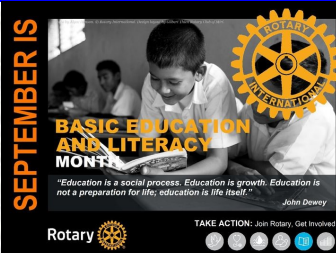




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This Week's Program

Preparing for Our Rotary Interest Meeting

CHAIRMAN: Jim Fraser

REPORTER: Ida Shi

This week we are going to discuss this upcoming important reachout to our community as we look to address our falling membership numbers.

Everyone is encouraged to come with ideas, suggestions, and names of invitees.

The President's Comment

One of the great advantages we have in Rotary is the access to other clubs. During the centenary of Rotary in Australia I started receiving the weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. The following Reflection caught my eye!



We've all been reading a bit in recent days about CEO salaries and bonuses. We are in the public company AGM season, when executive pay deals are published and put to a vote by shareholders. Some high profile people will no doubt again become the emblem of corporate largesse as worker and public discontent deepens.

This set me thinking – when is enough enough? It would be good to see companies exercising restraint and doing more for their communities, which are important as stakeholders – indeed just as much as their own shareholders. Most of us in Rotary are in the fortunate position of being able to share not only our time as volunteers but also whatever material resources we may have managed to accumulate.

We need to be reminded – no matter what form our generosity takes – be it an act of kindness, a gift, a donation, a helping hand – it will make someone's day, smooth their path or just make them smile. We will have given something of ourselves that is greater than anything it would have cost.

For good food and friendships in Rotary, we give thanks.

Robert Fisher

Thank you to Robert Fisher for providing this reflection on 6 September 2023.

David Firth

Meeting Report - September 6th, 2023

Meeting started at 7pm with a couple of surprise visitors. John Ellis popped in even though he is currently going through chemo therapy, and Adrian Bell from down south. Both stopped by to see our presenter for the evening.

President David welcomed all and passed on thanks to Daisy for her organisation of our dinner at Monkey King the previous Wednesday. From the previous board meeting, David opened up discussion of setting up an interest meeting to invite potential new members to provide them an introduction to Rotary with encouragement to join. It was decided it should be at the Health Centre with coffee and cake and have several members speak about their Rotary involvement. He encouraged all members to bring someone along. Discussion then turned to the upcoming trailer raffle which will run from the 11th of November to the 16th of December. Out of the blue we had an offer from Adrian Bell to purchase a trailer which is a very generous offer to keep the program going. Pam is working with the shopping centres for dates and how to use the 2 Bunnings Vouchers we have to see if we can increase the amount via Bunnings Dural and Thornleigh. Theo mentioned he is off to Timor on the weekend for RYPEN & RYLA events there and was wished well on his journey.

It was then over to Ida to give us an overview of her recent trip to Jordan and Egypt and share her experiences. The presentation was on her 6 days in Jordan. Her first comment was it was a very hot trip! It was interesting to hear her first impressions on some of the basic differences such as license plates with numbers only very large metal garbage bins for homes and very colourful, large roses. She visited Jerash, Mount Nebo, Madaba, Petra Wadi Rum and the Dead Sea. In Jerash she was impressed with the Hadrian's Arch, the sanctuaries of Artemis and Zeus. This is a well persevered site with large stones set atop columns that have been there for thousands of years, some believe it was built and inhabited over 6000 years ago. Including the Amman Citadel built 4000 years ago before the romans arrived and Marcus Aurelius built the Temple of Hercules. The theatre is massive and a tough climb to the top of the seats. In the shops she felt it was expensive and only men worked in shops. There are beautiful views from many areas. She also visited Mount Nebo where it is believed that Moses lived out his final days and it is believed he is buried there but this has not been proven. She did see the Brass Serpent statue which was used by Pharmacies and is meant to provide salvation. She also visited Madaba where in 1884 they discovered the Madaba Map which is a mosaic map of the holy land on the floor of the Church of St George. The map is the oldest and most accurate map of the area where you can see details of the Jordan River meeting the Dead Sea and the holy city of Jerusalem. While staying there they enjoyed the local dish of Zarb which is prepared underground for 4 hours and includes lamb, chicken and vegetables. It was then off to Petra, the Red Rose City the monument is half built and half carved into rock and was famous in the Indiana Jones movie of the last crusade. It was once a thriving trade centre between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea at its heights had more than 30,000 people. Its stone structures were used for shelter by nomadic shepherds but suffered from earthquakes a number of times. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. There was lots of walking to be done and the area is filled with smelly donkeys which are used to move between the sites to see what is carved into the mountainsides. As it is very hot you need to drink water to keep hydrated against the heat but finding a toilet is a challenge. Next stop was Wadi Rum known as the valley of the moon which is a valley cut into the sandstone. This is a popular movie site due to the harsh conditions and the reddish orange sands. Last day in Jordan was off to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth which is 423 meters below sea level. It is considered an ancient spa of healing and wellness. You cover yourself in mud from the sea bed and then let it dry on you as a way to heal and improve your skin. The high concentration of salt 34%, 9 times normal salt water and it allows for you to easily float. It is not kind to mobile phones though if you happen to drop them in the water. The type of currency used is Jordan Dinar. 1 Aussie dollar is 50 cents Jordan Dinar. The food was good but the praying 5 times a day is a bit confronting at first till you realise it is a way of life. She did not see women everywhere but did see a number of young boys selling things. The tour she was on was very rushed and did not get enough time to see everything but spoke highly of what she did see. We all thanked Ida for her overview of Jordan and look forward to her next one on Egypt.



This is not Ida or Eddie, her husband, reading the paper while floating there, but it could have been!

Adrian gave an overview of what Caitlin is up to in Canberra after her explosive experience in Lebanon which has caused her some ongoing trauma. She is now part of the National Disaster Recovery program where she is the Assistant Secretary with 86 people working for her. David then presented Phil with copies of Spokes for his year as president and the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Reporter: Jim Fraser

Garage Sale + Markets + Car Boot Sale

Rotary
Club of West Pennant Hills
& Cherrybrook



Stalls & Car
Boot Sites still
available.
Scan QR to
apply.

Sat 30 Sept 2023 - 8am to 3pm

Location: Cherrybrook Uniting Church,
134 New Line Road, Cherrybrook

STALLS INCLUDE

- BBQ
- Markets
- Cakes
- Coffee & Food
- Homewares
- Plants
- Car Boot Sale
- Tools

All proceeds go to "Domestic & Family Violence Charities" and other
Rotary Charities.

Gold Coin
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WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	
20th Sept	Preparing for Our Rotary Interest Meeting	Everyone	Jim Fraser	Ida Shi	
27th Sept	Board Meeting via Zoom	At 7.30pm	David Firth	Reports & agenda items to Secretary	
4th Oct	Membership	Azita Abdollahian (TBC)	Jim Fraser	Pam Hudson	
18th Oct	Rotary Interest Meeting	Several Club Members	David Firth	Jason Terry	

Last Meeting - 6.9.2023

Attendance: 83.3%

Apologies: R Huh; J Terry

Guests: Nil

September

Birthdays:

Anoop Sud - September 1

Daisy Huang - September 7

Wendy Bell - September 13

Anniversaries:

Adrian & Wendy Bell - September 5

Club Induction Anniversary:

Claude Rigney - September 8

Pat Parker - September 10

A good plan violently
executed now is better
than a perfect plan
executed next week.

George S. Patton

Kenthurst Rotary
is turning



You and your partner, along with special guests from our sister club Toyama Mirai, Japan are invited to celebrate our 50th Anniversary celebrations.

WHERE: Rydges Norwest, 1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills

WHEN: Saturday 28th October 2023

TIME: 6:00pm for 6:30pm start

COST: \$80 per person, which includes:

3-course plated menu

4-hour drinks package of red & white wines plus a selection of beers

Soft drinks and orange juice also included

Spirits and any special orders will be at your own expense

RSVP: And payment by Wednesday 4 October 2023

Bank Details below:

Account: Rotary Club of Kenthurst - Anniversary Account

BSB: 062-313

Account #: 10364852

Reference: Please use your name

Alternatively, cheque payments may be sent to PO Box 13, Kenthurst 2156. Please include your name and the name of any partner.

If you have any dietary requirements, please email me at ron@ihug.com.au

Rob O'Neill

Secretary

