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THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

MEMBER'S NIGHT AT MECCA INFUSION
ANOOP'S REPORT ON HIS RLI TRAINING

Chairman: President Kaye

Reporter: Theo Glockemann

President's Corner

Hi everyone,

This Wednesday we will meet at Mecca Infusion Café, Pennant Hills Road, West Pennant Hills at 6.30pm. Please let David know if you are attending and give him your food order.

The Rotary theme for March is "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene" which is fitting considering the desperate situation in Queensland.

Today, some of us went to Ian Huckel's funeral at Normanhurst Uniting Church. It was a deeply sad occasion, but it was a really lovely service.

A reminder about the District Conference 18/19 March in Rooty Hill.

Our virtual Train Ride was a bit of a washout but thank you to David for taking his photo at Pennant Hills Station.

A reminder about our combined 62nd Club birthday and Australia Day Merit Awards event (with our guest speaker Janelle Dodd from 'Days for Girls') on Monday 14 March at the Pennant Hills Golf Club. Please let Ida know of your attendance and the number of guests you are bringing. It will be a fabulous night.

Take care and stay safe. **President Kaye**



The meeting this week will not be available on Zoom.

MEETING REPORT - 23rd FEBRUARY

Another Zoom meeting for Pennant Hills Rotary. Adrian had a new picture of the building progress of his new house as his background which stimulated a few questions about when it will be done and he will have us all over for lunch. The meeting was started by Ida with her usual welcomes to country. She outlined the birthdays, anniversaries and but there was a sad note to this one to acknowledge the passing of Ian Huckel on the 20th of February. The club held a minutes silence in remembrance of Ian. Ian had been a very important member of the club for 17 years serving a number of roles. Acting president David commented that Ian would ask "and how are you" when ever they met. The Funeral was held at Normanhurst Uniting church on Monday the 28th of February. As Kaye was away David was the chairman for the evening and with his able support person Jack by his side gave his welfare report on the condition of other club members not in attendance.

There was a discussion about dinner out at Mecca's at Thompsons Corner next week to scope out the new menu and David reminded those attending to have their food orders to him prior to the evening.

David played a game for the evening on why the 23rd of February was so important to all those in Rotary. It was the birthdate of Rotary - it started with the vision of one man- Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 Feb 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Over time Rotary's reach and vision extended to humanitarian services which they are now famous for.

He then played a video by Rotarian Michael McQueen outlining how the pandemic had forced clubs to look at alternative ways to meet; look at ways to adapt although there is a unique power in physically meeting together to share ideas. Changes in work patterns so they are made to try new things and still continue to meet. The world has changed and we should not snap back to pre covid ways and continue to focus on progress. Loyal to the future not the past and adapt to a new style of continuing Rotary in the future. Write the new story in our clubs and our districts. David then shared a video with Jeremy Clarkson driving a car in China. It was very impressive to see the new roads which he referred to as the eighth wonder of the modern world. 1988 had no motorways and now 30 years later they have 84,000 miles of them, building 6000 miles per year. A bridge was 34 miles long and one was so high that the Shard in London could fit underneath twice. Ida had not seen them but Daisy passed on her comments that things are built fast and the machines they use are fast where she seemed sure there was more standing around on projects here watching the machines rather than working the machines. In China there has been lots of change, she had not been home for some time but notices a lot of change wherever you look. David made a comment of a client he had here who went to China to purchase toothbrushes to add to the toothpaste he was selling here into supermarkets. The client went to a factory in China that was actually a town that was making 7 million toothbrushes a day and exporting around the world.

Ida wanted to share a 5 minute story about something good. She was pleased she woke up fresh after a good nights sleep. She remembered a dream about her Grandma, on her fathers side, she passed away 40 years ago so she did not know her. Her Grandma on her moms side passed away 3 years ago so she was happy to see her in her dream. She was happy to see her happy smile again. She believes it is important to have breakfast together with your partner and when she does she looks at a calendar and tears off a page for a new date which gives her inspiration for the day which is linked to an app on her phone. You can learn more about the story or suggestion by opening the app and doing some research. She was happy for the assistance she received from a friend in the office yesterday after a meeting she had was cancelled as it was the day to mail out the February magazine which is a big project so she was happy for the assistance. They are in the process of applying for a community grant which is very exciting.

There was some discussion about the club birthday on the 14th. The meeting ended just after 8pm.

Reporter Jim Fraser



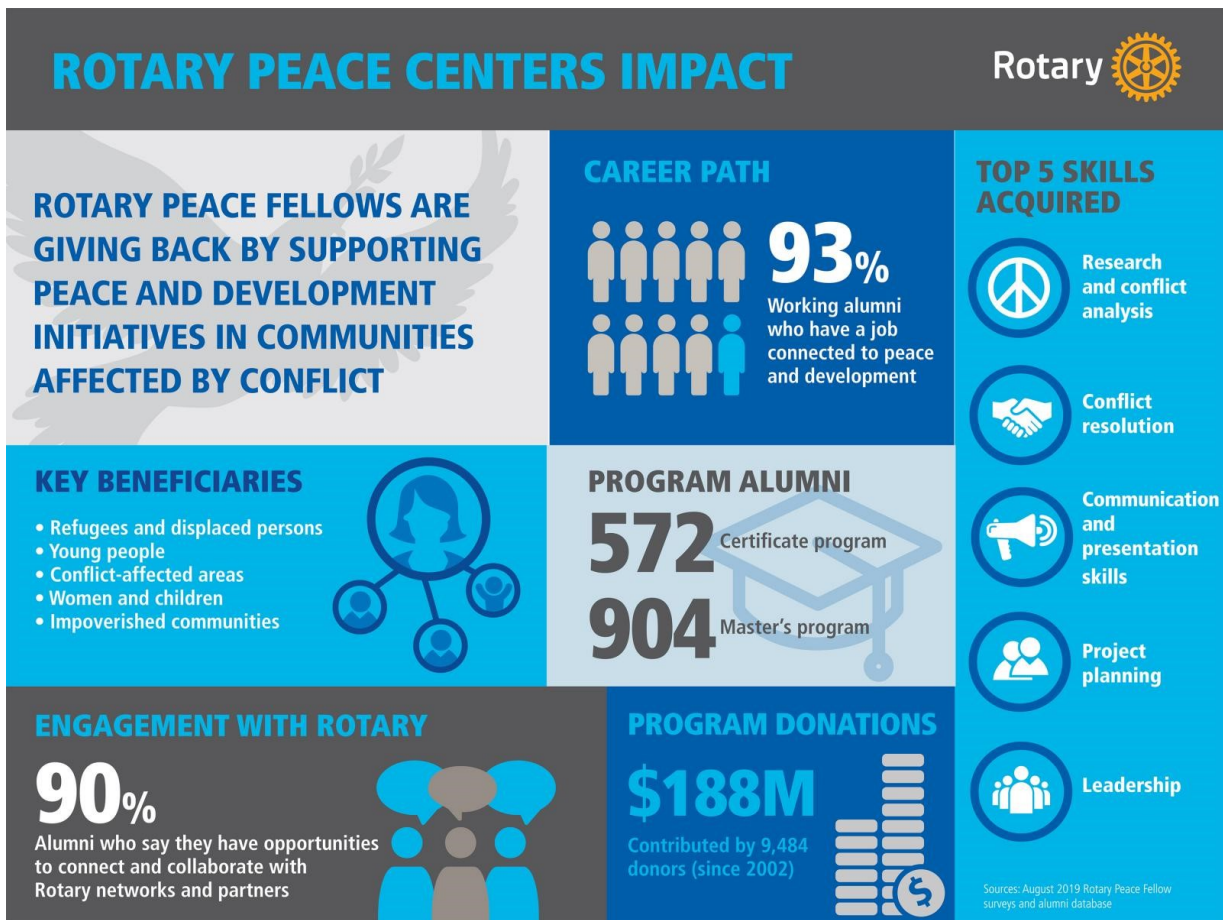
Michael McQueen



A photo of a part of China's amazing highway network

FEBRUARY - THE ROTARY PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

Given the situation the world and the Ukraine finds itself in this week, it seems appropriate that we reflect on what Rotary is doing in this one of its seven areas of focus.



One of the Rotary Peace Centres is at the University of Queensland. The following is about one of the Rotary Peace Scholars trained there.

Emily Nabakooza, Uganda

University of Queensland, 2018-19

- Master of Peace and Conflict Studies, with a focus on peacebuilding through education
- Founder and executive director of the Assisi Centre for Social Justice and Peace, a youth-centered nonprofit focusing on issues related to gender inequality, social inclusion, illiteracy, and the nonviolent resolution of conflicts in Ugandan schools and communities

"My introductory course units in peace and conflict resolution confirmed to me that my professional experience could not be processed in isolation of my academic training. I understood that to make the most of my fellowship, I needed to not only unpack my personal perceptions and biases gently, but also let myself adapt, learn, and un-learn through the process. Beyond learning, my fellowship has been a steppingstone upon which I developed social and professional networks. These networks have been an excellent source of support in ways I never imagined."



Fellows, Anoop Sud has submitted the following item addressing environmental issues facing the world and Australia in particular. The following is the first part of his article, with the balance to follow over the next 2 or 3 weeks.

The top ten environmental issues are these:

- Climate Change.
- Energy.
- Water.
- Biodiversity and Land Use.
- Chemicals, Toxics and Heavy Metals.
- Air Pollution.
- Waste Management.
- Ozone Layer Depletion.

What are the 5 major environmental problems?

- Ozone Depletion, Greenhouse Effect and Global Warming: ...
- Desertification: ...
- Deforestation: ...
- Loss of Biodiversity: ...
- Disposal of Wastes:

What are the main examples of environmental issues?



Some of the major environmental issues that are causing immense concern are **environmental pollution, air pollution, water pollution, garbage pollution, noise pollution, deforestation, resource depletion, climate change** etc.

To be continued next issue.

As President Kaye advised, a number of members and partners from our club attended the funeral and thanksgiving service for Ian Huckel at Normanhurst Uniting Church. There were eleven of us in all and DG Lindsay May also attended. As Ian was a member of Pennant Hills Mens Probus Club, there were a number of their members in attendance also.

At right are the flowers the club sent to Jennifer Daniel, Ian's daughter.



WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Extra info
Mar 2	Members Night Return to Face to Face Meeting at Mecca Infusion	Anoop's report from his RLI Training	President Kaye	Adrian Bell	David Firth	
Sunday Mar 6	CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY	At Pennant Hills Marketplace carpark	Time to be advised	Jason Terry		
Mar 7	Board Meeting at 7.30pm					
Mar 9	RYPEN 2022 at Hotel Pennant Hills	Nia Michelson & Scott Romanis	John Ellis	Ida Shi	Terry Pankhurst	
Monday Mar 14	Club Anniversary & Australia Day Award Social Night at Pennant Hills Golf Club	Janelle Dodd	Phil Stanton	John Ellis	nil	2 course meal
Mar 18 - 19	District 9685 Conference	At West HQ Rooty Hill RSL	Friday night dinner	and	All day Saturday	
Mar 23	Report on District Conference at Hotel Pennant Hills	Members who attended	Pres Kaye	Jim Fraser		
Mar 30	Visit to Thornleigh Community Garden	at 6.30pm	Details	to be	advised	

Last Meeting - 23. 2. 2022

Attendance - 56.25%

Apologies: A Ameen, K Carter, T Glockemann, P Hudson, T Pankhurst, J Terry

Guests: Nil

LOA: P Stanton

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Georgia Glockemann - March 4

Jeanette Rigney - March 14

Heather Firth - March 24

Bronia Tam - March 30

Anniversaries:

Ida Shi & Eddy Li - March 5

Claude & Jeanette Rigney - March 9

Jim & Esther Fraser - March 11

David & Heather Hopping - March 25

Inductions:

Nil

Our contribution to the Virtual Train Ride in aid of 'END POLIO NOW'. It won't win any photo competitions!



Thought for the Week

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."

[Eleanor Roosevelt](#)