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Rotary
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Rotary
District 9685



We have the following sister clubs:
Rotary Club of Newcastle
Enterprise District 9670
Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge
District 3011

THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

OUR WEEK TO VISIT OTHER CLUBS. VISIT ANOTHER CLUB IN PERSON - YOUR CLUB DIRECTORY HAS A LIST OF NEARBY CLUBS AND WHEN THEY MEET, OR ASK TO JOIN THEM ON ZOOM.



President's Corner

Hi everyone

Last week was National Volunteer Week. Thus, as we are truly volunteers, it was fitting to hold our Pride of Workmanship dinner to celebrate and honour employees who make a difference with their service to the community. Congratulations to everyone involved in contributing to such a successful night, and a big thank you to Adrian Bell who was the MC for the night in my absence.

This week is a week off where you have the opportunity of visiting other clubs and hopefully be enriched with new ideas and concepts and listen to some interesting guest speakers.

We send our warm wishes to Jack, who is back in Hornsby Hospital. He came home for a few days and then needed to return to the ward for extra medical care. He is only permitted 2 visitors per day, so please liaise with Ruth if you plan to visit him.

I recently spoke to Stephen de Plater, president of our sister club in Newcastle, who after 2 ½ months, could finally move back into his apartment which had been affected by a nearby fire. His club's changeover dinner will be on 5 July at a venue not decided yet. Please think about joining our sister club on the night if you can.

Yours in Rotary
President Kaye

THERE WILL NOT BE A ZOOM LINK FOR THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Last Week's Meeting Report

MC Adrian Bell opened our 46th Pride of Workmanship presentation function then handed the baton to Vice President David Firth. Following a welcome to country, David welcomed DGE Mina Howard, our speaker, Richard Adams, District Vocational Chair, Ken Broadhead, the eight PoW awardees and their supporters and Bev Young, Sue Robards, and Merril Mathie, our auditor.

For the benefit of our many visitors, following dinner, David covered Club activities - our support of PKU research, our trailer raffle in support of St Lucy's School and our Trees of Joy in support of Stewart House and Parramatta Mission. He covered our PoW program, our Youth projects, poppy sales in support of the RSL sub-branch and support of local retirement villages. He introduced Theo Glockemann who gave a brief outline of RYLA and RYPEN programs he initiated in East Timor in 2010 and subsequently developed into the very successful activities they are today. The relevance and success of RYLA has been recognized by financial support from Woodside Energy. Theo's reward for all this has been the awareness that many key positions in East Timor are now filled by RYLA alumni.

David Firth introduced our speaker, Richard Adams, CEO of By Dezin. Richard opened with his introduction into retail, kicking off at Bendigo Pottery thence to Myers in Bendigo in 1986. He was attracted to home improvements and in 1992 saw his opportunity at McEwans in Sydney, a forerunner of Bunnings. Richard went on to Barry's Home Improvements in 1995 then two years later, with his wife, Sue, he launched By Dezin in Homebush. The ensuing 25 years have seen much change and many challenges for this home improvements business. After an encouraging start, seeing daylight he called it, business then stalled for a while, leading to seeking new premises in Auburn. Amongst what Richard described as ups and downs were the opening of a shop in Artarmon and the global financial crisis. More recently COVID saw sales drop by 80% that was overcome to some extent with on-line options. Whilst the Artarmon shop has been closed, By Dezin has kept its head above water and now faces some new hurdles, recent inflationary trends and supply line difficulties. Richard's theme illustrated that good planning and taking opportunities can result in overall success. He finished by saying he might even buy a ticket in Powerball. David Firth thanked Richard with a gift and reminded us that we saw an awardee from By Dezin in 2004 and that they have nominated an awardee annually ever since - except 2020 when COVID curtailed our plans.



Keynote Speaker
Richard Adams

David then introduced the sponsors of tonight's awardees. Some have come from familiar businesses - By Dezin and Pennant Hills Pharmacy. Some are from businesses new to the program but all have had their activities and personnel on the front line during the COVID crisis. David covered the background to Pride of Workmanship and this Club's involvement that developed the program with the slogan, "Do it once, do it well" that is as relevant today as it was in 1976. David urged tonight's awardees to not be too shy about the award and to show it off at work.



Part of the assembled gathering

The awardees were then asked to come forward. Tanyaradzwa Makanhiwa is an intern pharmacist at Pennant Hills Pharmacy. Brian Ridge is the Golf course foreman at Pennant Hills Golf Club, a position he has held for 14 years. Steve Kelly has been the emergency response attendant at Lutanda Manor Retirement Village for five years. Stanley Hsieh is with the Banna Group, managers of the Pennant Hills Shopping Centre. Bassam Mahmoud is the senior sales consultant with By Dezin. Kumari Hanriharan is a registered nurse in the Day Medical Centre at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital and James Kim will run up a good coffee at Penno iOi Café in Pennant Hills. Each had a short citation that covered their role at their work place and examples of how and why they had

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been nominated for the Pride of Workmanship Award. Steve Kelly from Lutanda Village was asked to respond on behalf of the awardees. He also thanked our Club for the evening. Paul La Greca from the Banna Group responded on behalf of sponsoring businesses and David Firth took the opportunity to present the Banna Group with a certificate of appreciation recognizing the cooperation and security we have for our Tree of Joy in the shopping centre.

David brought the evening to a close, thanking Mina Howard and Ken Broadhead for joining us. He also recognized the attendance of Sue Robards and Beverley Young, both with Club involvement over many years. The National Anthem brought the proceeding to a close.

Reporter: John Ellis

Photos of the Awardees



Volunteers needed to help us raise funds!

When: June 12, 2022

Where: Bunnings Thornleigh

When: 2 or 3 shifts split between 8am to 4pm

We need people to take money, prepare the snags and present to customers and someone to cook. Plenty of room to sit down.

We also need esky's for the drinks so if people have a spare one please let Jim know.

Please let Jim Fraser know your availability - Ph: 0412 679 710

MEMBERS! HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED YET?



Our delayed Clean Up Australia Day effort (due to weather), is now on **Sunday 5th June** at Pennant Hills Marketplace starting at 8.15am. Come along ready to spend an hour or two in and around the carpark there and around the community centre across the road. **Don't forget to wear your club shirt.**

I'd like to thank those who made last Wednesday night such a success. Adrian as MC, Ida and Daisy at the reception table. Ida as official photographer. Theo for his talk on RET in Timor Leste. Each of the members hosting guests on all 8 tables. John Ellis for assisting with the set up beforehand and the takedown after. And the Golf Club for an excellent meal and arrangements.

David Firth

WHO NEEDS FRIENDS LIKE THIS?

I'm not going to say who.... but a friend just called and asked if I would loan her \$1300 to help pay her rent. Those who know me, know that I'm always willing to help out friends & family. I told her to give me some time to think about it and I would call her back. Before I called her back, her brother called to let me know that she was lying and not to give her the money !! He went on to say that the real reason she wanted the \$1300 was to get her boyfriend out of jail so she could be under the same roof as him for his birthday!

I thought about it for a minute and decided to give her the money anyway because we all need help at times.

A couple of hours later I get a call from the police station. It was her - crying, screaming and asking why I gave her counterfeit money!

My response.... so you and your boyfriend could be under the same roof for his birthday!

A Brief Introduction to RI General Secretary

John Hewko

Holds a law degree from Harvard University, a master's in modern history from the University of Oxford (where he studied as a Marshall Scholar), and a bachelor's in government and Soviet studies from Hamilton College in New York

Speaks five languages — English, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian

Served as the vice president for operations and compact development at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. government agency, where he negotiated foreign assistance agreements totaling \$6.3 billion for 18 countries in the areas of infrastructure, agriculture, water and sanitation, health, and education

He and his wife, Marga, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation

WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Extra info
May 25	We visit other clubs -	no meeting of	our club			
June 1	Meeting on Zoom					
June 5	Clean Up Australia Program		at Pennant Hills	Marketplace	Carpark	8.15am
June 6	Joint Board Meeting Zoom					
June 8	TBA	at Thornleigh	Community	Garden		
June 12	Bunnings BBQ	at Thornleigh	From 8am	To 3.30pm		
June 15	Theo's East Timor Report at 7pm start	at the Baden Powell Scout Camp	Pomona St., Thornleigh			Social Night
June 22	Planning Night	at Thornleigh	Community	Garden		
June 29	Club Changeover at Pennant Hills Golf Club - 6.30 for 7pm	President Kaye			NA	2 course meal \$50/head

Last Week's Meeting - 18.05.2022

Attendance - 60.0%

Apologies: K Carter, J Fraser, T Pankhurst, J Reid, P Stanton, J Terry

Guest Speaker: Richard Adams

Rotarian Guests: DGE Mina Howard; Ken & Margaret Broadhead - Wahroonga Club

Other Guests: Merril Mathie, Sue Robards, Bev Young, Peter Hudson, Heather Firth, Georgia Glockemann, Jeanette Rigney,
7 awardees and 36 supporters

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Pat Parker - May 5

Eddy Li - May 18

Anniversaries:

Nil

Inductions:

Terry Pankhurst - May 29 (36 years)

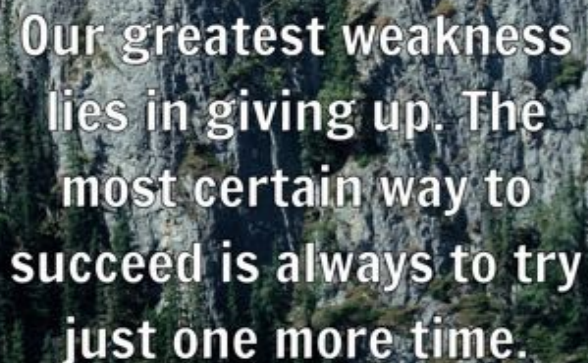
WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hices.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!



Our greatest weakness
lies in giving up. The
most certain way to
succeed is always to try
just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison