Sheepvention roster/tasks will be finalised tonight
- Leo thanked those who manned the gates on a very chilly day at the Harness Racing
- Hamilton North Rotary Changeover has been changed to this Wednesday 2nd August. Lorraine, Leo and Noel & Rose are going.
- **Club Service Projects**
- 14th August will be Club Assembly and members are asked to think of projects.
- **PR Report**
- Article finally in Spectator about 80th Birthday and PHF presentation
- Blog Spot mentioned the Wind Farms
- **Secretary**
- If you intend to miss 4 or more consecutive meetings you need to ask the board for leave.
- Working with Children card – an obligation as a Rotarian to apply for one of these. It is free and forms are at the PO
- Charitable Trust is being wound down. Seeking original documents.
- Minutes of Board Meeting 17th July have been sent out.

- **Fines**

Rose Howard conducted a quiz of events of the 1960's (as the average age in our club is late sixties!) We then had a Heads and Tails which was won by Richard Beks.

Guest Speaker was PP Noel Howard who has just returned from Timor Leste as a Team member at Klibur Domin, a Ryder Cheshire facility for people with tuberculosis, physical disabilities, or mental health problems. They spent two weeks painting rooms, exteriors of building and sorting tools out to put on a big tool board. Most of the tools have been provided by Rotary Clubs in Group 10.

- **THE COUNTRY...** Timor-Leste has a population of about 1.2m people, of which 98% are Catholic. 40% of the population live below the poverty line. It is 8th on the world poverty list. The National language is Tetum, of which there are 12 dialects. 90% of the country's income is from oil revenues and some from coffee, sandalwood and marble. Dili has an annual rainfall of 150mm. It is built on a narrow coastal plain, no wider than 4kms and app. 15kms long. (48sq.kms)
- **THE FOOD...** The staple food is rice, with some greens (mainly spinach). The meat content is mainly chicken with occasional beef. Boiled eggs and tofu were also served. Fish is not common, because of the high cost and transport problems. Some cultural beliefs, in some areas, don't allow fish to be eaten. The average consumption of fish is 6.2kg per person per annum. The people in rural areas don't eat fish at all, so have a large malnutrition and Vitamin problem.
- **RECENT HISTORY...** Dili was founded in 1769, by the Portuguese. The boundary between Dutch West Timor and East Timor was established in 1914. Japan occupied Timor during WW2, and the Portuguese returned after the war. Portugal left Timor in 1974. In 1975, civil war broke out until Fretlin declared Independence on Nov. 1975. The population of Timor-Leste, in 1974, was 653,433. By 1978 it had dropped to 498,433, a drop of 23%. Most of the deaths during this period were caused from illness and malnutrition. The turning point for the independence movement was the terrible massacre at the Santa Cruz cemetery on 12th Nov. 1991. Indonesian troops killed more than 250 people, mostly students. After much violence, resulting in an international peace-keeping force, elections were held in 2001, and the result was that in 2002 the Democratic Republic of East Timor was proclaimed, and Xanana Gusmao was elected as its first President.
- **KLIBUR DOMIN...** Built by Indonesia in 1980's as a care facility for the aged and disabled. The Ryder-Cheshire Foundation took over in 2000. K/D was given to RCF by the Gvt. Of Timor-Leste, to manage. Their mission is to relieve suffering, treat TB, help the disabled and malnourished people, and provide a clinic and physiotherapy centre. The hospital and respite centre has space for 80 patients. K/D also provides outreach services for communities in three districts, providing treatment in their own homes, so as not to cause stress by having them move. They only bring them to K/D if they are too ill or malnourished to stay at home. Four people die each day from TB.
The budget for K/D is US\$400,000 and has a staff of 40 people. The facility in Mount Gambier has a budget of \$1,000,000 and cares for 4 residents!!
- The median age in Timor- Leste is 19, whereas in Australia it is 38.

The weather was 33 degrees on most days, with very high humidity. They slept under mozzie nets and their washing facilities were interesting, to say the least! No hot water, but cold running water twice a day (2 hrs morning and 2 hrs night) Their meals were mostly rice and spinach, with either chicken, boiled eggs or tofu. Bananas seemed to be the only fruit they had.

THANKS, NOEL, FOR A VERY INTERESTING PRESENTATION. I AM SURE NOT MANY ROTARIANS WERE AWARE, UNTIL NOW, OF KLIBUR DOMIN, AND THE WORK THEY DO OVER IN TIMOR- LESTE.

IF ANY CLUBS WOULD LIKE NOEL TO TALK ABOUT HIS TIME OVER THERE, HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO IT.



Board and lodgings



Team 2..Noel, Gae, David, Rose, Kaitlin



Statue of Pope John Paul



Rice, Spinach and Deep fried boiled egg