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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

A Mystery Night

with President Adrian

Chairman: President Adrian Reporter: Theo Glockemann Meet at the Hotel Pennant Hills at 6.30pm

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS

Our second selling day on Saturday was at Thornleigh Marketplace, one of our better selling places. Our teams this week were - first shift, Ian Chappel and David Firth; and the relief team, Ian Huckel, John Ellis and Pat Parker.

They sold 399 tickets and took \$730, a much better result than last week although slightly behind last year. So the total to date is now \$1,049.



Next week we are going to Westleigh, where we had a very good reception last year. Our first shift team is Jim Fraser, Theo Glockemann, and Jack Reid. The second shift team is John Ellis, Pat Parker and David Firth.

We are looking for volunteers for the following Saturday, 3rd November, at Coonara Shops. Currently we only have Adrian Bell and Ian Chappel selling on the first shift, so we would like another on that shift and 3 for the second shift.

NEXT WEEK - October 29th

Program: TBA Speaker: TBA Chairman: Pres Adrian Reporter: David Firth

NOTE: We continue to meet at Hotel Pennant Hills at the usual time.

Rotary Report 15th October

The highlight of last week's meeting was the induction of our new member, Kaye Carter. Kaye was inducted by President Adrian and officially welcome into the worldwide fellowship of Rotary. In response, Kaye gave a short powerpoint presentation highlighting events in her life to date. The induction was witnessed by a larger than usual attendance boosted by several partners.

Then we had the report back from our 'team' that went to Timor Leste. Theo Glockemann reported on his 14th visit there accompanied by Georgia, and also by David Firth. A video was shown of the RYPEN program as it is conducted in Timor. The video, of very good quality, had been supplied by Eddie Pinto. There followed a series of slides with commentary by David, giving his impressions of the country, its people, and the 9th Annual RYLA conducted



there, a great success once again. Next year, to mark the 10th RYLA, there is a special celebration planned, and a large number of Aussies are planning to attend.

Further to the report, the following is some background information on the history of Timor Leste published on the CIA World Factbook website.

The Portuguese began to trade with the island of Timor in the early 16th century and colonized it in mid-century. Skirmishing with the Dutch in the region eventually resulted in an 1859 treaty in which Portugal ceded the western portion of the island. Imperial Japan occupied Portuguese Timor from 1942 to 1945, but Portugal resumed colonial authority after the Japanese defeat in World War II. East Timor declared itself independent from Portugal on 28 November 1975 and was invaded and occupied by Indonesian forces nine days later. It was incorporated into Indonesia in July 1976 as the province of Timor Timur (East Timor). An unsuccessful campaign of pacification followed over the next two decades, during which an estimated 100,000 to 250,000 people died. In an August 1999 UN-supervised popular referendum, an overwhelming majority of the people of Timor-Leste voted for independence from Indonesia. However, in the next three weeks, anti-independence Timorese militias - organized and supported by the Indonesian military - commenced a large-scale, scorched-earth campaign of retribution. The militias killed approximately 1,400 Timorese and forced 300,000 people into western Timor as refugees. Most of the country's infrastructure, including homes, irrigation systems, water supply systems, and schools, and nearly all of the country's electrical grid were destroyed. On 20 September 1999, Australian-led peacekeeping troops deployed to the country and brought the violence to an end. On 20 May 2002, Timor-Leste was internationally recognized as an independent state.

In 2006, internal tensions threatened the new nation's security when a military strike led to violence and a breakdown of law and order. At Dili's request, an Australian-led International Stabilization Force (ISF) deployed to Timor-Leste, and the UN Security Council established the UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT), which included an authorized police presence of over 1,600 personnel. The ISF and UNMIT restored stability, allowing for presidential and parliamentary elections in 2007 in a largely peaceful atmosphere. In February 2008, a rebel group staged an unsuccessful attack against the president and prime minister. The ringleader was killed in the attack, and most of the rebels surrendered in April 2008. Since the attack, the government has enjoyed one of its longest periods of post-independence stability, including successful 2012 elections for both the parliament and president and a successful transition of power in February 2015. In late 2012, the UN Security Council ended its peacekeeping mission in Timor-Leste and both the ISF and UNMIT departed the country. Some interesting comparisons of key indicators from the CIA website are -

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Timor Leste spends 1.5% of GDP on health compared to Australia's 9.7%

There are 8 doctors per 100,000 people v. 350 per 100,000 in Australia

Employment is split 41% in agriculture, 13% in industry, and 45% in services

Exports in 2016 were \$20million while Imports were \$559million

It was estimated that 744,000 people were without electricity in their homes out of a total population of 1.3 million (July 2017), in urban areas 78% had electricity but in rural areas only 27% had power.

One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio 24 October - WORLD POLIO DAY

In Sydney, Australia, father and son combo Mark and Dave Anderson came up with the idea of having Rotarians ride the trains in an attempt to travel through all 187 stations in the city's metropolitan rail network while promoting Rotary's fight against polio. The effort raised more than AU\$242,000 in pledges from individuals, clubs, and corporations, as of early October. Wearing bright red End Polio Now T-shirts, Mark and Dave were joined by Jaz Stephens of the Rotary Club of North Sydney Sunrise for the entire journey, beginning at Epping station at 4:32 a.m. Many other Rotarians and clubs jumped on for segments of the ride, including District Governor Sue Hayward who rode for 17 hours and Mark Tanner of Drummoyne, who completed 80 percent of the journey.





THE FORWARD PROGRAM					
DATE	PROGRAM	ROGRAM SPEAKER		CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Oct 27th	TRAILER RAFFLE AT		WESTLEIGH VILLAGE @ 8.00am		
Oct 29th	TBA TBA		Α	Pres Adrian	David Firth
Nov 5th	Vocational visit to Pres Adrian's Lilyfield renovation - a Partner's night wi dinner after at a brand new evening café nearby! Don't miss this special ni				
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK					

The solution to alone-ness is not more solitude, but companionship and community. - Robert Fulghum