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Rotary
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The Program This Week

Training our Aged-Care Workforce

Guest Speaker: Wendy Bell

By Zoom

There is an International Toast tonight

President's Corner



Hi everyone

This is membership month. Please think of inviting a friend to zoom into one of our meetings so that we can share the goodwill and care we feel when we engage in service to our community.

Okay, it's a bit difficult for some of us to be out there at the moment, but behind the scenes, we are planning for when the curtain is lifted and we can participate in the community by running activities to raise money to give back to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Speaking of money, last Wednesday, our guest speaker was Mark Anderson, who gave us a most educational and inspiring talk on the Rotary Foundation. He left us with plenty of things we need to action and catch up on in the future.

Interestingly, in the latest DG's eNews, Jade Kennedy gives a thought-provoking talk on 'Welcome to Country' (Youtube) that should not be missed. Please take up Tania's call to send "your photos of country" to her email taniamace100@gmail.com.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdYmSBzrL8&authuser=1>

When life puts you in tough situations, don't say "Why me", say "Try me".

President Kaye

The zoom link each week is <https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/88970434188>

INTERNATIONAL TOAST



Hamar Vest Rotary Club, Norway, District 2305

To PRESIDENT SVEND OTTO REMØE and the club currently consisting of 52 members of which 35% are women and the rest men. The club meets at Storhamarstuene Domkirkeodden, Hamar on Tuesdays at 6.15pm. The club is concerned with the social in addition to the good lectures and visits to companies and the like. Our camaraderie evening once a month focuses on socializing with good food and good drinks! The club can also refer to several projects in collaboration with clubs abroad. The club tries to be as visible as possible and we refer to our FaceBook page which is updated regularly.

They have a major overseas project in Armenia with the Rotary Club of Yerevan, Armenia involving a Foundation Global Grant, providing clean drinking water to 120 schoolchildren of ages 6 to 18 in the town of Tatev. The project will also benefit almost half the population of the town.

Of particular interest to us is that a past Youth Exchange student we hosted 36 years ago, Knut Gravingen, is a member and their webmaster, His wife Sandra is the immediate past president of the club. Knut has returned to Australia on several occasions including a visit at the time of our club's 50th anniversary.

Hamar is located on the shores of Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, and it was the principal city of the former Hedmark county. It is bordered to the northwest by the municipality of Ringsaker, to the north by Åmot, to the east by Løten, and to the south by Stange.

The Hedmark museum, located on Domkirkeodden, is an important historical landmark in Hamar, an outdoor museum with remains of the medieval church, in a protective glass housing, the episcopal fortress and a collection of old farm houses. The institution is a combined medieval, ethnological and archaeological museum, and has received architectural prizes for its approach to conservation and exhibition. It also houses a vast photographic archive for the Hedmark region.



Pres. Svend



PP Sandra

THE ROTARY LEARNING CENTRE

Last week, Mark Anderson, during his presentation, talked about the Learning Centre on rotary.org which is open to all rotarians. All you need to do is to log on, select **My Rotary**, sign in (or create an account if this is your first time), then select **Learning & Reference**, and then the **Learning Center**.

There you will find a number of course topics -

- About Rotary
- Club Leadership
- General
- Membership
- Professional Development
- Public Image
- Service
- The Rotary Foundation
- Trainer
- District Leadership

Under each topic you will find a number of courses, many of them taking just 15 minutes. I'm sure you will find plenty of interesting topics to learn about. DLF



Gordon R. McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2023-24. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

MEETING REPORT - 4th AUGUST 2021

President Kaye opened the meeting and welcomed AG Robert Erskine, the guest speaker Mark Anderson, who already had a number of zoom meetings, and most of the crew including the very well dressed Daisy. Jim was asked to contact Ian Huckel, who was home from hospital but was having trouble logging in. (He succeeded). Phil advised that his lucky door prize from last week, biscuits, had long gone. Special mention was made regarding induction anniversaries including Jack Reid - August 1963, 58 years ago.

Herbert was able to come up with some special "on this day" items including 1693 when Dom Perignon invented the champagne method, 1492 Columbus sailed to the new world, 1971 the US launched their first satellite -Apollo and 2007 they sent a spaceship to Mars. Secretary John advised that the post office box was empty and David advised that he had forwarded a copy of Spokes to the Fall River club in the US. President Kaye congratulated David for his excellent work with Spokes and advised that the monthly board meeting was held on Monday night and the board had agreed to fund Ida at a Rotary training course. Phil confirmed that the golf day had been postponed to 1st April next year, it was noted that Easter will be from 15 to 17 April. Pam advised that she was still keen to receive I Pads or tablets for the Face to Face project.

The Social committee was considering a number of outings which they hoped to finalise as soon as the lockdown restrictions were lifted.

Daisy did our "4 way test", something old was a 100 year old ring from her grandmother, something new was book "I am Enough", something borrowed was also a book "Cleanse the Head" and something blue was a bluetop.

Chairman Phil then introduced our Guest Speaker, PP Mark Anderson, Rotary Foundation Senior Coordinator-Fund Development-South Pacific and Philippines Office, Parramatta. The Rotary Foundation is the charity of rotary and it all started in 1917 when they had an amount of \$26.50 which they decided to invest the money so that they could "do good in the world". The Foundation is set up to assist projects both overseas and local and covers many areas including, reduction in diseases, providing clean water, helping mothers and children, assisting local economies, supporting education and helping with the environment. At present the Foundation assists 65,000 registered charities and is rated in the top ten charities in the world. One of its many benefits is that its administration costs are one of the lowest in the world- well under 10 %.

There are currently 4 Funds, 1 Annual Fund to cover projects, 2 Endowment Fund used to obtain money from investments 3 Polio Fund 100% of this is directed to eliminating Polio 4 Disaster Fund where up to \$25,000 can be allocated and delivered within 48 hours.

Mark gave a very detailed presentation of how to apply for funding and highlighted the need to ensure that the projects are well documented, well researched and the need to ensure that they are followed up to ensure that they achieve their purpose. One of the most prominent and most successful projects of the Foundation has been the project to eliminate Polio from the world. To date over 450 million children have vaccinated in over 40 countries and as at 30 July 2021 there has only been 2 cases recorded, one in Afghanistan and the other in Pakistan. It was surprising to hear that 40% of Rotary clubs did not give 1 cent to the Polio project.

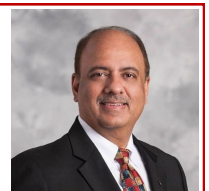
There were a number of questions of Mark, and it was interesting to hear from him about his Beecroft club, and how it has been assisting the local community during the difficult lockdown period. It was surprising to hear that loneliness was not restricted to elderly people, but also people in the 18 to 24 age group, and due to their efforts they have been able to attract a lot of new young members to their club. The lucky door prize was won by William (the reporter aka Pat) - see photo below.

Reporter: Pat Parker



A message from RI President Shekhar Mehta for this Membership Month.

This year, each of us has an opportunity to extend the gift of membership to others who can benefit from Rotary and help us increase our impact. **Each One, Bring One!**



Notes from the Board meeting held 2 August 2021

1. The requirement for a club Training & Development Officer will be shared by Phil Stanton and David Firth.
2. Attendance at RI courses will be funded by our club (ie. RI Leadership Courses).
3. Potential members' details at fundraising activities will be recorded in a membership book for follow up action by the Membership Director.
4. The Golf Day has been postponed until March/April 2022.
5. It was proposed to give \$3,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation this financial year.
6. Members paying \$100 to be a Centurion was discussed. John Ellis is the only Centurion in the club.
7. Membership Director aims to increase our membership by 2 for 2021.
8. Trailer raffle progress is on track. Promotional material will be arranged for the Shopping Centres at Pennant Hills and Thornleigh. Our sister club has been contacted for their support on the roster.
9. The Tree of Joy will occur at both shopping centres organised by the Projects Director, Pat Parker.
10. Ida Shi has the making of Chinese lanterns for mid-Autumn festival under control.
11. The grant for RYPEN East Timor needs to be renegotiated.
12. The acquisition of a club shirt is in progress.
13. The payment of royalties to RI for POW was discussed and it was decided that David Firth would draft a letter to be sent to the DG via the President to seek his support to renege this payment.
14. The Secretary has had a review of old files and documents and will send a list to members to gauge if any of these should be kept.

A NEW CLUB PROJECT FOR 2021-22

The Moon Festival, also known as Mid-Autumn Festival or mooncake Festival, is a traditional festival with a history dating back 3,000 years to worship the moon for bountiful harvests in China and other Asian regions. It's held on the 15th of the 8th lunar month in the Chinese calendar to celebrate three fundamental concepts:

Gathering - such as family and friends coming together, or harvesting crops for the festival. On this day, the moon is the brightest and roundest which means family reunion.

Thanksgiving - to give thanks for the harvest, or for harmonious unions

Praying - for babies, a spouse, beauty, longevity, or for a good future

On the day, lanterns are carried and displayed - symbolic beacons that light people's path to prosperity and good fortune.

To connect and engage with the local Chinese residents in celebrating this festival, as free gifts, 150 paper-made lanterns will be made by our club members and given to the Chinese residents in Heritage Care in Pennant Hills and other retirement villages or Chinese shops in Pennant Hills and Thornleigh area.



"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHAT'S ON

2021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	Meal Status
Aug 11	Training our Aged-Care Workforce By Zoom	Wendy Bell	Ida Shi	Terry Pankhurst	David Firth	
Aug 18	Club Assembly & Planning for Charity Golf Day By Zoom	Nil	Pat Parker	Phil Stanton	Jason Terry	
Aug 25	What are they doing now? By Zoom	Past youth reps	John Ellis	Adrian Bell	Theo Glockemann	
Sept 1	District Governor's Official Visit Social Night	District Governor Lindsay May OAM	TBA	TBA		
Sept 6	Board Meeting By Zoom	President Kaye to send the invitation				
Sept 8	Pollination Week Visit other clubs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 72.2%

Apologies:

A Ameen, T Pankhurst, J Reid, C Rigney, J Terry

Guest Speaker:

Mark Anderson

Rotarian Guest:

Robert Erskine - RC of Eastwood Gladesville

August Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

PP David Hopping - August 23rd

Anniversaries:

Nil

Induction Anniversaries:

PP Jack Reid - August 8th, 1963 - 58 years

Ida Shi - August 31st, 2020 - 1 year

MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

HENRY FORD

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AUGUST



Club Secretary John Ellis is following up an email he sent to members recently on the subject of items in the secretary's files which he is questioning if they need to be retained. The list is as follows -

Objects of Rotary – I suspect these large cards haven't been used for 20 years

New member proposals held for 15 past members

Semi-annual reports for 2000-07 – we no longer forward such reports

Visitors' book 1960-70

Attendance records 1959-92