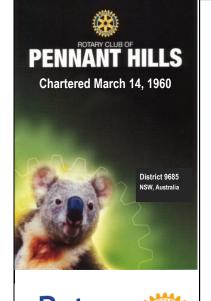
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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Final Planning for our Australia Day Meeting

Speaker: Phil Stanton Chairman: President Adrian Reporter: Pam Hudson

DISTRICT 9685 RYLA 2019

On Tuesday 15th January, Kaye Carter and John Ellis attended the

RYLA dinner at Terrey Hills. This year our RYLA candidates are Megan Dixon from Baulkham Hills and Connor McLellan from Cherrybrook and they joined the RYLA throng at the Wesley Centre, Elanora Heights, on Sunday. From all accounts, the



program this year has enthralled the candidates as in past years.

OUR MEETING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 28th JANUARY at BEECROFT BOWLING CLUB

Our Australia Day Meeting

SPEAKER: Dr Anthony Rigney



CHAIRMAN: Phil Stanton

REPORTER: John Ellis



Meeting Report – Monday 14th January, 2019

The meeting was opened by President Adrian who welcomed our guests that included, District Governor Susan Wakefield OAM, her husband John, and Assistant Governor John Fennesy. Herbert Chan, a visitor from Chatswood Sunrise was also welcomed.

Phil Stanton proposed a toast for the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains noting that this was the home club for D.G. Susan and John.

John Ellis advised that Matthew Pine would be sailing from Melbourne to Sydney starting the 17th January on the *'Young Endeavour'*. He will arrive into Sydney Harbour on Australia Day. John also advised that some sponsorship had been provided to Colin McClennan for his trip to the Amazon and he

was also one of two people at the Club sponsored to go to RYLA. Megan Dickson has also been sponsored to RYLA.

Theo Glockemann noted that the murder mystery weekend in the Blue Mountains for the 6th April is booked, with confirmation of attendees being required.

Following dinner D.G. Susan was introduced by the President. Susan provided information in regard to her background and interests, noting particularly her involvement in the Girl Guides Association, Rotary Youth Exchange, International Conventions, etc. She also noted the family interest in friendship exchange and made particular reference to a visit to Brazil. From a Rotary point of view Susan made particular mention of the very successful "Train collection" program that provided a substantial financial benefit to the End Polio campaign.

In a very practical way Susan covered off on a range of matters that

are of interest to her. These included, membership and the support of new members when they first join the club, fellowship within the club, flexibility when different cultures may be involved, the response to the challenge for improvement in Rotaract clubs etc. She also made particular reference to the drought appeal noting that there had been a very high response rate from Rotary Clubs to this appeal and was able to share some lovely stories of relief experiences.

Husband John - Past District Governor John Wakefield - then spoke of the proposed District Conference in Newcastle in late March. He also made particular reference to his "partners project" which is a partnered project providing support to "Grace's Place", a group that provides counselling and support for family members who have been affected by homicide.

Toward the end of the meeting there was some very worthwhile conversations which provided an opportunity to provide exchanges of ideas. In this regard the licencing costs related to our Pride of Workmanship awards was noted and Susan was hopeful that this may be resolved.





Reporter: Phil Stanton

"PROGRESS"

No more the Baker calls on us. His basket we have missed. Hot bread right to our doorstep, The Vienna or the Twist; No whistle does the postman blow, And seldom is he seen, So Mother walks five miles a day, To see if he has been. No church bells chime on Sunday morn, What's happened to our nation? No Salvos singing in the street, To save us from temptation; And grocers don't deliver now. So take your car and park it Where shopping trolleys change it's shape, Down at the supermarket. The garage man no longer cleans Your windscreen every fill, YOU fill the tank, then queue to pay The zombie on the till: And modern children seldom taste Home cooking by their Mum, She pops them in the car and says "McDonalds here we come". Remember when you dressed in style To see a movie show? But now we sit at home in thongs, To watch a video; And before you go to Bondi, To take a little plunge, Be sure to use your telephone, To check upon the skunge. "Progress", you've taken us out of the darkest ages, We wouldn't want to live the way they did in history's pages, And we know we must accept you, for better or for worse, Although we sometimes wonder if we've progressed in REVERSE!

by Harry Ashton











THE FORWARD PROGRAM				
DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Jan 28th	Australia Day Meeting at Beecroft Bowling	Dr Anthony Rigney	Phil Stanton	John Ellis
Feb 4th	ТВА	ТВА	President Adrian	Jim Fraser
March 29-31	DISTRICT CONFERENCE	TO BE HELD AT	NEX NEWCASTLE	KING STREET, NEWCASTLE
April 6th	Murder Mystery Weekend	at Blackheath	see Theo Glockemann	for bookings

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

John Ellis - January 30th

Jack Reid - January 30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Graeme & Margaret Ashdown - January 4th

Theo & Georgia Glockemann - January 4th

George & Dorothy Green - January 17th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Pam Hudson - January 20th

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance

68.75%

Apologies

Ahmadul Ameen, Ian Chappel, David Firth,

Pat Parker, Jack Reid

Guest Speaker

DG Susan Wakefield OAM

Visiting Rotarians

PDG John Wakefield - Lower Blue Mountains Club

AG John Fenessy - Epping Club

Herbert Chan - Chatswood Sunrise

Never look back unless you are planning to go that way.

Henry David Thoreau

You can't win unless you learn how to lose.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar