



ROTARY CLUB OF
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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

'MY WRITING & POETRY CAREER'

GUEST SPEAKER: Phil Radmall

CHAIRPERSON: President Adrian

REPORTER: Phil Stanton

We are pleased to welcome Phil Radmall to our meeting this week. Phil is a teacher and curriculum writer at Macquarie University and a colleague of Kaye Carter. He has written a novel "Painting St. Feoc" and a book of poetry. He has won the Newcastle Poetry Prize three times.

So They Can's 10th Birthday Dinner

We're excited!

Come join us to celebrate 10 years of positive impact.

Experience a warm African welcome with cocktails and canapes on arrival followed by a sumptuous dinner and premium wines.

After dinner and back by popular demand, dance the night away with Sydney favourite, *La Fiesta Sound System*.

Date: Friday 3 May 2019

Four Seasons Hotel Sydney

199 George Street, Sydney

Time: 7.00pm

Dress: Show your **wild side** with a touch of Africa.

Tickets: \$225

Contact Details:

Angie Cimarosti T: 02 9966 5225 Email: events@sotheycan.org

This is the charity which we have supported to provide desks in schools in East Africa

OUR MEETING NEXT WEEK

'MY EXPERIENCE AT RYPEN'

SPEAKER: Alister Fullerton

CHAIRMAN: John Ellis

Reporter: Pat Parker

Meeting Report – Monday 11th March

Following a time of fellowship while many enjoyed their meal, President Adrian opened the meeting and welcomed our Guest Speakers Megan Dixon and Connor McLellan. Adrian made special mention of the passing of Sue Huckel, wife of our member, Ian. It was decided to ask Georgia Glockemann to purchase a suitable plant and take it to Ian. Georgia has a particular connection with Sue as they were at school together.

The president then proceeded to attempt to take the trivia crown from John Ellis by holding a quiz as to what had happened 'on this day' or rather 'on this week'. Many were left wanting in the knowledge stakes, including John Ellis.

Theo Glockemann gave another impassioned promotion of the Murder Mystery Weekend at Blackheath with the numbers now 10. The question not yet answered is 'who won't be coming home afterwards?'

David Firth gave a brief report on his volunteering at HEERA - previously Donations in Kind - at their warehouse in Castle Hill. He had spent the day preparing used hospital linen for shipment to Timor Leste, and invited anyone who is able to join him on either a Tuesday or Thursday, while Saturdays are the days they pack shipping containers.

Chairman John Ellis then introduced our speakers Megan and Connor to talk about RYLA. They were well prepared with individual powerpoint presentations. It was interesting to learn what they considered were highlights. The first one was an 'ice-breaker' on the first night - a barn dance!

Monday saw them involved with personality testing and interesting exercises interacting with people. This was very much to Connor's liking while Megan was not so keen.

The dinner on Tuesday night which John Ellis and Kaye Carter attended was appreciated by all. The speaker was Sue O'Neill from Woy Woy Club and a major supporter of RAWCS projects.

They spoke about the 6 committees that the attendees were allocated to, namely -

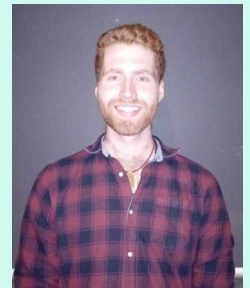
- ◆ Motivation
- ◆ Random Acts of Kindness - Megan was a member of this committee
- ◆ Sergeant-at-arms
- ◆ Magazine - Connor was a member of this committee
- ◆ Dinner
- ◆ Concert

Thursday was a very busy and 'full on' day involving role playing exercises. Confrontation in the workplace was one of the exercises. 'Leadership in Crisis' was a very well organised segment also. Both Connor and Megan gained great benefit from this and felt it provided very useful preparation for them for future situations in life. They learned different responses to crises - that communication is often preferable to a physical response and listening is so important. Following this busy day was the concert which provided much needed relaxation and had a great array of talent on display.

Friday was a 'round-up' day which forced them to utilise the skills they had learned during the week including teamwork; listening; problem solving. And later at night they learned 'Ceroc', a classical type of dance.

Megan felt that RYLA had been an intense week with her running on high emotion. She and her sister have connected with North Sydney Rotaract Club.

Connor of course has been on his excursion to the Amazon River and will be coming back as guest speaker in the near future to relate his experiences there. The meeting concluded with a discussion about getting other young people to go to RYLA in the future.





Female surveillance officer for WHO pushes through gender-related obstacles to help end polio in Pakistan

Dr. Ujala Nayyar dreams, both figuratively and literally, about a world that is free from polio. Nayyar, the World Health Organization's surveillance officer in Pakistan's Punjab province, says she often imagines the outcome of her work in her sleep.

In her waking life, she leads a team of health workers who crisscross Punjab to hunt down every potential incidence of poliovirus, testing sewage and investigating any reports of paralysis that might be polio. Pakistan is one of just two countries that continue to report cases of polio caused by the wild virus.

Dr. Ujala Nayyar, surveillance officer for WHO, talks about polio eradication efforts in Pakistan.

In addition to the challenges of polio surveillance, Nayyar faces substantial gender-related barriers that, at times, hinder her team's ability to count cases and take environmental samples. From households to security checkpoints, she encounters resistance from men. But her tactic is to push past the barriers with a balance of sensitivity and assertiveness.

"I'm not very polite," Nayyar said with a chuckle during an interview at Rotary's World Polio Day last year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. "We don't have time to be stopped. Ending polio is urgent and time-sensitive."

Women are critical in the fight against polio, Nayyar says. About 56 percent of frontline workers in Pakistan are women. More than 70 percent of mothers in Pakistan prefer to have women vaccinate their children.

That hasn't stopped families from slamming doors in health workers' faces, though. When polio is detected in a community, teams have to make repeated visits to each home to ensure that every child is protected by the vaccine. Multiple vaccinations add to the skepticism and anger that some parents express. It's an attitude that Nayyar and other health workers deal with daily.

"You can't react negatively in those situations. It's important to listen. Our female workers are the best at that," says Nayyar.

With polio on the verge of eradication, surveillance activities, which, Nayyar calls the "back of polio eradication", have never been more important.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
March 25th	MY EXPERIENCE AT RYPEN	Alister Fullerton	John Ellis	Pat Parker
March 29-31	DISTRICT CONFERENCE	TO BE HELD AT	NEX NEWCASTLE	KING STREET, NEWCASTLE
April 1st	A North Connex Update	Cassandra	Phil Stanton	John Ellis
April 6th	Murder Mystery Weekend	at Blackheath	see	for bookings and
April 14th	District Assembly	At Western Sydney Uni College	Nurragingy Ave, Quakers Hill	8.30am to 4.30pm
April 15th	Hills District Rotary Meeting (see details below)	at Springfield House, Dural	PE Keith Ball WPH/ Cherrybrook Club	David Firth

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Ian Chappel - March 3rd
 Georgia Glockemann - March 4th
 Jeanette Rigney - March 14th
 Heather Firth - March 24th

ANNIVERSARIES

Claude & Jeanette Rigney - March 9th
 Jim & Esther Fraser - March 11th
 David & Heather Hopping - March 25th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Chappel - March 10th

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance

62.5%

Apologies:

Ahmadul Ameen, Kaye Carter, Ian Chappel, Ian Huckel, Pam Hudson, Pat Parker

Guest Speakers:

Megan Dixon, Connor McLellan

Visitors:

Nil

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

This is the annual training day for incoming directors and executives of clubs

When: Sunday 14th April 2019 between 8.30am and 4.30pm

**Where: Western Sydney University College
 Building U10
 Nurragingy Avenue
 (just off Eastern Road)
 Quakers Hill NSW 2763**

This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow Board members across our District and help ensure we remain one of the greatest Districts in the country!

You can register by clicking on the link

assembly.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Let's have a full roll up to support incoming president Jim Fraser.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Terrorism has no nationality or religion.

– Valdimir Putin