

TULIP TIMES



Next Meetings	Tuesday 22nd May, 2018	Tuesday 31st May, 2018
Location	Highlands Golf Club	TBC
Program	"My year in Oz"	Social + Science & Eng. debrief
Speaker	Exchange student Veerle	
Intro / Vote of Thanks		
Dinner Fee Duty	Rosemary Kelly	
Journalist	Trevor Fair	
Regalia Duty	Lynton Kettle	
If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email: trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au		

Invocation – Don Graham

President David opened the meeting with the results of the ballot on whether we meet weekly or fortnightly. 87% voted for continuation of weekly meetings. This was enough guidance for the Board, which met earlier this week.

International Toast – Jim Gasson



Yesterday was the **Independence Day of Paraguay** marking its declaration of independence from Spain in 1811.

Paraguay is surrounded by Argentina in the south and south west, Brazil to the east and north east and Bolivia to the west.

It was remote and isolated inland and one of the last areas settled in South America when the only real town settlement, **Asuncion** was founded by Jesuit missionaries in the 17th Century.

Asuncion is now the capital and has a population of 530 000 of the 7 million in Paraguay.

Australia has an historic association with Paraguay.

William Lane, publisher of the Queensland Worker newspaper was active in organising the labour movement in the early 1890s. He had a vision of a utopian socialist society but when the Australian Labor Party was formed it was neither utopian nor socialist enough for him so as the founding tradition of the ALP he and his mates split.

They went off to Paraguay in 1893 and settled on a land grant and called it New Australia. There were strict rules including no alcohol so when the next group arrived there was rejection of Lane's leadership and his rules and so they also split and the whole thing fell apart by 1894.

Mary Gilmore, the author whose face is on our \$10 note was one of the settlers and there are some 2000 descendents of the colonists still there today.

The **Rotary Club of Asuncion** was Chartered in 1927 in what is now District 4485 and has 54 Members led by **President Anibal Sanabria**.

In March they planted 300 trees in a local park as a Community Service project.

In honour of the Independence Day of Paraguay would you please be upstanding and Toast the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Asuncion.

Announcements

Don: Thanked MUNA helpers, Ian L; Gwenda; David R and Ray C. This was another very successful day. Don outlined expenditure for the Youth portfolio of events. These included: MUNA @ \$1500/year, 2 students to RYPEN @ \$650, the prestigious National Youth Science Forum, the Leadership Assembly; and Interact Bowral High School, which is always active. Don would like some reserve funds to support their initiatives.

Mary: Trivia Night, want 150. Want to book a table? Need 3 more tables (can you help?), please bring 16 June so we can set up. Mary also needs a ute driver to get tables from the shed that morning.

Jacinta: Bowel Care test kits now at chemists at \$15. Community Service Committee has been looking at a book exchange for waiting rooms in railway station/s; so far, Mittagong has agreed. Reminder of Rotary in the community, we'd donate the first set, people will donate or exchange. She and Ian J have been looking for a suitable book shelf; Ian will make one if required. If you can spare books, please bring them in the next few weeks.

Surprise Sergeant Session

Lynton brought his best game.

Belinda Jones hears on the radio that someone is going up the Hume the wrong way. She calls **Graeme Jones**, on the way home from Campbelltown, who tells her "You're not telling me anything, there's hundreds of 'em, love."

John Elder's looking for a laborer to work on his house. After 20 years with the Master Builders Association battling the Building Workers Industrial Union, it's no wonder he can't find one.

Rod Aistrophe's choice for reading tonight's Toast about Paraguay and Labour; Comrade **Jim**.

House for sale: **Mary Ramsay**. Drinks on her...

There was a Joint Board meeting last night – 7 men and 3 women. The meeting dragged on. Then phone calls came but only to the women – from kids and relatives, needing to be picked up, so they had to leave. Classic set up!

Don Graham must learn not to mumble after his recent medical procedure. (We hope his test results turned up).

Brian E won't let a frog sit on his head ever again and neither will **Jim G** tuck a pig under his arm.

Gwenda drew the raffle and out came Black D35, held by **Ian Johnston**. And then it happened!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Drinks on him!



The meeting also discussed possible donations for the end of the year and members were invited to express their preferences by ballot.

Ken Adams spoke to Dream Cricket Australia, a Rotary project and recommended that the Club make an annual

donation to this organization to assist the further development and extension of the project.

Finally, this was the last meeting when we were served by Chef Pascale and his daughter, after 9 years of delicious meals.

Your A/Editor sought comments from various members. This seemed to be a common theme:



Au Revoir, Pascale et Merci Beaucoup pour des repas mémorables.



The meeting closed just before phones began to ring.

Don't miss Veerle's farewell talk next week.