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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

FINAL PLANS FOR OUR ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY NEXT TUESDAY

Speaker: Phil Stanton

Chairman: President Jim Fraser

Reporter: Pat Parker

WORLD POLIO DAY - 24th OCTOBER, 2019

PolioPlus

For more than 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Our PolioPlus program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale. As a core partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary focuses on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building.

Rotary members have contributed \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$8 billion to the effort.

Ensuring Success

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year for polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total commitment of \$150 million each year. These funds provide much-needed operational support, medical workers, laboratory equipment, and educational materials. Governments, corporations, and private donors all play a crucial role in funding.

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Monday



NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 2019

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT

Joint meeting with Beecroft Club

at Pennant Hills Bowling Club, Yarara Road, Pennant Hills

Speaker: DG Kalma McLellan

Reporter: Kaye Carter

Meeting Report - Wednesday 16th October 2019

President Jim got our meeting underway with 12 members in attendance, although our Guest Speaker, Phil Stanton, was finishing off a board meeting in the adjoining room.

When the president invited announcements, Theo Glockemann suggested that we should plan another social night. With most in attendance endorsing this, Theo, supported by Terry Pankhurst, suggested a restaurant in Granville which serves the best chicken and is quite economical. (I understand it is the El Jannah Restaurant in South Street - to be confirmed.) The date agreed was Friday, 8th November.

David Firth, in Pat Parker's absence, reviewed the commencement of our Christmas Trailer Raffle. Our first day was Saturday at Pennant Hills Market Place. The response was rather muted with just 165 tickets sold all day. Perhaps we could do with 4 sellers allowing us to cover both main entrances? It was interesting to note that it was almost exactly the same response as last year. The later start seemed to work quite well. Apart from the financial result, it was an opportunity for our club to be visible in our local community.

President Jim ran another of his fundraising trivia riots, where rafferty rules apply and Theo prevailed due in part to the absence of John Ellis. His win resulted in receiving a prize of an umbrella which he promptly returned.

Phil Stanton arrived in time to enjoy the meal. He then gave a progress report on the golf day. So far we have 14 groups for the shotgun start - we need at least 18 so we have one on each tee. We also have additional people who won't play golf, but will come for lunch. (The cost of lunch only is \$55.) We also have several sponsors on board with more expected. There was a short discussion about sponsorships and also the auction and raffles to take place on the day. The auction will be split between 4 or 5 main items in a regular auction, and a number of items for a silent auction. It was resolved that next week the program would be final arrangements for the golf day.

Phil then spoke about the services available for the aged in our community. He commenced by referring to a story in the 'Good Weekend' in the Sydney Morning Herald recently. The article, by Amanda Hooton, was entitled 'More People are Alive over 65 than under 5'. She quoted Goethe "Age takes hold of us by surprise." She went on to assert - 'For most of human history, average global life expectancy has never exceeded 30 years. - Things changed at least for us in the wealthy West in the 1870s. Between 1870 and 1970 our lifespans more than doubled to an average of 70.' In Australia we have one of the highest life expectancies at 82.5 years and this is lengthening by more than 5 hours a day, every day. 'A third of all babies born in 2016 in the West will live to see their 100th birthday.'

Phil then spoke about the services available through myagedcare.gov.au - describing the range of services available for help at home; short term care; and aged care homes. He suggested that we check out this federal government provided resource so that we know what is available, the qualifications for receiving help, and the costs. All in all an interesting talk and quite timely.

President Jim closed the meeting having thanked Phil for his talk.

Reporter: David Firth

Report from John Ellis

National Youth Science Forum

Orientation Night was held at Knox Grammar School on Wednesday 16 October. John Ellis was present to hear the details of the forthcoming NYSF sessions in Canberra and Brisbane. This year 600 candidates have been selected from around Australia with a handful of overseas students. 200 will attend each of the two sessions at the Australian National University in Canberra and 200 will attend the session at the University of Queensland. We are sponsoring two students from Pennant Hills High School, James Alexander and Emily Sykes, who will be in Brisbane for Session B, 8 to 18 January. They will be lodged in Emmanuel College and allocated to their particular interest group. These include botany, chemistry, science, engineering, geology and medical science. Each group has relevant experiments and lectures. Also there are keynote speakers, skill workshops, social events and a formal dinner. Each session is supported by 20 "staffies", volunteers who have been at a previous NYSF.

Fellows, the following email was received this week.

Youth Insearch is a charity which we supported in 2014-15

As you might already be aware, I announced my resignation as CEO last week. Please see attached statement from our Chair, Garry Rothwell, regarding my resignation. We were also excited to announce Stephen Lewin, GM, will take up the role. Stephen joined Youth Insearch as GM in December 2014, having also been a teenage participant in the program some 20 plus years ago! I'll step down on 26 November on the day of our AGM, and Steve will become CEO on 27 November. I will stay on as Executive Director until 31 Dec, to support Steve with the transition.

It's been almost 8 years in the role, and a very humbling and fulfilling experience. A key ambition was to set Youth Insearch up to be able to continue to grow and achieve its mission independently of me or any single person. The systems have been put in place to support this, and we've been growing quickly over the last few years. This has been a real team effort, and my gratitude extends to our team of 260 staff and (mostly) volunteers, that have been there every step of the way.

I'm grateful that together, we've been able to expand our program-reach and impact from 176 to 237 local communities and 720 to 2,500 support group sessions per year, with a tripling of staff and volunteers from 95 to 260, helping hundreds more young people each year. We're also helping hundreds more each year in special projects, through partnerships with NSW Rugby League, Stockland, Brotherhood of St Laurence and Joblink Plus, and projects funded by the Department of Social Services.

Sadly, the need for this program is as strong as ever. We still have thousands of young people who are suicidal, on drugs or involved in crime. Young people who do not realise their own worth. Youth Insearch is a solution, a program that really works. We need to continue to fight to have Youth Insearch expanded as an effective tool in the battle against youth exclusion and mental illness.

I'm going to miss being a part of Youth Insearch, and the powerful and unique work it does connecting people and changing young lives. However, I leave inspired, as I know the team at Youth Insearch is committed to this fight. I know they will take Youth Insearch forward with a passion that will change thousands more young lives.

I want to thank you for joining me in this fight also, and helping to make what we have achieved over the last 8 years possible. I hope we can stay in touch, and that you will continue to support Youth Insearch in its work empowering the next generations of young Australians. If for any reason you would like to contact me, please do not hesitate to get in touch either by return email or calling the office on 02 9659 6122.

With appreciation,

Heath

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"Since 1985 Youth Insearch has empowered over 30,000 youth to turn their lives around."

OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
Saturday 26th October	TRAILER RAFFLE	At Westleigh	Morning Shift 8.30 to 11.30am J Ellis, J Reid, J Fraser T Glockemann	Second Shift 11.30am to 2.30pm D Firth, P Hudson, P Stanton
Monday OCTOBER 28th	Joint District Governor's Official Visit with Beecroft at Pennant Hills Bowling Club	DG Kalma McLellan	Presidents Johanna & Jim	Kaye Carter
OCTOBER 29th	ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY	AT PENNANT HILLS GOLF CLUB	Contact PHIL STANTON	PLAYERS & SPONSORS WANTED
NOVEMBER 6th	Volunteering with Frontier Services	Ranford & Julia Elsey	David Firth	John Ellis
PARTNERS NIGHT				

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance : 75%

Apologies: Ahmadul Ameen, John Ellis,
Pat Parker, David Walsh

Guest Speaker: Nil

Guests: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Terry Pankhurst - October 3rd
Phil Stanton - October 3rd
Maureen Pankhurst - October 25th
Heather Hopping - October 31st

ANNIVERSARIES

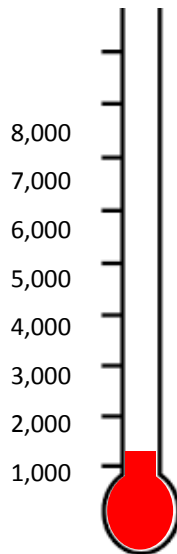
Jack & Ruth Reid - October 1st

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Adrian Bell - October 9th
Kaye Carter - October 15th

TRAILER RAFFLE

Our second selling day was at Thornleigh Marketplace where we had a much better response. With 4 sellers on both shifts which allowed at least one seller to sell outside Woolworths away from the trailer, resulted in a sale of 469 tickets and \$805 raised. YTD total is now \$1087. If you have not received a book of tickets yet, contact David Firth.



FELLOWS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU PHONE THE ATTENDANCE NUMBER - 9294 2107 - BY LUNCHTIME MONDAY IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING THAT WEEK, SO JACK REID CAN ADVISE THE GOLF CLUB FOR CATERING PURPOSES!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

‘The secret of getting ahead is getting started.’

Mark Twain