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Rotary
District 9685



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Rotary Club of Newcastle
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District 3011

**This week
Program:**

THE HEARING AID BANK

Guest Speaker:

Ida Shi

Chairman: David Firth

Reporter: Pam Hudson

Meeting at 6.30 for 7.00pm start at
the Community Health Centre

The President's Corner - David Firth

With Christmas fast approaching, we have become very busy. Our two regular projects at this time of the year, the Christmas Trailer Raffle and the Trees of Joy, are both proceeding very well - see separate reports. But in addition, at the instigation of Pam Hudson, we have launched a short term collection of food and toiletries for the folk so badly affected by the floods in Central West New South Wales. Pam's enthusiasm led to her contacting the District Governor who quickly endorsed the idea and set the 'train' in motion particularly through our AG Stuart Armstrong and the AG for Lower Blue Mountains and Nepean, Paul Rogers.

Locally, Jim Fraser was quick to get involved and approached Pennant Hills IGA Supermart who readily agreed to set up a collection near their checkout with appropriate signage which we supplied. Jim is checking regularly and taking donated goods home for storage.

The plan is to transport what is donated out to the Cowra area where Rotary there will arrange distribution. So, a great initiative Pam. Who knows where this will lead?

Fellows, there is a change in the program this week as the speaker from the Civic Trust was unable to come at the last minute. Thanks to Ida for stepping in!

MEETING REPORT - November 9th

This was our annual meeting with the District Governor Mina Howard and was held at the Health Centre. Tonight a meal was included from the new Malaysian restaurant, Chef Kwon, in Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills. Tasty for some, spicy for others, but there was plenty and the organisation was well done by Daisy!

Once dinner was finished, President Phil called the meeting to order. First point of action was David and the success of the trailer raffle at Westleigh the previous Saturday. \$1137 raised but it was very encouraging that people came up and recognised Rotary and St Lucy's School, so they were happy to help out for both. Next Saturday we are selling at Coonara. David also mentioned an upcoming fund raising project at Westfield Hornsby where we will need members to wrap presents for Christmas. Westfield provides the supplies and PH Rotary gets to keep any funds raised by providing wrapping.

Next point was Theo's overview of his most recent trip to Timor. RYLA and RYPEN where a great success with Theo very impressed with the spirit of the participants, the fine work of the locals in setting up and hosting the event and the recognition of local businesses that graduates of these programs will make valuable employees. Theo said it was a very rewarding event but it will be a real success when he and Angelo can walk away and allow the locals to run the program. Theo is very impressed by the recognition he gets from past participants while visiting local businesses and sees them being successful in the local workplace.

Christmas programs are well under way with Tree of Joy set up in Pennant Hills (cards already getting picked up quickly), Thornleigh to be done this week and our new involvement with Ray White who are hosting a tree in their office and providing local exposure for Pennant Hills Rotary in the office and mail outs to the community. All donations are off to Stewart House and Parramatta Mission.

President Phil then invited DG Mina Howard to speak. She started off with an overview of this years presidential theme with the circle and 7 dots above the green line which is the navigation stick. The 3 colours are Purple for Rotary, White for peace and green for the environment. The circle and the 7 dots represent a meeting place and the 7 items of focus for Rotary. Her focus is on finding out what the current members are doing, what they want and how they view the club projects and if they enjoy their club; so she is big on membership surveys. She discussed the need for clubs to adapt to the membership to create an environment for fellowship and friendship with different meeting types, range of projects so everyone is involved and well engaged with the local community. There also needs to be measurement of the success over time so everyone is involved. She went over the great resources that Rotary provide through the Online learning centre so people can learn more about Rotary and interact with others, or if there is an interest they can find like minded people in other clubs to work on ideas or find out other ways to do things. She went through a number of projects that she has been involved in such as the foundations support of communities hit by recent flood disasters in getting financial support to the area through 3 different district grants. She is impressed by the large number of RAWCS projects under way to assist communities locally and overseas. She believes the Polio Project is coming to an end by maybe 2026 so discussions are being had about what to next focus on, such as Malaria or AIDs. She believes regionalisation is a great step forward as it gives us a significant voice in the area to speak with corporates about programs or sponsorships. They are currently working on a budget and setting up a plan of how to move forward. There are currently 21 districts in Australasia which means a significant amount of duplication so it should be much easier to get things done. She encouraged us to seek District Support if required and encouraged people to attend the conference in Cowra. She had brought along a walking stick which she is encouraging all going to the conference to make one in the club and bring it along to the conference. Please read the Rotary Magazine and eNews to be up to date. She closed off her presentation but there was a question about the director of a club having to be registered and Theo raised the issue of us having to pay a royalty for the Pride of Workmanship program run by the club. Mina said she would investigate and respond to both. President Phil thanked Mina for her presentation and we then enjoyed a lovely mango cake for desert as the meeting closed.



Reporter: Jim Fraser

THE CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE

Last Saturday the Trailer Raffle was at West Pymble Village. We had sellers for both shifts. In the morning we had John Ellis, Theo Glockemann, and Alan and Lee Lowe. They were replaced by Phil Stanton and David Firth for the second shift.

Although we had a very pleasant reception there, we sold just 168 tickets and took \$585.00 on the day. This was almost exactly the same as last week at Coonara Shops. Year-to-date total remains about the same as last year.

Daisy continues to sell tickets at an amazing rate - she has sold 10 books so far and raised \$1,740.00!

Next Saturday we are at Cherrybrook Village Shopping Centre. The AM shift is Alan & Lee Lowe and P Hudson. The PM Shift is P Stanton, J Fraser, and J Terry.

TREES OF JOY

Both our Trees are up and running - indeed running at a rapid rate. To date we have placed 180 cards on the tree at Pennant Hills, and 120 cards on the one at Thornleigh.

Needless to say the presents are also coming in at a rapid rate. The security staff at Pennant Hills Marketplace take the presents each day and store them in their office, whilst, at Thornleigh, the staff at AMS Hair Salon do a wonderful job accepting the presents and storing them for us.

Again, Jim Fraser has come to our aid by agreeing to store the presents collected from each shopping centre until we are ready to distribute them.

If you are able to contribute any gifts, you can be assured that they are going to be much appreciated by the recipients.

WESTERN NSW FLOOD RELIEF

This project initiated by Pam Hudson, has really taken off. Clubs throughout District 9685 have come on board in various ways. There are a range of offers being made for modes of transport and many sites receiving donations.

At this stage it looks like the donations will be delivered on Monday or Tuesday next week, however there may be a need to sort and pack items, possibly at Pam Hudson's home on Sunday or Monday. If you can help with that, please let Pam know. Similarly, any other assistance you can give, let her know. Photos below of the collections.

WESTFIELD HORNSBY GIFT WRAPPING

This is a new project for us so we are just trying it for one afternoon & evening to see how we go. It's on Friday December 16th from 4.30pm through to 7.00pm.

If you would like to volunteer some time to this, please let David Firth know so a roster can be developed. We think we will need 3 or 4 people. All wrapping materials are provided by Westfield and we charge \$2 for small items and \$4 for large items and \$1 for ribbons. The money collected is for our Project account.



WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
Nov 23	The Hearing Aid Bank	Ida Shi	David Firth	Pam Hudson	
Nov 26	Trailer Raffle Selling at Cherrybrook	AM P Hudson, A & L Lowe	PM J Fraser, P Stanton, J Terry		
Nov 30	Social Night with partners	Venue to be confirmed			
Sunday Dec 4	Trailer Raffle Selling at North Rocks Markets	AM J Fraser, T Glockemann	PM I Shi, P Stanton, J Terry		

Last Week's Meeting - 16.11.2022

Attendance: 38.5%

Attendees: J Ellis, D Firth, P Hudson,
T Glockemann, I Shi

Leave of Absence: A Ameen

November Anniversaries & Birthdays Birthdays:

L Stanton - November 4
S Parker - November 7
J Terry - November 15
C Rigney - November 22
H Chan - November 23

Anniversaries:

Nil

Club Induction Anniversary:

J Ellis - November 1

**TREE OF
Joy**

Share the joy of Christmas by donating a gift for the less fortunate members within the community.

**Pennant Hills Market Place Facebook page supporting
the Tree of Joy**



TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

Fellows, on December 7th is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTION of Officers for the next Rotary Year 2023-24. In preparation for that meeting and, in particular, the elections, we need nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 6 directors. Please contact Secretary John with your nominations.