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Rotary

Club of Pennant Hills



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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District 9685



THIS WEEK

Golf Day PKU Fundraiser

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On Saturday we had our second day of the Christmas Trailer Raffle, this time at Thornleigh Marketplace. It was an ideal location in view of the weather that developed, as we set up adjacent to the entrance in the underground carpark which is our usual spot there.



As usual we had a good reception from our customers and enjoyed steady business on the morning shift. The same obviously was the case on the afternoon shift because at the end of the day we had sold tickets totaling \$1,332 – a record daily total in recent times! What an encouraging start to this year's raffle with year-to-date total now just over \$2,100. We may even need to have more tickets printed!

Congratulations to our 2 selling teams on Saturday – Ahmadul Ameen, John Ellis, Jack Reid, myself, Pat Parker, Phil Stanton, and two Rotaractors Jason Terry and Tony Lu. Next Saturday we are at Westleigh Shopping Centre.

It is good to be able to provide a positive report about our Pride of Workmanship Project. As I have said previously, the Covid 19 epidemic has had a bad effect on the early part of 2020 through to the end of June. Since then, clubs have tentatively started to come back to conducting the program so that this month we have sold almost \$3,000 worth of products, both trophies and certificates. We are also looking at reviving our program after Christmas.

Have a good week,

President David Firth

The meeting commenced with advice in regard to the 1st Trailer raffle held last Saturday. Apparently, this was an exceptional day and despite the fact that the ticket price had been increased substantially yielded best result ever at this venue.

It was also advised that the Tree of Joy is getting underway. Pat Parker noted that Stewart House, Parramatta Mission, as well as The Royal Far West Children's home may be recipients of the gifts provided.

There was confirmation that the Trailer raffle selling times would be 8:30 to 11:30am, 11:30 to 2:30pm.

Kaye reported on the "poppy cards" being prepared for Remembrance Day and some "homework" was required of members to assist in the preparation of these cards during the course of the meeting.



It was noted there had been conversations recently about the RYLA and RYPEN programs in East Timor and it had been suggested (post the attendance of Katie and Theo) that a similar RYPEN program could be undertaken locally in Aboriginal communities. Katie expressed some interest in being involved. This is a very good program that could be rolled out on home ground.

John Ellis took to the lectern to provide us with some background into his naval career and the ships on which he served. While referencing one of the very early vessels he then spoke in some more detail re the war ship known as Brisbane that was designed in the UK and built in the USA. It was the last of the steam powered vessels, had a compliment of 315 men and the horsepower 35,000. It could hit 65 kilometres per hour. John advised that it was fitted with a guided missile (never fired in anger) and was therefore classified as a destroyer.



Our guest speaker for the evening Angelina Belluomo, representing the Cancer Council of NSW. She acts as a community co-ordinator. The aim of the Cancer Council is to do whatever it can to reduce the risks that could result in people being diagnosed with Cancer. This in the context of 48,000 new cancers every year is clearly an appropriate aim and objective. Angelina advised that there were 5 focus areas namely research, prevention, information and support advocacy and fund raising. As far as these headings are concerned some more detail is appropriate:

- Research

The Cancer Council fund research to the extent of some \$19 million per annum, more than any other single group.

- Prevention

The establishment of healthier lifestyles across all demographics (including early childhood and primary schools)

- Information and Support including post cancer involvement.

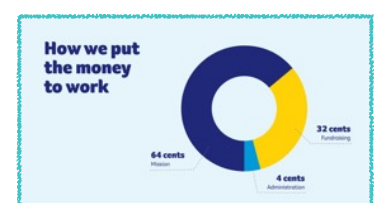
This involved legal and financial assistance including pro bono advice where appropriate, transport assistance, accommodation where the place of residence and treatment are not in close proximity, webinars and podcasts, help around the home, counselling and on line support groups etc.

- Advocacy

To seek and influence policy changes at political levels.

- Fundraising

The Cancer Council is 94% community funded and run a range of events including morning teas and daffodil days etc to seek to raise money. In the past year they have raised \$650,000 which has gone towards funding research leading to change of treatment to childhood leukemia. The result has been a substantial lift in the survival rate.



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COVID has disrupted the work of the Cancer Council quite severely including regimes including treatment regimes; a decrease in screening rates, patient transport, support programs, financial stress on patients as a result of job loss, fear of becoming sick for volunteers etc. With the coming of COVID it has been necessary for the Cancer Council to give thought to how they can ameliorate on this matters that have included an increase in pro bono activities as well as an increase in tele support groups.

The Council also have a cancer connect program where anybody can use the phone number 131120 to obtain more information, arrange talks etc. In this context, our member Ida told a story of a friend of hers who had been very well looked after by the Cancer Council.

It was a very informative and well-presented talk, and much appreciated by the audience.

President David Firth advised Angelina that the Rotary Club would be making a donation of \$250 for which she expressed great gratitude.

In concluding the night there were a couple of reminders including continuation of the Trailer raffle at Thornleigh this upcoming Saturday.

As far as the Golf Day is concerned it was noted that Pat Parker, John Ellis, Jim Frazer, Pam Hudson had volunteered to be on the welcoming crew first thing on Tuesday morning. In the meantime, numbers who will be joining the Golf Day only for lunch need to be advised to the Golf Club by the end of business Friday. So that should mean that the Golf Club committee Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker and Phil Stanton need to be advised prior to the end of business Friday.

I am inching towards inclusion of the evening because I find it difficult to understand or in fact need to advise that the raffle on the evening was won by Commander Ellis.



CURRENT CLUB PROJECTS 2020

TREE of JOY	Pennant Hills Shopping Centre Thornleigh Shopping Centre
TRAILER RAFFLE	Numerous Local Shopping Centre
FACE to FACE	Supplied second hand iPads and Laptops to Elderly in Residential Care
REMEMBRANCE DAY	Supply Poppy Cards to local business and community
NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE	Encourage young people in their passion for science



TRAILER RAFFLE REPORT – DAY 2



We look to be on a winner! Today we sold 395 tickets and took \$1,332.00! This is a record for one day takings since at least 2013. And our EFTPOS sales were \$450 this week, well ahead of last week. So year-to-date sales are \$2,114.00.

We'll need to keep an eye on sales as, at the current rate, we are going to run out of tickets. What a great problem to have.

David Firth

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter	Member 5 min talk
Oct 27	Golf day			John Ellis	
Oct 28	No Meeting				
Nov 4	Life as a parliamentarian's wife Social night (\$30 per head)	Heather Ruddock	Kaye Carter	Theo Glockemann	Ida Xiandi Shi
Nov 11	Drake's Handmade Jewellery	Scott Drake	Jack Reid	Pat Parker	Kaye Carter
Nov 18	Opportunity International	Rob Dunn Past CEO	Theo Glockemann	Terry Pankhurst	Pam Hudson (by zoom)
Nov 25	Social Night at Pennant Hills Golf Club	Cr Emma Heyde Hornsby Council	Kaye Carter	Phil Stanton	Theo Glockemann
Dec 2	Club AGM (by zoom)		David Firth	John Ellis	
Dec 9	Travel Bites	Esther Fraser	Jim Fraser	Ian Chappel (by zoom)	TBA
Dec 16	Hornsby Hospital	Lee Gregory General Manager	Adrian Bell	Pam Hudson (by zoom)	TBA
Dec 23	Xmas function				

GUESTS

Angelina Belluomo,

BIRTHDAYS

3 October Terry Pankhurst
 3 October Phillip Stanton
 10 October Maureen Pankhurst
 31 October Heather Hopping

ANNIVERSARIES

1 October Ruth & Jack Reid

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

9 October Adrian Bell
 15 October Kaye Carter

ATTENDANCE

88%

APOLOGIES

Ian Chappel
 Theo Glockemann