

A humungous meeting was shared by those in attendance on Tuesday night, including a number of welcome guests: Janny van Leeuwen, Judy Symons, Bill Burrows and Sally Jones



Rex Greenland was recognised and thanked for 30 Years as a member of this club, sponsored by Terry Palmer and inducted by President Ron Bray on 11th August 1992. President himself in 1999-00, Rex received PHF recognition in 2004 & a sapphire pin in 2015, principally for leadership with Lyrebird Village.

Rex said he had enjoyed every year of his membership and, how the great support he and Jill had received from fellow members during many times of great difficulty for them, was of great help in their times of distress and need.

President Roger was very pleased to induct two new members into Rotary and the Drouin club: **Dianne Wallace**, sponsored by Pauline Maunder & **Lois Ryan**, sponsored by Dick van Leeuwen. *Both new members spoke of the wonderful reception received every time they have visited and they very pleased to have been invited to join.*



Sally Jones spoke of the trip she and Peter Dell had just taken to deliver a very large quantity of de-badged ambulance uniforms to Mt Warning Rotary in Murwillumbah, NSW. She said to actually visit and see first-hand the areas that had been flooded was really confronting, but a most fulfilling experience. Tim Wills thanked Sally & Peter for their great contribution, along with Kevin & Dianne Roberts who had offered to do this. Also thanks to all those who had and continue to remove badges from uniforms.



Leigh Bates gave a preliminary report on his participation with 'The Elvis Crew' in the 2022 Variety Bash...around 5.5 thousand Kms over 11 days between Melbourne and Cairns via Adelaide and the Gulf. The crew came 4th of 103 crews in fundraising (over \$100K this year) which means a total since their involvement of around \$1.9 million.

Note our recognition on their roof banner



Bill Petschack reported on the first project with Drouin Secondary College VCAL students – a table & seat built by them in Alex Goudie Park. That morning the concrete pad had been laid and the table will be affixed next week. Bill said the five boys in this group had worked very well and he was also most pleased with the financial support from BBSC, the donation of all timbers used by Drouin HOME Hardware & Timber and by the generous support of Drouin Garden Centre. Other projects are developing.



Regionalisation Pilot Project: *President Roger said he will be voting “yes” on the club’s behalf next week. Any further questions or comment were invited from members.*

Anniversaries: Jo joined 15 years ago & Ian H 12; Shane was born and later wed Suzie; Paul wed Lynne

PROGRAM: ‘Supporting persons displaced by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine’



Chairman Dick van Leeuwen introduced Brett Osler who came to share his experiences of twelve month’s living in Poland, which included diverse involvements in support of principally women and children who had been displaced by the Russian invasion of their homeland. Brett arrived in Poland on 12th July 2020 and started his time there with training in cultural awareness. That led to engagement with the Krakow

Multicultural Centre and his involvement in a number of activities including preparations for the receiving of displaced persons from the anticipated war. That war came on 24th February after which Krakow’s population quickly rose by 12% and, over time by 20%.

“They came with only a suitcase!...But most want to go home.”

Brett took us through the locations in which he worked and the activities undertaken/services delivered. He said that, at the time he compiled the list, through the various centres some 120,000 people had been helped with over 550,000 items of clothing and 507,000 personal & support “products” e.g. toiletries.

And what support could we provide now? -- financial aid direct to refugees **and** lobbying to increase resettlement quotas.

NEXT Meeting

Date	Program
Tuesday 20 Sept	Ellen Burrows – Committee for Drouin & Drouin History Group
Tues 04 October	Gary S, Ray H, Russell F, Glynn F, William W, & Max H <i>to advise</i>
Tues 18 October	Gary S, Ray H, Russell F, Glynn F, William W, & Max H <i>to advise</i>

Roger’s Quote for the week

“I never scored a goal in my life without receiving a pass from someone else.” A. Wambach



Spring Clean-up Drouin

This program promoted by the Committee for Drouin was supported by the *Wednesday Morning Walkers* as they rambled through Civic Park and along the Twin Towns’ Trail over a three week period. Lots of rubbish found its way into the bags and then the bins. Thank you walkers.



For Your Diary:



Kevin was pleased with response to call for volunteers for two upcoming events

8th & 9th Oct



and 14th Oct

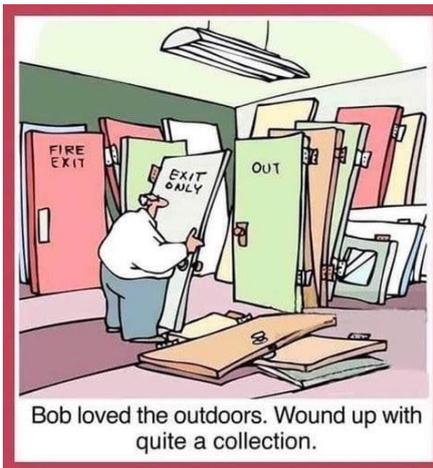




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