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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

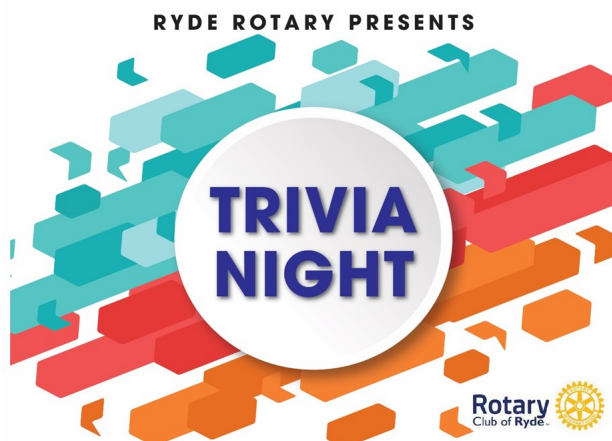
SURPRISE TRIVIA NIGHT

Chairman: President Jim

Reporter: Theo Glockemann

After last week's quiz under the direction of Acting President Adrian, it has created a standard which perhaps President Jim will want to emulate? It will be interesting to see.

Rotary
District 9685



SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2020

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Edmund Barton Centre

Epping Boys High School, 213 Vimmeria Rd, Eastwood

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NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 29th

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION & AUSTRALIA DAY MERIT AWARD

GUEST SPEAKER: JAN-MAREE BALL OAM

Chairman: Phil Stanton Reporter: Kaye Carter

Note: Time is 6.30 for 7.00pm start

MEETING REPORT - 15th JANUARY

With the president absent on a short break, we welcomed PP Adrian Bell as our leader for the meeting. Having been given plenty of warning, he came to the meeting prepared to subject us to a different form of trivia competition - and this in the absence of our trivia master, John Ellis! But more of this shortly. He welcomed again our Rotarian visitor, Peter Taylor from the Rotary Club of Isle of Sheppey.

We were treated to table service again tonight and to a lamb dinner which was very good. Adrian then invited announcements. Theo Glockemann reported that Lutanda Manor will host a luncheon for our club members, partners and friends on a weekday. This will be followed by a conducted tour of the village for those interested. The date of this luncheon will be advised in due course.

Ian Chappel promoted the Australian Rotary Health Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 29th February and hosted by the Rotary Club of Ryde. It will be held at Epping Boys High School and the proceeds will go to the ARH Veterans Mental Health Research Program.

There followed an account of an amazing coincidence. David Firth told how he and his wife had attended the Elton John Farewell Yellow Brick Road concert at the Qudos Bank Arena at Homebush the night before along with 17,000 other people. While waiting the start, they were amazed when the couple seated next to them arrived - none other than President Jim and Esther! He then commented on how much they enjoyed the concert. This was endorsed by Phil Stanton (back from his holiday in Port Macquarie), who was also at the concert with wife Lyn.

David also spoke about the Reasons District Conference on 20th to 22nd March in Wollongong. On the Saturday at midday is the presentation of the District Vocational Excellence Awards where our nomination has been successful. It is important to have a reasonable club presence there - hopefully with President Jim there to escort our awardee on stage.

Then followed Adrian's different trivia competition. The first difference was that it would have no financial aspect - no entry fee and no prize to the winner, just the honour of winning. Adrian had a large range of categories e.g. History, Music, Books, etc., and he had 10 questions for each category. Each member in turn was asked to nominate a category and a question number and then everyone had the chance to answer the question. After 2 rounds, Peter Taylor our visitor and Theo Glockemann were equal, so a 'sudden death' tie break question resulted in a win for Peter. As what could be called a prize, David Firth undertook to deliver a Pride of Workmanship kit to Peter for him to take back to his club in the UK.

Adrian then introduced Theo to talk about his and Georgia's experience travelling from Darwin to Adelaide on the Ghan. They took this trip following their return to Darwin from Dili last September. Theo remarked that the train on this occasion was almost a kilometre in length necessitating 'golf cart' type delivery of passengers to their appointed carriages where they were greeted and hosted by a steward. Although not in the most expensive cabin, Theo and Georgia were very pleased with the accommodation which included ensuite bathroom and bunk style beds. Every 4 carriages there was a restaurant and lounge car which were open 24 hours. For the most part, the train travelled at night, stopping each day at Katherine, Alice Springs and Manguri (Coober Pedy). At each stop there was a choice of excursions available for passengers to take. These were included in the ticket price.

Theo was impressed with the historical visits he made in Alice Springs. They visited the Overland Telegraph Station which has been preserved. The Overland Telegraph line was commenced in 1871 and completed in August the following year which was when the telegraph station was opened. The buildings were built using the local stone.

Their next stop was Manguri, which is the station for Coober Pedy although according to Theo it is really only a stopping point or rail siding as there is nothing there. Coober Pedy is about 45 kilometres away with passengers taken there by coach. Again, Theo found this a most fascinating place with the township essentially underground due to the extreme heat most of the year. Intriguingly, on the day they were there, the weather was overcast and relatively cool. Coober Pedy is of course, the major centre for mining opals. The first opals were discovered there in 1915. Today the town boasts a population of around 1750 people. The train continued on to Adelaide, completing the almost 3,000 kilometres in around 2½ days.



Reporter: DLF

Letter of thanks received this week from Stewart House CEO Graeme Philpotts

7th January 2020

Rotary Club of Pennant Hills

Jim Fraser

President

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Dear Rotary Club of Pennant Hills,

A big thank you to all of your members for the Christmas presents delivered to the 170 children who stayed at Stewart House in the weeks leading up to the end of the year.

As you well know, our children face all kinds of stressful and challenging situations which may often preclude them from enjoying the festive season. Your gifts were well received, put a great big smile on their faces and reinforced that despite difficult circumstances, people still care.

As one of the nation's oldest running children's charities, we are committed to providing relevant health and wellbeing services for children across the state who are living in stress, anxiety and crisis. We pride ourselves on being a place where children feel safe and can enjoy 'just being kids'. For many adults who have spent time at Stewart House as children, they consider the stay as one of their fondest childhood memories. Your thoughtful considerations at Christmas, greatly assisted us in achieving this goal.

On behalf of all those involved in the work of Stewart House, once again please accept my sincere thanks for your support and helping to create happy memories!

Regards,

Graeme Philpotts

Chief Executive Officer



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OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
JANUARY 29th	CLUB AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING with Partners	Jan-Maree Ball	Phil Stanton	Kaye Carter
FEBRUARY 5th	TBA	TBA	PRESIDENT JIM	PAT PARKER
20-22nd MARCH	'REASONS' COMBINED DISTRICT CONFERENCE	VARIOUS	AT WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE	PRESIDENT JIM



Rotary
Club of Pennant Hills



We invite you to our
Celebration of Australia Day

on Wednesday, 29th January, 2020

at Pennant Hills Golf Club

Cnr. Burns Road South and Copeland Road, Beecroft

at 6.30 for 7.00pm

The Guest Speaker is
Mrs Jan-Maree Ball,
founder of Aussie Hero Quilts

During the evening we will present our
Australia Day Merit Award

There will be a 2 course buffet dinner

The cost will be \$40 each

RSVP to David Firth by 24th January, 2020

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

John Ellis - January 30

Jack Reid - January 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Graeme & Margaret Ashdown - January 4

Theo & Georgia Glockemann - January 4

George & Dorothy Green - January 17

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Pam Hudson - January 20

Ahmadul Ameen - January 22

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance : 50%

Apologies: K Carter, J Ellis, J Fraser, I Huckel,
P Hudson, T Pankhurst, P Parker, D Walsh

Guests: PP Peter Taylor - R/C of Isle of
Sheppey

LOA: nil

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored
than to anything on which it is poured.

- Mark Twain