



Tulip Times

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

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Meetings: 6:00 for 6:30

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

Visiting Rotarians		
Guests	Mary Ramsay, Tom & Jacqui Parkinson	
Next meetings....	Tuesday 11th April 2017	Tuesday 18th April 2017
Location	SH WINES	Highlands Golf Club
Program	Fellowship	History of the Highlands
Speaker	Linda Knight	Linda Emery
Intro/Vote of Thanks		Sue Adams
Dinner Fees	Ian Langford	Daryl Flegg
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Jacinta Sheridan
Regalia	NA	Brian Elliott

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

Welcome - Linda Knight

Linda welcomed guests including Mary Ramsay, Jason Lyons and the Parkinsons. Also a big welcome back for Robbie Allen.

Toast

April Fools Day – A 1561 Dutch Poem first mentioned April Fools Day. (Robert De Jongh added some background being when the calendar was changed to the Gregorian Calendar and the New Year commenced on Jan 1st from April 1. The French did not change hence the April Fool.) - The Dutch were toasted for their involvement in the day.

International Toast - Sandra Adams



The Republic of Senegal was a European Colony from the 15th Century and French from 1677 until it was granted independence on 4th April, 1960 in a peaceful transfer of sovereignty.

It is a poor nation of 14 million people with a low standard of living but it is relatively safe and secure.

Senegal is in West Africa, bordered by Mauritania to the north east, Mali to the east and Guinea and Guinea-Bissau to the south. It wraps around The Gambia which follows the Gambia River inland.

Geography ranges from savannah grasslands in the south to warm desert in the north at the edge of the Sahara Desert.

The capital, Dakar is a city of 2.5 million on a small peninsular which is the most westerly point of the African continent.

There are 8 Rotary Clubs in Dakar of 10 in Senegal.

One of those is the Rotary Club of Dakar Almadies which is one of 76 Clubs in District 9101 which covers 10 Countries in west Africa.

The Club was Chartered in 2005 and has 14 Members led by President Michel Martin.

The Club recently provided equipment for a local dental health unit and continues its involvement with *End Polio Now* delivery. Senegal is polio free.

Senegal beach



Announcements

Rob Uhl

- Membership Questionnaire - please return by this Friday
- Membership Night 23rd May following Judy Ford model. Need names and addresses of potential members for invites by president.
- Possibly having inter Club visit from another club - need home hosting Jerrabomba

Rod Aistrophe - Challenge House - looking for volunteers to assist in masking Windows etc prior to painting. Thursday or Friday this week.

Mark Wallace - District Assembly 29th & 30th April. Ideal for new and newer Rotarians. However this year will be designed for all Rotarians. Will include child protection training to comply with Insurer. Online bookings now open.

<https://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/>

David Rees

- PBS BBQ has been cancelled due to weather. Thank you to all who volunteered.
- Application has been received for outbound RYE

Gerry Kroon - Music for Dementia - SHN this Wednesday. WIN TV were at Warrigal to provide a report on the program.

Brian Ritson - Funnel web spider breeding season currently. Westmead Hospital closest point.

Linda

- Next Week - SHW - meeting will be conducted through meeting.
- Changeover Dinner - Fitzroy Inn - \$45 pp choice of any 2 courses. 27th June.

President at Warrigal



In summary the “right” frequent flyer program depends upon

- Where you want to fly
- When you want to fly
- Your desire for comfort
- Your budget
- How far ahead you want to plan

Simon Knight gave the vote of thanks, although much went over the head of him and everyone else. Robert has agreed to offer one on one coaching sessions.

(See the website for the link).

Joker Draw - Mark Wallace - Q Clubs - still 15 cards in deck.

Linda closed the meeting by thanking visitors and then a 2 Ronnies joke as Dave Allen was a bit risqué.

A head for radio?



GUEST SPEAKER - Robert De Jongh

Tips from a frequent flyer on how to get frequent flyer points without flying

Ways of getting points include
Flying
Credit Card
Supermarket

Or you buy Frequent Flyer points

Step 1 - Identify program to join

Step 2 - Join

Step 3 - Decide destination, class, timing etc

Choose business class

As there are no Star Alliance in Australia difficult to fly on Frequent Flyers

Problems include getting a seat and being stung on forex. Normally one needs to plan well in advance to get Business or First Class seats on the popular routes. Different airlines release Award seats at different times and can be between 14 and 360 days in advance.

Robert attempting to confuse the listeners

