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Rotary
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Opportunities**

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THIS WEEK

Dementia Wendy Bell

President's Corner

This past week has been very busy. Can I say what a delight it was to have Ida, our guest speaker last week, with her excellent presentation on her experiences in transitioning from her birthplace in China to living in West Pennant Hills. I am hopeful that we might welcome her as a new member what an asset she would be!

On Saturday I participated in a Presidents' meeting on Zoom with DG David Clark. There was a lot of information and discussion, however I thought you might be interested in some figures revealed during the meeting.



Our district contributed \$396,000 to the Rotary Foundation last year, slightly down on the previous year. The district contributed almost \$96,000 to Australian Rotary Health, again slightly down on the previous year. Since it started, clubs in our district have contributed \$4,750,000 to ARH!

The district is keen to ensure Rotary is presented and promoted well and that our branding is consistent. One of the suggestions which the presidents endorsed was for clubs to review past projects in which items or facilities were provided to their community and signs erected to that effect.

The review is aimed at ensuring that they are in good order and the signage is also. We may need Jack Reid's memory to check some of our earlier projects!

Finally, for the 'Virtual' District Conference next year, we are asked to prepare a 5 minute video of our club's projects and activities. We have plenty of time but we probably need a task group to work on this, developing ideas. Are you interested in volunteering? This is another Rotary opportunity. Cheers,

President David Firth

Meeting Report

The President was introduced by Sergeant Jim who in turn welcomed all present, and in particular our guest speaker Ida Xiandi SHI.

There were comments regarding those on the sick list noting that Terry Pankhurst and Ian Huckel were, as far as was known, on the improve. However, it was also reported that John Ellis had taken a fall off his bike and was recovering. There was some speculation that the fall may not have been accidental given his long run of winning the “I’m present” raffle – more on this later.

Kaye Carter reported on and displayed an early prototype of the ‘Remembrance Day’ hand out card, and it was agreed that it was looking good.

Kaye also introduced Ida, our guest speaker, a friend and student of Kaye’s. Ida’s topic was her “transition from China to Sydney”, noting that her goals in life – her purpose – was to make improvements in society.



Ida came from the north east of China, her hometown being Ben Xi City. This was an industrial town that over the last few decades has transitioned from a polluted industrial city to one of clean air, beautiful parks etc. It is known for its tourist attractions including limestone caves. Ida’s dad (now retired) had been an Admin Manager and her mum (also retired) had been an accountant. Ida, born in 1981, fell into the one child policy and so is an only child.

In the period 2000-2004, Ida attended one of the top ten universities in China in a town now known around the world namely Wuhan Uni. She studied software engineering, and the course was done in English. On completion of this course she contemplated going to study in England but this was at the time of the London bombings, so instead she moved to Beijing and worked in the hospitality area.

At this time she decided she needed a move and decided on a move to Sydney as a full time student. Why Sydney? Southern hemisphere; pleasant climate; a modern city; and top universities – in particular Macquarie University. In line with her long-held desire to be part of contributing to social good, she decided to do a course at Macquarie, related to Social Entrepreneurship at Masters level.



There were “endless assignments”. And while at times feeling like an outsider, needing to overcome cultural differences and sometimes biases, she worked hard and graduated with a couple of HD’s to her credit.

Integration beyond the Uni precinct has also been a focus. However, and with a desire to achieve, and guidance from people like Kaye, she is certainly doing well and aiming to fulfil her 3G, 4G focus (3G = 3 acts of goodness; 4G = 4 acts of giving).

Ida has recently married Eddie (March 2020), and has been working as an Impact Measurement Analyst for ABCN (Australian Business & Community Network).

As a concluding remark, Ida referenced a quote from Rose Kennedy: “Life isn’t a matter of milestones but of moments”.

Quite a story well presented and well received.

So, and as is becoming part of the closing tradition, the attendance raffle was drawn. John Ellis while not at the meeting had been ‘gifted’ an attendance ticket by Kaye anyway. And the absent Ellis won!



DP Stanton

Homemade face masks



Homemade face masks for sale at our next meeting

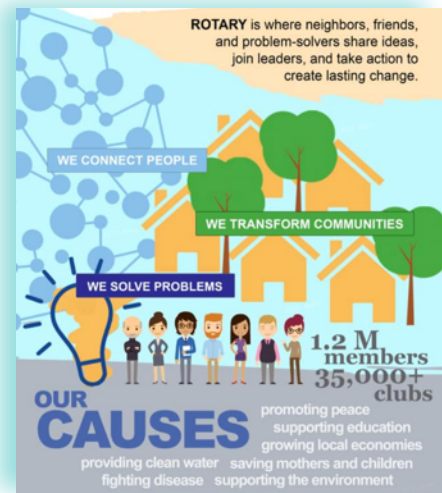
\$5 each

Heather Firth is making them.

Proceeds go to Parramatta Mission

Save the Date

Rotary Leadership Institute Training Course via **Zoom** on 18, 19, & 20th September. More details will be available in the next DG Newsletter.



Just for a Laugh

RESPONSE TO ALLEN'S LOLLIES IN AN ALREADY CRAZY WORLD

Allen's Lollies are changing their name for their redskins and Chico's so they don't offend!

We're going to have to change the name Smarties because not many people are very smart. Change M And Ms because they're not inclusive of the entire alphabet, get rid of White Knight peppermint bar... Not sure whether it's white privilege or whether it's discrimination against whites or whether it's white on the inside or chocolate on the outside, but will get rid of them while we're in the mood.

Will get rid of bananas because it might reflect a state of mind, likewise nuts, fruit cake and crackers.

Will get rid of liquorice bullets because they might be violent.

Freckles chocolate humiliate the skin blemished.

We will no longer have red meat or white meat.

We can't have pink Lady Apples because there are no masculine ones. No more Granny Smith apples because it shows ageism.

No more jelly snakes, red frogs or Caramello bears add Freddo Frogs because that could be a conservation issue.

Can't have coconut because they're brown on the outside and white on the inside and sometimes used as an insult.

We can't have Flake chocolate because it describes your character.

We can't have milko chews in case there is some threat of violence upon him... And we can't drink his Mother instead.

We can't have Mars Bars because all the other planets will be upset.

We can't have Easter eggs because that's an insult to mammals.

No more dark chocolate or white chocolate... Let alone any chocolate Brownies.

Mr Edward Coon's clever technology with cheese can be disregarded now because somebody might get offended.

Little Tikes play toys you'll have to be recalled so the Catholics don't get upset.

Red wine and white and dark ale and light ale should be colour neutral.

Rainbow lifesavers upset heterosexuals.

A greenhouse should not be named such for fear that it might upset a claustrophobic Irishman, and the list grows.

Or we may simplify life and keep things as they are... And call a spade a spade instead of a long handled lifting device.

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter	Member 5 min Talk
Aug 5	Dementia	Wendy Bell	Adrian Bell	Kaye Carter	Pat Parker
Aug 12	Running a Beauty Business 'Joanies'	Daisy Hyung	Kaye Carter	Adrian Bell	Ian Huckel
Aug 19	My Bizarre Life	Theo Glockemann	Jack Reid	Pat Parker	Phil Stanton
Aug 26	Social Night at Pennant Hills Bowling Club	Fundraising for Cancer Council	David Firth	Kaye Carter	
Aug 31 Monday	DG Official Visit Golf Club Joint meeting	DG David Clark	Pat Ainslie	Jim Ellis	
Sep 2	No Meeting				
Sep 9	Dementia Cafe		David Firth	Theo Glockemann	Claude Rigney

GUESTS

Ida Xiandi SHI.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

8 August Jack Reid (1963)

ATTENDANCE

60%

APOLOGIES

Ameen, Ahmadul

Ian Chappel

Ian Huckel

Pam Hudson

Terry Pankhurst

John Ellis