



SPOKES

Rotary
Club of Pennant Hills



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**THIS WEEK
REPORTER**

**JOHN ELLIS
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Last Thursday I had an invitation from Parramatta Mission to attend a morning tea there on your behalf. It was arranged as a thank you to a range of organisations who support their "Meals Plus" and support services for those in need in the Parramatta area. "Meals Plus" is a day centre in the Parramatta CBD providing basic needs and support to people who are homeless or disadvantaged. They are open Monday to Friday for breakfast and lunch and in the afternoons for welfare and food assistance. They serve about 200 meals each day using mainly volunteer staff. As you know, we support the mission through the gifts received from our 'Trees of Joy'. These gifts are distributed amongst their 'clients' together with food hampers at Christmas. As one might expect, the demand for their services has escalated during this past year. Perhaps there is something else we can do to support the mission's outreach services.



The following might be a bit early to highlight, but the District Conference next year is already open for registration. It will be held at West HQ, Rooty Hill on March 18th and 19th. If you are interested in learning more about what is planned, go to -

<https://navigatingchange2022.wordpress.com/>

Another District event which is coming up much sooner is the District Changeover set for Sunday July 4th for lunch at 12.30pm at Castle Hill RSL. If you are interested in joining Heather and me, please let me know.

Greetings to you all,

Pres. David Firth



Rotary
District 9685



Eloquent opening by Sergeant grovelling to President who then opened meeting welcoming our guest speaker George Martin and members present.

He then reported on the proposed Hornsby Mall Expo on May 8 with three members volunteering to man the stall.

The Rotary Centenary Books was the next item and the nine members who put up their hands and had since forgotten were then harassed to come up with the readies and collect them.

Meals were delivered and then our President realised that we had not said Grace, which was then recited by all except Mr. Bell who already had a mouth full of dinner!

Then Kaye C reported on the Anzac Day Poppy Project which was very well received and supported by all. All poppies were sold but unfortunately extras coming from Melbourne arrived too late but it was resolved to keep them for Armistice Day in November.

The President informed us of the Wheel and Weft display and sale next weekend at Thornleigh Civic Centre – Friday night, then Sat 9 to 5, and Sunday 10 til 12.

Herbert's 5 minute interview of John Ellis allowed him to ask only one question which John answered going overtime by 5 mins.

Then we came to the Sargeant. I have long wondered about aligning dog breeds with our members – so here goes!,

Sergeant Jim – just has to be a “Poodle” – pretty fluffy little thing always trying hard to be loved but failing miserably, will constantly lick anything available (other dogs private parts and human faces) even himself, normally has full control over his bodily functions - son got married last weekend and he GAVE AWAY two of our poppies which he says he later paid for.

Kaye very suited to a “Berger de Pyrenees” flat skull, drop ears, long neck, slightly arched ribs, breast reaches to the elbow, very lively and intelligent, good for rounding up Rotarians – fined for talking on phone during proceedings.

Ida – “Cavalier King Charles Spaniel” broad head, flat nose, large eyes, long ears, short neck, deep chest and well sprung ribs – fined for impatience – pre-empting the Sargeant!

John Ellis – “Alaskan Malamute” long neck, short body, heavy bone, good with children, responsive to training – fined for trying to relate his 10 mins and 23 seconds life story in the five minutes allocated.

Ian Huckle – “Dandie Dinmont Terrier” quiet, brave, affectionate, good house dog, - not paying attention!

Herbert – “Basset Artesian-Normand” faithful, stubborn, happy with a strong hunting instinct – fined for attempting to steal the Sargeant's pen.

Pat Parker – “Gordon Setter” short deep body, well rounded ribs, affectionate and happy – fined for (I dunno) just being born!

Jack Reid – “Petit Chien Lion” broad skull, dark intelligent eyes, long neck - mercilessly fined for not paying attention

Pres David – “Chesapeake Bay Retriever” well sprung ribs, small ears, stubborn, intelligent – fined for forgetting Grace

Adrian Bell – “Mastiff” long body, deep chest, courageous, docile, will scare the pants off you to start but deep down is a real sook – fined for excessive talking.

Amin – “Stabyhoun” short round neck without throatiness, not too deep chest, obedient, calm, good watch dog – fined for something to do with fasting or not fasting!

Your correspondent – breed indeterminate as nothing available to such a high standard!

Ian Chappell – hiding on zoom – “Australian Terrier” harsh and wiry coat with smooth undercoat – affectionate and amenable to training

Pam Hudson – hiding on zoom – “Bichon a Poil Frise” muzzle shorter than the skull, ears not too large and pendulous, short legs and fine bones.

Terry Pankhurst – home on sick leave – “English Bull Terrier” long strong deep head without hollows, barrel ribs, intelligent, lively, well balanced, obedient.

There was a collective sigh of relief when the Sargeant had finished reaping his havoc.



Chairperson Kaye then introduced our Guest Speaker George Main, ex army major Vietnam veteran now retired fifteen years after twenty eight years in the military. The Hornsby Sub Branch founded in 1919 and George related that in past years “veterans” were regarded as only WWI, but now anyone who has served even for one day is a veteran and entitled to any benefits needed. George holds many posts in various sub branch agencies and is very committed to the welfare of veterans who are increasingly seeking their help many of them relatively young men and women. His own father died prematurely at forty two as a result of his wartime experiences. Interestingly, George related that 16,000 Indian troops served at Gallipoli – 2,300 were mule drivers who ensured supplies got through. They lost 1600 soldiers and were awarded eleven Victoria Crosses. His organization helps veterans wherever needed – from mental health to applying for benefits.



George has had a long history of service to his community including as a Charter Member of a Lions Club. Kaye’s initiative with the Poppy Project raised \$572.50. President David passed over a cheque to George who thanked the club and all those involved.



George then showed an added talent by drawing my ticket for the raffle!! At last! Thank you! Thank you!

Then time to go so we all rose and sang the National Anthem.

THE BOSIN TWINS AND ROMAC

Although they were born over 24 years ago, it was the Bosin Twins that laid the foundation for ROMAC as we know it today.

Eaustina and Eaustocia were conjoined twins born on a small island near Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, which at the time was war-torn. Half way through her labour, and the first baby’s head showing, mum Magdalene was transported to a larger island over 400 metres of water by boat, where two little girls, conjoined at the chest were born.



The Bosin Twins when they were born 24 years ago

A power failure half way through the caesarean operation meant the operation was completed under the light of a full moon. The next day they were flown to Port Moresby, from where ROMAC arranged for them to go to Melbourne’s Royal Children’s Hospital, where they were successfully separated.

They are now 24 years old and have just graduated from University. A wonderful testament to the work of the Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) team, and the impact of Rotary in the world.



Eaustina and Eaustocia at 16 years of age



2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
May 5	'Extraordinary Experiences'	John Ellis	Ian Huckel	Phil Stanton	Ian Chapell
May 12	St Marks Anglican Church Pennant Hills	Pastor Craig Schafer	Jack Reid	Kaye Carter	Pat Parker
May 19	Pride of Workmanship Social Night	AG Lindsay May	Davd Firth	Ida Shi	Nil
May 26	Hearing Matters Australia	Christine Hunter	Ida Shi	Adrian Bell	Kaye Carter
Jun 2	Combined clubs NSW Public Prosecutor 'Stories from the DPP's office' Social Night	Lloyd Babb	Theo Glockemann	Pam Hudson	Nil
Jun 9	Council Update	Julian Leeser MP Federal Member for Berowra	David Firth		

GUESTS

George Main

BIRTHDAYS

5 May Pat Parker

18 May Eddy LI

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

29 May 1986 Terry Pankhurst

ATTENDANCE

88%

APOLOGIES

Terry Pankhurst
Phil Stanton

