PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Thank you to Chris H for taking the board meeting in my absence.

Next week is the Curry Night Fundraiser at RNH for the Elli Martha Fund. I hope everyone is spreading the word and considering bringing some friends. Thanks to Bernie for organising the night and to Noel from Namaskar, Dadswell’s Bridge for his generosity.

Sue will be going to the Polio Night in Horsham on Thursday 25th October, so get in touch with her if you’re also interested in going. It should be very interesting.

See you at the curry night.

Yours in Rotary,
Tony

COMING DATES

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APOLOGIES / GUESTS

Jean Wise
By lunchtime Tuesday
0487 159 242
or email to
wbealbulletin@gmail.com

WPS Breakfast 2019

Tues 22nd October

Sue W (collect)
Megan Watts
Mandy
Tim Hewitt
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**Inductions : -**  
**Birthdays : -**  
**Anniversaries : -**

**Wed 16th October meeting - BOARD MEETING**

**BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

- Dog Park. Some approximate costs for fencing received. Peter Martin to follow up. Committee need to meet.
- Donated funds $500 back to Eagles Football Club from BBQ night Family Fun Day.
- New Members proposed and accepted.
- RYLA and RYPEN applications now open for 2020.
- Funding 2 students for Energy Breakthrough Challenge from Secondary College
- Bra Bin full at Op Shop. Helen collected.
- Baking Day to be held for Simon for fundraising. Helen giving further details to Club.
- Still collecting toiletries for Purple House project. Give to Sue.

**Fellowship (Bernie O)**

- Make sure to book in for the curry night with Bernie ASAP to confirm your seats. It’s been a sell out every year so far.
- Fundraiser- Keg for a Cause.
Hi all,
Just giving you the heads up regarding a couple of RFE for 2020 if everything goes through okay.
Have had two Rotary district contact me D 5060 Central Washington and British Columbia Canada and D 5970 Iowa - neither of these two Districts have done a Friendship Exchange before so its all new to them.

At the moment I need to find clubs that will host so I have sent the attached off to D.G.Rosanne to get the information in the D.G.’s newsletter.

So please ask your clubs if they are interested as you know what a great experience it was and how much you enjoyed it. I will be in touch directly with the club secretaries and Presidents shortly to see if I can get hosts.

Thanks,
**Gail Barrett-Chair D 9780 Rotary Friendship Exchange.**
**Director**

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### LETTERS FROM LAURA

I greatly apologise for the delay with this report, I was on a Rotary camp for the last two weeks and had many events beforehand. Again I also apologise for how big this report is, I've had a hectic couple of months.

I hope everyone is well and you have all made it out of winter all well and good. I hope the football season did well in everyone’s leagues, I haven’t had much of a chance to follow it.

So I'll start with the summer holidays which for me were the entirety of July and a little bit of August. The first weekend of the holidays I spent with my oldies at their final orientation. This weekend was very emotional for everyone involved, exchange students, Rotex and our coordinators. It was a wonderful weekend and I'm so happy I got to see them all together one last time. Then my host father drove me and my host brothers six hours to Northern Germany to spend a week on the North Sea in their family cabin. A beach holiday in Germany is a little different than home, as it was cold and even raining some days and we were always rugged up. It was a very nice holiday and we spent a lot of time just relaxing and breathing in the sea air. We also explored some of the cities in the far north of Germany, which vary greatly to the cities in the south where I live. These cities have a little Russian and even Scandinavian influence to them and it was really interesting. After that week, my host mum travelled up by train to join us on the ferry to Copenhagen. From Copenhagen, we drove three hours to the beautiful seaside city of Gothenburg. We stayed in an Airbnb that was a family's house. The house was gorgeous and was right on the sea.

In Sweden, there aren't very many sand beaches but rather smooth rocks that are very warm in the sun and are perfect for sunbaking. The only way I could describe the sea is like a massive rockpool with many tiny islands inside. The water was so clear but cold as anything and there was no real bank, it dropped off from rock to 3-metre deep water. A couple of days we caught a smaller ferry and spent the day on some of these little islands that had their own little towns and were absolutely stunning. We were lucky with the weather as it was a pretty solid 25 degrees most days. We were in Sweden for two weeks and I got to get a real glimpse of the Scandinavian side of Europe, a side I wish to explore more of in the future. The rest of the summer holidays were very laid back and spent quite close to home, with a couple of trips to bigger cities around Landau.

During the last weeks of summer, I spent most of my time with my host brother Jannik as he was heading off on his own exchange in New Zealand at the end of July. That was one of the more emotional parts of the summer as Jannik was probably my closest friend in Germany and such an incredible person to have at my school and in Landau. He helped me so much with German and just settling into normal life here. I'm in contact with him very regularly and I know he's having an incredible time in New Zealand.
I also said goodbye to Fiona, another very close friend who's currently in Kansas City. She had a going away party with all other her school friends and it was a really amazing time. She's also having a great time but she only has 10 months in the US, as she's with AFS. I celebrated Jake's birthday party in Mannheim with a few close exchange friends at the end of the holidays. Then I went back to school and started in the next class. I've started in the eleventh, meaning I've started in the German version of VCE (Abitur), meaning that my school sometimes goes until 5pm or sometimes even 11 am but I have very easy core subjects (Leistungskurs). They are English, Art, and Sport, a combination that is only for me, and I have 6 hours of each a week. I also take maths, ethics, another art class, Spanish, German and chemistry but I only have 2 or 3 lessons of each. I am loving school right now and have some really good friends in the school. After school, I'm either with school friends or meeting with exchange friends. My best friend is a German girl who spent a year in Chile with Rotary and she has been a really amazing friend and we meet at least once a week in the city for lunch and it's amazing to just have her in my city. At the end of September, I met all of my 'newbies' for the first time in a city called Eisenberg. I had already met a couple beforehand and was really excited to meet the rest. In the beginning there were a few mixed emotions as it made Jake and I realise how much we missed our oldies but once we became more comfortable with the newbies it was really amazing. The first Orientation was really amazing and was a great way to get to know everyone before the Sprachcamp which was only the next week. Our Sprachcamp was 10 days long, over the Autumn holidays, in a small city called Worms. The city is quite famous for it's Church, One Martin Luther spoke before, and the fact that the oldest Jewish cemetery in Europe is in the middle of the city. It also has some cute cafes and shops in the centre. The way the camp was structured was that we had 3 hours of language classes then we would do a group activity or be allowed to go into the city for free time, then after dinner, we'd have a group night activity or free time once again. This meant we had plenty of time to get up to some mischief and muck around with each other. Some of the moments on the camp were some of the best of my exchange and already I feel as close or even closer with my newbies than my oldies. They are an amazing group of people who I love so much and I know my last few months will be the best with them. I have already made plenty of memories, and have many stories to share about our language camp that probably taught more Spanish than German. We have another Orientation in November and two tours in December and I cannot wait.

I wish everyone the best and I will be writing sooner next time. Laura

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With other inbound exchange students from around the world

Pop Concert - with a school friend

Swedish islands

Swedish holiday with my third host family
ELLI MARTHA FUND

CURRY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2019: 6:00PM

$30 PER HEAD

COMMUNITY ROOM
RURAL NORTHWEST HEALTH WARRACKNABEAL CAMPUS

PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED
BOOK THROUGH WOODBINE 53982166

Curries prepared by Chef Noel from Namaskar Restaurant Dadswell Bridge

As a result of a generous offer by Noel, there will be a raffle of a dinner party for six people in your own home. Noel will provide the wonderful curries and Bernie will provide the butler and dishwashing service.

Keg For A Cause
Pay what you want for your pot
Late afternoon, Friday 25th October, 2019, at the Creekside Hotel, Warracknabeal
All proceeds will be donated by Creekside to Woodbine.
All funds will be directed to reducing athletes' costs for the Tri State Games in Semaphore, Adelaide, this November.
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST D9780 ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE.

Rotary Friendship Exchanges are a great way to meet new people in new countries. Out bound and In Bound Friendship Exchanges are normally for 2 weeks with a team of 10 – 12 people – usually Rotarians, who travel to another country and stay with Rotarians and visit their District and their Rotary Clubs.

At the moment two Rotary District have expressed an interest in a Friendship Exchange with D 9780 so we are looking for host clubs. Is your club interested? 3- 4 nights is the length of stay in each place-The Rotary Club members then organize for the team to visit places of interest and attend Rotary meetings or attend Rotary functions.

D 5060 North Central Washington, USA and British Columbia Canada in Okanagan Valley. The summer is beautiful with amazing lakes and rivers. Our District is vast allowing you to explore much of the Okanagan Valley as well as many wineries. If you prefer colder weather, we have lots of winter activities including skiing – cross country as well as downhill and snow shoeing.

D 5970 Iowa USA – Cedar Rapids has a population of around 130,000 and the Rotary District borders on the east of the Mississippi River. The geography varies from rolling hills with the forest in the northeast to flat farmland as far as the eye can see.

As the planning is in the early stages as yet, I need at least 4 clubs for each incoming team to host – so will need 8 clubs all up to offer to host.

What time are you able to host? Again if your club is interested I need to know when it would be suitable for the team to visit your area – what month?

Gail Barrett – Chair D9780 Rotary Friendship Exchange.