

Club Christmas Party Dec 20 2011

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Meeting Report, Tuesday 4th October

by Peter LAKE

Chairperson Kay Stevens opened the meeting with the loyal toast and Rotary grace.



President Kevin welcomed visiting Rotarian and soon to be new member Dr Yanpu Zhang and Guest Speakers Shannon Boland and Nhat Nguyen to our club.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Ed called on Herb Greenwood to conduct the Sergeant's session. We learnt that there were two Travises in the Grand Final and that we were going to pay a fine to participate in a game with the winner taking home two fine bottles of wine from Herb's cellar. Herb used two coins to quickly thin the numbers down to John Meehan and Robin Stevens. The final - back to back - standoff was resolved with Robin taking home the prize.

New Member Induction

John Meehan introduced our new member Dr Yanpu Zhang for induction. Yanpu was previously a member of the Rotary Club of Courtney Place in Wellington, New Zealand for six years and applied to renew her Rotary membership with RCCM-S. President Kevin inducted and welcomed Yanpu into our club and notified members that given her position at Victoria University, her member designation would be Academic Research. Yanpu thanked members for their warm welcome and said she intended to bring the same passion and energy to our club that she had previously demonstrated at RC Courtney Place. She also made mention of the support offered by John, Lorraine, Neville, Kay and President Kevin.

Announcements

John Meehan reminded members to book for the November 16 Paul Harris Breakfast. The Club is aiming for attendance of 230 plus so please publicise this important breakfast amongst your network.

President Kevin reminded members that we need volunteers for 13 November City to Bay marshaling duties - 30 members would result in approximately \$1,000 of income for the club. The President also urged members to register for our *Inside Story* fundraising evening, reminded members of the wine sale and the funds that flow from it to the club, and publicised a November working bee at a Women's Refuge in Flemington as a great way for members to gain the "hands-on" involvement they desire. In closing he asked members to vote on the supplied ballot paper for the election of two members to the Club President Nomination Committee.

Guest Speakers

Chairperson Kay introduced our two guest speakers from International House, Nhat Nguyen and Shannon Boland, both of whom are excellent students who contribute to the house with real enthusiasm.

Nhat is from Hanoi and became actively involved in the Melbourne community to make the most of the opportunity his parents have given

him. He enjoyed his school years and as well as being School Captain, was active in sport and social activities. Adjusting to Australian customs and manners was an interesting experience as is his ongoing education about football. International House has given Nhat a great many friends to chat with between lectures and he also works in the building's reception office, an area that complements his accountancy studies. Nhat hopes to stay in Australia at the completion of his studies and is actively working on his English skills as part of that goal.

Shannon introduced herself as a typical student whose life revolves around sleep, food and study! She grew up in Mount Beauty, attending the local school and was proud of the large number of high achieving students that have come from such a small school. Shannon traveled to Asia as a school student, was a member of the CFA and was selected to attend the Rotary Science Forum in New Zealand. She regards International House as a great home and given that 60% of the students are from other countries, she is looking forward to traveling to visit them in coming years. In closing, Shannon acknowledged the Rotary Scholarship that provided for her full year of fees at International House.

Chairperson Kay thanked both of our guest speakers for their presentations and presented them with hand crafted gifts from Timor Leste as a token of our appreciation.

Meeting Close

President Kevin notified members that Neville John and Bernie Gerlinger had been duly elected to the Club President Nomination Committee. He then went on to thank Shannon and Nhat for their excellent presentations before closing the meeting with the Rotary theme.

INSIDE STORY

by LOVE, Kevin

Forget about "Underbelly" and "CSI"!

Come and hear real stories about criminal investigation from the Detectives that ran the cases.

Inside Story lets you hear first hand how the Detectives solved the crimes.

Funds raised from the evening will go to the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Silk Miller scholarship, its Community Village project and other projects.

Friday, 21st October 2011 at 6.15pm.

Cost \$40 per head with light refreshments served during the event.

The venue, Melbourne City Conference Centre, is on the cnr of Swanston and Little Lonsdale Streets, opposite the State Library.

Download the flyer/booking form

Rotary Club of Jeffreys Bay's First Annual Spring Art Exhibition

by THOMAS, Tony

Our District Rotary Friendship Exchange expedition to South Africa has had a further great result. Our members educated many clubs we visited, including RC of Jeffreys Bay on the



south coast, on how to raise funds via art auctions. RC of Jeffreys Bay took up our suggestion and look at the results below! R10,000 is about \$AUD 1,230.



"Hi friends,

Your visit to us in May had another wonderful spinoff. On Friday night we opened the Rotary Club of Jeffreys Bay's First Annual Spring Art Exhibition!

We decided to use the Rotary theme of "Reach within to Embrace Humanity" as the theme for the exhibition - something we plan to do every year.

We invited 40 local artists, professional and amateurs, to participate. Word got around and in the end we exhibited 48 art works. We prescribed the format and supplied the canvas and most of the artists donated their art works to the club. 42 of the art works sold on the opening night and we raised in excess of R10,000 which makes this new-born project our club's second biggest fundraiser!

I attached some photos of the night and of some of the art work exhibited. Thanks so much for planting this seed, I hope we can see some or all of you back here next year to share the fun with us!

Lots of love,

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Sponsorships for Disadvantaged South African Youngsters *by THOMAS, Tony*



Our Rotary Frienship Exchange visit to South Africa last May has led to new contacts and sponsorships for disadvantaged South African youngsters.

Below is Adrian Hardnick (right) who has been able to enrol in a literacy tuition program thanks to a donation of several hundred dollars from our group members. His mentor Carina de Flamingh ok says,

"We received feedback from his tutor, informing us that Adrian pays such good attention to instructions and carefully executes them. The tutor is positive that he will advance rapidly. Adrian is also one of our clients who has become a volunteer in the swop shop! This involves kids collecting recyclables and selling them in exchange for tokens they can spend at swop shops. So far, more than a thousand kids have collected over 37 tonnes of recyclable junk!

Lots of love and thank you again.

Carina"