



Report for Nov 30, 2021; Volume 83, No: 20 Rotary Club
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

Dec 7 AGM @ The Hermitage

Dec 14 Rotary Christmas Party – Partners Night @ The Hermitage

January 11 - Samuel Gees Pies and Pastries

January 18 - To be confirmed

January 25 - The Hermitage

Please Note: Apologise by Friday noon, attendance is the default position

Venue: The Hermitage, Mittagong

Journalist: Ian Langford

****Editor Apology to Leigh Robertson for referring to him as Leigh Stewart introducing Sharelle Quinn, last week....My apologies Leigh, sometimes things get missed when I am not present at meetings. Thank you for accepting my apology ****

Welcome

Sergeant Lynton Kettle opened the meeting at 6:35pm and welcomed Susan Law, Eric Conley, Beryl Adams and Bruce Sutton.

President Will Eddowes was welcomed to loud acclaim and then he greeted our guest speaker Dr Subhasis Talapatra.

After the invocation Jim Gasson was invited to present the International toast.

International Toast: Jim Gasson

Barbados is just east of the Windward Islands, that string of islands which run north off South America, curve around the Caribbean Sea to the west ending in Dominica and Cuba.

It was inhabited by Amerindians from South America prior to first contact by Spanish sailors at the end of the 15th Century, colonised by Portugal from 1532 until 1620 and occupied and claimed by Britain in 1625.

Like the rest of the Caribbean and the Americas it was developed on a plantation slavery model growing sugar and populated by people stolen from Africa. Slavery in Barbados ended in 1838, independence was achieved on 30th November, 1966 and after 396 years of existence under a British monarch it has broken that tie and today will install its own President and become the Republic of Barbados.



Celebrating Independence

Governor General Sandra Mason was nominated jointly by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and unanimously elected by the Parliament as the first President of Barbados.

Our future King Charles III has gone to Bridgetown to bid them farewell on behalf of his Mum, the former Queen of Barbados.



The transition has been peaceful. Barbados will still be a Member of the Commonwealth and the sky has not fallen in, proving that having an actual citizen as head of state can be achieved in a sophisticated, mature, proud nation and life will go on.



Most importantly it will still provide players to West Indies Cricket.

The population is around 287 000 and Bridgetown is the capital. Rotary District 7030 covers 17 countries in the Caribbean and the top of South America. 3 of the 73 Clubs in the District are in Barbados. The Rotary Club of Barbados South was chartered in 1986 and has 46 very active members led by President George Connolly.



Board of RC of Barbados South

Last weekend the Club ran IndeHUNT - a scavenger hunt to celebrate independence with a range of community activities and a huge raffle as a major fund raising project.

In acknowledgement of the Independence Day of the Republic of Barbados Club members made an International Toast to the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Barbados South.

Notices: President Will Eddowes then updated members on recent events and invited directors' reports.

Renwick Community Christmas Barbecue. The Club has been invited to run a barbecue on Sunday 19th December for the Renwick Community. More information is being sought and a quote prepared.

Pop In Centre. The sandpit boat cradle has been completed and border edging installed. Thanks go to Tony Glenn, David Rees, Trevor Fair and Will Eddowes plus someone I've missed!

BlazeAid. Carolina Torregrosa and Don Graham (with wife Chris and family pet Sally) are still helping with BlazeAid.

Bowral Classic. Brian Ritson is circulating a roster for the barbecue which will be run on both the Saturday (11th Dec.) and the Sunday (12th Dec). Please put your name down if you can.

Bowral Classic. Mary Ramsay reported that the Bowral Classic marshalling roster is full. There will be a briefing for marshals on Thursday 9th December at 5:30pm at a venue to be advised. It's imperative that volunteers attend this meeting.

Christmas Hamper. Rosemary Kelly asked members to bring (at the latest) to the next meeting, donations of non-perishable goods for the Christmas for the Christmas Party. Rosemary has sufficient wine already donated.

Christmas Giving. Denise Coad spoke about the Church Pantry "Christmas Giving" project for the Uniting Church which we have supported in the past and will support again this Christmas for families who need a helping hand. Ken Adams has spoken to Lucy, and asked if we could donate Christmas presents for Children aged between 5 and 12. The presents are not to be wrapped. Please bring the presents to our Christmas Party on December 14th.

AGM. It is the Club's Annual General Meeting next week the 7th December. We are still looking for candidates for next year's board and President Will has plenty of nomination forms for you complete.

The Rotary Foundation. Foundation Director Leigh Robinson explained that this month is "Foundation month" and today is "Giving Tuesday" so could all members look to supporting our own charity with a donation to the Rotary Foundation.
<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>

Sergeant's Fines.

- Sergeant Lynton presented a quick fines session which included his own admission for day surgery recently for an umbilical hernia repair at 11:00am. Apart from beautifying his navel he learnt that Rod Aistrophe was due for surgery with the same surgeon at 2:00pm. Always one to save on costs, Lynton proposed to Dr Kim that maybe he could reuse the some of the one-time disposable equipment and instruments for Rod in the afternoon and also to address Rod as Sir Rodney so he felt welcome and respected.
- For some reason the Sergeant asked Robert de Jongh for a joke which turned out to be an old one of his but amused those that hadn't heard it before.
- The sergeant was then fined in a cross fine for asking Robert for a Joke.
- Rosemary Kelly told members how she and Mary Ramsay bravely fought their way through the geese guards leaving everyone (Mary, Rosemary and the Geese) traumatised.

Guest Speaker – Dr Subhasis Talapatra



After a very pleasant dinner President Will introduced Doctor Talapatra to speak about the importance of regularly checking your skin and being aware of any suspicious changes.

He asked us to fix in our mind the image of a leaf which intuitively you know looks healthy and right.



Then to consider other leaves which you know have problems such as this below:-



Your skin is like this. It either looks right or it has blemishes or faults which need to be analysed to see if they indicate a problem. This is done by using the mnemonic acronym "A B C D".

Subhasis explained that the letters act as reminders for A= Asymmetry of Pattern (Not geometrical asymmetry), B= Border (Side + Surface), C= Colour and D= Diameter. If any of these are irregular, changing or like the leaf you know is not right it can indicate problems requiring further investigation and maybe surgery or medication. Dr Talapatra showed images of examples of skin problems and the clear message was get anything suspicious checked.

Lesions can be friendly or unfriendly and may take years to develop but the worry is those which change rapidly.

Dr Talapatra then answered questions and Ken Adams gave a vote of thanks.



Luciano Liberale's Movember moustache in memory of his brother who passed away with prostate cancer last year.



The raffle was drawn by Brother Bill and won by Rod Aistrophe but he didn't draw the "Joker". I'm sure the bottle of wine will still help him get over that.

President Will Eddowes closed the meeting and reminded members to bring gifts for the Church and items for the hamper.

Post Meeting – Response from George Connolly

From: George Connolly

[mailto:gdeconnolly@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 11:07 PM

To: Rod Aistrophe <pres20rcbm@gmail.com>; best.ryan@gmail.com; Terry Hall <arcadiahalls@hotmail.com>

Cc: Will Eddowes <wedowes@bigpond.net.au>; Trevor Fair <trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au>

Subject: Re: International Toast

President Will et al,

On behalf of our Club, I would like to extend our gratitude for the warm greetings and congratulations offered. As you are a Barbadian by descent, we embrace you in this moment of joy as a distant son of the soil.

I did note that in 1999 Australia held a referendum on the subject and the result showed muted support for the change. I believe learning your history and the outcome of Brexit - the leaders here took the decision to forge ahead 'sans referendum'. That may be the secret formula to success.

Having worked in Melbourne for two years with a tech-start up from 2018-2020, I am rather familiar with major cities in your wonderful country.

I look forward to either hosting you and your members here or being able to visit sometime in the near future.

Our warmest regards and best thanks for taking the time to reach out to us.

George

This was after the below letter from Will:

BRIDGETOWN BB24024,
REPUBLIC OF BARBADOS.

Attention: President George Connolly

Dear President George,

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Greetings from the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong, covering the towns of Bowral and Mittagong located in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, 100km south west of Sydney, Australia.

Congratulations to you, your Members and fellow citizens on the creation of the Republic of Barbados and the beginning of true independence. The Queen is still our head of state but one day Australia may follow your example!

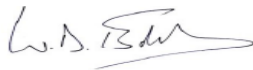
At our meeting last evening we recognised the Independence Day of the Republic of Barbados.

We were pleased to make our International Toast to the Rotary Club of Barbados South.

As it happens, my great grandmother, Clara Walley, was born in Barbados although I believe she moved to England as a small child.

On behalf of my Members I send you and your Members our best wishes.

Yours in Rotary,



Will D. Eddowes,
President.

1st December, 2021

Post Meeting – Ladies Christmas Lunch

Those who could make it, went to Bendooley Estate on Friday 3rd December... a great time was had by all....

