



Tulip Times

***The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong
District 9710 - Chartered 26 March 1940***

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President: Linda Knight 0418 126 240

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Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30

***Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Highway
Mittagong NSW 2575***

Visiting Rotarians	Ian Johnson, Mark Herford, Sandra Malberg, Yvonne Robson	
Guests	Mary Ramsay, Vickie Kelley	
Next meetings....	Tuesday 4th April 2017	Tuesday 11th April 2017
Location	Highlands Golf Club	SH WINES
Program	How to fly for less	Fellowship
Speaker	Robert DeJongh	Linda Knight
Intro/Vote of Thanks		
Dinner Fees	Tony Glenn	Ian Langford
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Trevor Fair
Regalia	Jim Gasson	NA

If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au

President Linda opened the meeting at 6.30.

Toast

Linda proposed a toast to Rotary International.

Guests Welcomed

ROMAC Speakers Sandra Malberg and Yvonne Robson

Ian Johnson's brother in law Mark Herford from Mudgee

Linda's friends Vicki Kelley and Mary Ramsey

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

International Toast was read by Rod Aistrope for Nepal.

Our Guest Speakers tonight will be telling about the work which ROMAC does helping children requiring serious medical attention from our near neighbours and some Asian countries including Nepal.

It is almost 2 years since the huge earthquakes struck Nepal in April and May of 2015 and the city of Lekhnath located in the centre of the country was hit hard being not far from the epicentres.

The Rotary Club of Lekhnath continues to assist in the recovery from those devastating events.

The Club was Chartered in 2010 and has 33 members led by President Ibindra Raj Tiwari.

Lekhnath vista



Announcements

Linda Knight

Spoke about Membership Forms Questionnaire - Please fill out forms and email back to Rob Uhl or place in the box at Rotary near the entry door.

David Rees

Friday week the 7th April, Bowral High School is having their positive Behaviour reward BBQ. Looking for a volunteer to take BBQ to and from the school and also two volunteers to help serve. Please contact David to offer your help.

Gerry can take BBQ to the school in the morning.

Gerry Kroon

Wednesday 29th March there will be an article in the Southern Highland News newspaper regarding Rotary's involvement in the Music for Dementia program.

Jim Harrison

Pride of Workmanship Award Ceremony will be held 30th May 2017.

23 organisations have been contacted – there is only one nomination at this point in time.

For these awards to be a success, please follow up with these forms and approach businesses to participate.

Southern Highland Wines Vocational Visit - 44
coming so far on the evening of Tuesday 11th April.
Please RSVP to Trevor ASAP.

Guest Speaker

Jo introduced ROMAC Speakers Sandra Malberg and Yvonne Robson.

(Our speakers came from From Gungahlin and Hall in the ACT)

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children started in Melbourne in 1998. In 2007 support for ROMAC started in Canberra. ROMAC supports children from developing counties surrounding Australian shores, for example China, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji. These children require life-saving and dignity restoring surgery not accessible in their home country.

Sandra spoke passionately about the voluntary work she does with ROMAC, the aim being to give children hope and give children life. A family member travels with the child to Australia, usually a mother.

Sometimes a passport cannot be granted, so a Rotarian serves as guardian for the child. Sandra provides a home for the mother of the child while they are in hospital and has been doing so for 10 years. Language and cultural barriers are overcome, as Sandra eloquently phrased "the language of love and caring goes everywhere".

"Life's most urgent question is what are you doing for others?"

Yvonne & Sandra



Sandra talking passionately about ROMAC



ROMAC raises funds to pay for costs of operations. Surgeon's donate their fees, however hospital costs are paid for by ROMAC. One example of costs was \$140 000 to operate on a child's oesophagus. A heart operation is usually about \$60 000. ROMAC in Canberra have a Memorandum of Understanding with ACT Health who have agreed to reduce costs for children who attend the hospital to \$5000 per child per year. This arrangement is limited to four children per year. About 48 patients are helped each year between Australia and New Zealand.

Sandra's dream is to take the ROMAC project nationally, as not all capital cities within Australia currently participate in the program.

Donations to ROMAC can be made online at www.romac.org.au

Vote of thanks Linda Knight

Raffle Jolly Jim won the raffle tonight with the 6 Diamonds.

President Linda closed the meeting with the following quotes
"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth" Mohammed Ali