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of Bowral-Mittagong

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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for 2021-22,

Serve to change lives,

is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Future Events

March 1 – Samuel Gees Pies and Pastries and they are Fully Licenced

March 8 – International Women's Day Breakfast at Gibraltar Country Club, Bowral @7am

March 8 - Southern Highlands Winery - Pasta Night & Partners Night

March 25 – Beyond Blue Car Rally @ Bong Bong Racecourse

March 31 – Empire Cinema Premier of "The Duke"

Please Note: Confirm by this Sunday afternoon as per Trevor's emails

Venue: Kookabar Café.

Journalist: Ian Langford.

Once again this week we were made welcome by the Club's favourite chef, Pascal Timores who produced a simple but tasty meal. Thank you Pascal and your staff.



(Photo: Southern Highland News)



Jo and Mary eager for Pascal's next banquet

Welcome: Sergeant Lynton Kettle welcomed all members and guests. Tonight's guests were Carsten Prien, Robyn Liberale, Eric Conley and Barbara Marvello. Visiting Rotarian (and past Bowral Mittagong member) from the Rotary eClub of Brindabella was Rob Uhl. Congratulations to Rob Uhl who has been appointed Rotary District Governor Nominee Delegate (to be DG in 2024-25).

President Will Eddowes was welcomed and he invited Robbie Allen to recite the **Invocation.**

International Toast: Don Graham

The island nation Saint Lucia is celebrating its Independence Day today.

It is one of the Windward Islands at the east end of the Caribbean Sea which run in a line north from the South American north coast towards Puerto Rico and Cuba.



The island is only 617 square kilometres and was originally populated by Arawak and Carib Amerindian peoples until the French claimed it in 1660.

Over the next 150 years Britain and France were at war many times and the island changed hands fourteen times - it was a 7 all draw in 1814 after Napoleon lost and the British kept it until it gained its independence in 1979.



It is a Member of the Commonwealth and provides players to the West Indies Cricket Team including Captain Darren Sammy back in 2004.

Saint Lucia has a population of 166 000. Its capital is Castries, home to 60 000 and two Rotary Clubs.



The Rotary Club of Gros Islet was chartered in District 7030 in 1993 and has 41 Members led by **President Becky Jno-Baptiste**.

It is a very active and social Club which recently joined with the other Club, both of their Satellite Clubs and the Lions Clubs to source 50 wheel chairs. They jointly identified suitable recipients and delivered the chairs. The project has produced lasting bonds and fulfilled the First Object of Rotary - the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

In recognition of the Independence Day of Saint Lucia our members rose and toasted the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Gros Islet.



The black and white colors represent the harmonious relationship between the people of white and black races on the islands. Prosperity and sunshine are symbolized by the yellow color of the flag. The two triangles represent the two volcanic cones of Saint Lucia. The triangles also represent unity.

Notices:

Food and Wine Festival. Ian Langford and Brian Ritson reported on the planning for the festival. The roster for the car parking and entry gates staffing is almost complete with only one spot on each still vacant. Weather not looking good and although we were told that ticket sales were going well we learnt later that there had been many cancellations. Ian and Brian will be meeting Katrina on site on Friday afternoon so look out for any emails late on Friday in case there are changes.



Welfare. Rosemary Kelly reported that David McCosh had been at St Vincent's Private Hospital for a test when his blood pressure plummeted and he was rushed to theatre where a pacemaker was fitted. He spent some time in intensive care and is now on a ward.

President Will Eddowes reported that that due to Linda Hoelle having chemotherapy treatment which makes her immunity compromised so John is keeping safe for the time being.

It was also reported that Friend of Rotary John Hewson has had another stroke a week ago.

District News. It was announced that Rob Uhl has been appointed Rotary District Governor Nominee Delegate (to be DG in 2024-25). Congratulations and more information can be found on the District web page

<https://rotary9705.org.au/50099/Page/ShowHomePage>

International Women's Day Breakfast. Join us at the Gibraltar Country Club in the beautiful Southern Highlands for a Champagne Breakfast to celebrate women around the world. The breakfast will be on Tuesday 8th March 2022, at 7:00 am to 9:00 am at the Gibraltar Country Club, 7 Boronia Street, Bowral.

The Champagne Breakfast consists of Hot Buffet Breakfast with champagne on arrival, unlimited Tea, Coffee & Juice. This event is not just for women, it is open for all who wish to attend! The Keynote Speaker for the morning will be Mark Balla – known as The Toilet Warrior.

Tickets can be booked on line [here](#) and the cost is \$53.84 (includes the \$3.84 fee).

Future Meeting Venues. Denise Coad and Luciano Liberale have been working hard to find a suitable permanent meeting venue. In the meantime Denise said the emphasis would be on supporting local businesses. Next meeting on 1st March will be at Samuel Gee Pies and Pastries, 41-49 Old Hume Highway, Balaclava and the following meeting on 8th of March will be at Southern highlands Winery, Corner of Oldbury Road and Illawarra Hwy, Sutton Forest 2577.



Please ensure that Secretary Trevor Fair knows if you are an apology or not by Sunday evening. The default position is you will be attending and you will be liable for the \$35 dinner fee unless you have some other agreement with Trevor. Please pay on line to the Club's General Account No 108573636 / BSB 012 547.

Habitat for Humanity. David Rees and Will Eddowes helped at the Habitat project in Railway Street, Balmoral, to complete a base for a water tank and shed.

Film Premier Night. Mary Ramsay reported on the preparations for the fundraising premier of the film "The Duke" starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren to be held on 31st March at 6:00 for 6:30pm. She got her three volunteers and is looking for raffle prize donations. It is hoped that the wine that will be offered can be donated to the club.

Thanks. After the dessert the members thanked Pascal and staff of a very enjoyable meal.

Sergeant's Fines. Sergeant Lynton Kettle then set about fining all and sundry including Rob Uhl for her nomination for DG in 2024-25. The day's date being palindromic (22-2-22) meant all engineers, accountants and lawyers were fined. Rod Aistrope fined for apparently "being good at paperwork" if a little late. Will Eddowes for getting Lynton Kettle to load up his truck with all the necessary equipment to cut the grass of a widow in Moss Vale and also converting his whipper snipper from a cord to a blade only to find that contractors were there and had already done the job. Sergeant Lynton was cross fined by Rose Conley for his slurs about those who live "over the river".

Raffle: The raffle was drawn by Don Graham (because he's been away for so long) and Jim Gasson won the bottle of wine.

Meeting closed about 8:00pm.

Editor Comment: A big thank you to Denise and Luciano for organising our venues during these uncertain times

