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**Rotary**

Club of Pennant Hills



**Rotary Opens Opportunities**

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**THIS WEEK**

**ROBERT DUNN**

**REPORTER**

**IAN CHAPPEL**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

How appropriate that we have as our guest speaker this week Robert Dunn from Baptist Care. The final report from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has just been released and we will have the advantage of hearing Robert comment on this report at such an early stage. Robert is returning this week, having spoken to us back in November about his involvement with Opportunity International.



We have certainly been blest with high quality speakers this year! Last week I'm sure you, like me, were amazed at the talk given by Louise McCann from the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter organisation. How fortunate that she volunteered there and was able to use her undoubted management skills to help guide the organisation in its development and to secure funding each year. What a great story and I'm sure we haven't heard the last of it.

After the first eight months of this Rotary year I can report that, despite the difficulties imposed by the Covid pandemic, our Pride of Workmanship Awards project is still faring reasonably well with sales about the same as last year. Last year we had those months virtually free of the virus so I'm expecting we will continue to pick up sales through to the end of June. It does seem that some clubs are looking for awards programs as we have had enquiries and orders from both new clubs and clubs who have not dealt with us in recent years. Also encouraging is that clubs are starting to use our new website with its order online facility.

Last Wednesday we were pleased to welcome our second new member this year, Herbert Chan. Herbert was accompanied by his wife, Bronia, and we were delighted to welcome her also. Herbert is going to be helping Kaye with the Administration portfolio. He is an experienced Rotarian having been a member of Chatswood Sunrise Club until he moved to Pennant Hills. So we are now looking for our next new member.....Do you have someone in mind? Talk to me and we can look to making an approach.

**Just one more thing for members – if you haven't paid your semi-annual dues this half, please do so as soon as you can. You can contact myself or Ian Chappel for banking details.**

Cheers

**President David Firth**

**Rotary**  
District 9685



In the absence of Sergeant Jim, Terry Pankhurst introduced President David who advised that the guest speaker would be arriving at 7 pm and gave a special welcome to Herbert Chan and his wife Bronia Tam, as Herbert would be inducted as a new member later in the evening. He also welcomed the partners who would be very interested in the address by the speaker. He also reminded everyone about the Clean up Australia day on Sunday 7th March , starting at 8am in the Pennant Hills Market Place car park and was advised of the names who would be attending.

David also advised that the club birthday anniversary meeting would be held at Lutanda Community Manor at 12 noon on Sunday 21st March with a spit lunch at a cost of \$30 per head and it was byo. This event will replace the scheduled meeting on Wednesday 17th March.

John Ellis reported that he trying to arrange for 2 teams from Pennant Hills High School to participate in the Model United Nations Assembly ( MUNA), which was scheduled to be held at Epping Boys High School. The winners would go to Canberra for the final.

President David advised the Pam Hudson was well advanced with the project of delivering Easter Eggs to elderly people in local retirement villages, and this year the project will include Lutanda, Cawarrie and Marrow and will include a card as well as the easter eggs.

The President then called up Herbert Chan and advised him that as a former member of the Rotary Club of Chatswood Sunrise , he was well aware of the objects of Rotary and we believed he has the attributes of becoming a valued member of the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills . He provided him with his name badge and advised that he had been appointed to the Administration Department. Heather then made a presentation to Herbert's wife, Bronia and welcomed her to the club and looked to seeing her at club functions.



John Ellis was requested to do a 5 minute question session with a club member and he selected Pat Parker. In response to why he left the country town of Coonamble, Pat advised that when he was 10 years old, he was one of 150 children selected to attend a 2 week holiday camp at Manly with the Far West and realised that there was more to life than Coonamble. When he finished high school he came



to Sydney in search of a job and was lucky to be employed as a junior clerk with the Sydney Turf Club. In response to a question about the Bridigidine Convent School being taken down and re built as a restaurant in the Hunter Valley, Pat advised that he had visited the restored building and remembers playing tennis on the “nuns” tennis court located at the rear of the building.

There was a brief visit from Kaye Carter, who retired to look after Leon who had a fall and needed some stitches but left the proceedings in the capable hands of Ida Xiandi Shi , who introduced the Guest Speaker , Louise McCann, President of the Hornsby /Ku-ring-gai Womens' Shelter.

Louise was a former senior executive with a large bank and 5 years ago wanted to give something back to society and decided to volunteer. Fortunately she was given a special job by Sally McCallum to join the Board of the Womens' Shelter and she has thoroughly enjoyed this very challenging position but said that it is truly a labour of love.

## MEETING REPORT CONT

I think that all present were fortunate to receive a “first hand” report on what is going on in our district and the great difficulties that many women endure in trying to overcome the problems of domestic violence. The fact that half the women get turned away from the shelter and many reports are not being properly dealt with, is an indictment on our society. The centre tries to provide women with a pathway to a better life style and recently celebrated its 6th birthday. The main goal is to provide a warm and safe place to stay for an average of 3 months, but they have an enormous problem of lack of finance and a huge number of women who need assistance.



The Board currently receives only 20% of their funding from the Federal Government and the balance of their budget of \$600,000 is provided by local charities, and supported by fantastic volunteers. In Beecroft, there is a shelter house being used on the corner of Hannah Street and York Street, (Formerly Twilight House), but this is only a temporary facility.

It was nice to hear that one of the small banks, Bendigo and Adelaide has been a great supporter of the project, along with many other organisations. However, it is hard to understand how this type of project fails to receive greater support from all 3 sectors of Federal, State and Local Governments.

Thank you Louise for reminding all of us, that there are many women in our society who need help, and also thank you for keeping the Shelter open, during these difficult periods of Covid.

Special Guest Speaker, President David advised that The Director of Public Prosecutions- Lloyd Babb, will be speaking at the club on Wednesday 21st April and he will advise e other Rotary Clubs of this arrangement.

Lucky door went to Phil Stanton this week.



Terry's 5 minute interview resulted in him admitting he never has worn colourful socks, only black and white. Kaye gave him a pair of red socks with black and white patterns (the Yin and Yang Taoism Patterns). Terry's was “challenged” to wear his new socks. Terry was happy to receive his new red sock.



## THANK YOU FROM ELEANA

Copy of email received by Youth Director John Ellis.

Hi John,

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with you and the other members of the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills today and I'm really glad that they enjoyed my presentation. I'd also like to thank you and the club once again for supporting me through my National Youth Science Forum journey. Rotary should receive more recognition for the support they give for people like me and programs like NYSF, and I would love to help spread the word in any way I can. Please let me know if there are any other events I can be of any assistance with.

Thank you,

From Eleana”





2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
Mar 3	Baptist Care NSW & ACT	Robert Dunn	Pam Hudson (By Zoom)	Ian Chappel (by zoom)	Clean up Australia Day 7 March
Mar 10	RYPEN	Elke Saunders Daniel Vink	John Ellis	Adrian Bell	Ahmadul Ameen International Womens Day, 8 Mar Virtual District 9685 13/14 March Conference
Mar 17	<b>No Meeting Wednesday</b>				Club's 61 <sup>st</sup> birthday
Mar 21	<b>Pennant Hills Rotary Club Clan Reunion</b>	Club's 61 <sup>st</sup> birthday	lunch at Lutanda		
Mar 24	TBA				
Mar 31	<b>Social Night</b> The Brook Restaurant, Cherrybrook				Easter Apr 2-5
Apr 7	TBA				Ramadan Apr 13
Apr 14	TBA				

### GUESTS

Heather Firth

Louise McCann

Ruth Reid

Georgia Glockemann

Maureen Pankhurst

Jeanette Rigney

Sandra Parker

### BIRTHDAYS

3 March Ian Chappel

4 March Georgia Glockemann

14 March Jeanette Rigney

24 March Heather Firth

30 March Bronia Tam

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

10 March Ian Chappel 2014

### ATTENDANCE

71%

### APOLOGIES

Ahmadul Ameen

Jim Fraser

Kaye Carter

Pam Hudson

Ian Chappel

