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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Ronald McDonald House 'Meals From the Heart' Review

Discussion Leader & Chairman: Phil Stanton
Reporter: Ian Chappel

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS

We had the 'A' Team on deck selling both shifts this week. They were at one of our favourite selling sites, West Pymble Shopping Centre. First shift was Theo Glockemann, Ian Chappel and Terry Pankhurst. They were relieved by Kaye Carter, Pam Hudson, Pat Parker and Phil Stanton.

In all, they sold 421 tickets with takings of \$701.50. This was well ahead of our sales last year at this site. So year-to-date our takings are \$3,641, just \$300 behind our sales last year at this stage.



Next Saturday we are at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre. The morning shift is Adrian Bell, Ian Chappel and Jack Reid. They are followed by Jim Fraser, Pam Hudson and Phil Stanton.

Don't forget about the extra selling day on Sunday 9th December at Bunnings Dural. Currently we have only 2 sellers, Theo and Pat, for the 8am to noon selling period. Any offers?

NEXT WEEK - November 26th

'To Be Advised'

Chairman: President Adrian Reporter: David Firth

NOTE: Meeting at the Hotel Pennant Hills at 6.30 for 7.00pm start

MEETING REPORT - 12th November

Our members, of no fixed abode, met again in the Pennant Hills Hotel. President Adrian Bell opened the meeting after members had ordered their meals and he welcomed Kaye Carter's partner Dr Leon Edena and our guest speaker, Keri Chittenden. Adrian then gave a short progress report on his Grand Design in Lilyfield – amazingly the project is now only a fortnight from completion. He also told us that Brew Ha Ha had enjoyed our custom. It seems our meager payments will go towards financing BHH's Ferrari. David Firth then gave a progress report on the trailer raffle – we are about \$500 below our progress this time a year ago. Beecroft has proved less profitable than Hornsby Plaza. Pat Parker gave us a burst on assisting at Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday – there will be a team of nine. Pat has arranged to have our trailer at Bunnings, Dural on Sunday 9 December. Theo Glockemann reminded us of his gala presentation on East Timor at Lutanda this coming Sunday. The RYLA program in Dili is now so much part of the local scene that a recent national news bulletin gave its first four minutes to RYLA. David Firth reminded the trailer team of next Saturday to muster at West Pymble shopping centre and John Ellis covered his meeting with the parents of Matthew Pines, our *Young Endeavour* candidate. Earlier this year we had Tarran McDermid from Cheltenham Girls High School address us on her then planned visit in December to NASA Space Camp with a group of students. We donated \$500 to support her venture. Recently she advised the mission was cancelled because of lack of numbers. However, she has been offered a spot in another team co-ordinated by Actura Australia that will arrange a similar NASA mission. Tarran sought our approval to use our donation for the Actura mission. This was approved at this meeting and Tarran has been advised accordingly. Her grateful thank you has been received.



President Adrian then introduced Kerri Chittenden. A few years ago she and a friend found they had a little time on their hands and pondered on what useful venture they might consider. Nine years ago they established “So They Can”, a program that works together with communities and their governments in Kenya and Tanzania to educate and empower, so they can break the poverty cycle, realise their own potential, and meet their own needs. Because of internal problems following the 2007 elections in Kenya some 300,000 people were displaced into a camp known as the Pipe Line Camp where there was no school. Keri and her chum met the community and asked what they might do to be useful and the high priority was to build a school. There was no Kenyan government money, however a memorandum of understanding was arranged with the government to provide roads and some other civil services. Today there is a school accommodating 1,080 pupils covering the first eight years of primary education. It is known as the Aberdare Primary School and provides teacher development, student welfare, school infrastructure, a school board, it engages with the government and liaises with government. As if that wasn't enough to keep Keri busy, they then went down the road to Tanzania where they established the Marire Teacher Training College. The first of their trainees graduated this year with one topping the Tanzanian teacher training program. Keri said that they are working with 16,500 children in both countries with education the focus, then child health and welfare, women's empowerment and community engagement. Another aspect has been the establishment of medical clinics for immunization. A business school to advise women on micro financing small business has attracted about 300 women to date. “Sew Women Can” emerged from observing local needs – teaching women to sew. In Tanzania a bicycle shop receives discarded bikes from the USA and Canada and gets the bikes roadworthy. The Miti Mingi Village in Kenya has 15 houses where women volunteer to care for children. It has been customary in some Kenyan communities to offer very young girls as brides and a pilot program has commenced in a marginal area of Kenya where 80% have no education. The girls' high school aims to educate and protect girls from the child bride custom. Question time raised matters such as Kenyan government support – whilst relationships with the government are good, the government provides roads and payment for teachers, nevertheless it is corrupt. Keri seeks financial support from where ever she can. A Rotary Club in Kenya aims to demonstrate the relevance of clean water. Keri said they have a budget of around \$2.4 million and employ about 90 people in Kenya and five in Tanzania. The influence of the Chinese government in both countries is of concern as they have provided significant loans for infrastructure that Keri believes will impoverish both countries ten years hence. Keri's address certainly gave us all something to consider. Adrian then closed the meeting.



Reporter: John Ellis

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE 'MEALS FROM THE HEART' REPORT



We met at the new Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday this week to prepare the evening meal for around 150 people. The menu we cooked was a barbecue with salads, etc. plus a baked apple & pear crumble for dessert. We needed a minimum of 12 people. Unfortunately we had just 8 - the Parkers 2, Firths 2, Theo Glockemann, Phil Stanton, and thankfully Alan & Lee Lowe.

It was all hands on deck and into it, directed by a very efficient chef, Mel, a staff member at the house. Our ladies spent all the time until 6pm cutting up and preparing salads and the fruit for the crumble, while the men barbecue a vast array of sausages, steaks and chicken pieces.

Dinner time came around oh so soon! From 5.50 families started to queue for dinner. However, dinner was served on time and really appreciated by those who came. Our hard worked crew, led by Theo, enjoyed some fellowship time over the meal sitting with families and sharing in their stories. When dinner was over, the clean up began. At the risk of overlooking some team members, Phil Stanton excelled himself in the wash up room preparing and washing everything in the commercial dishwasher. May I also say, if we hadn't had Alan and Lee Lowe there, we might still be finishing off. A tired but satisfied team trooped out around 9.30pm with a job well done.



The BBQ Team in full flight!



Chef Mel and the ladies preparing salads



Phil S, Lee Lowe, Sandra P & Heather F



Pat Parker, Chef Mel & Alan Lowe

The reunion of the Timor Leste 2018 Group took place as planned on Sunday 18th over a BBQ lunch at Lutanda hosted by Theo & Georgia Glockemann. This was followed at 2pm by a presentation to a large group of both Lutanda residents and interested Rotarians and friends of Rotary. Theo presented a background of the Timor Leste RYLA project and the RYPEN program there. This was illustrated with a powerpoint presentation & videos. Considerable interest and comment was created, particularly in the plans for the 10th anniversary next year.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Nov 24th	TRAILER RAFFLE AT CHERRYBROOK SHOPPING CENTRE @ 8.00am			
Nov 26th	TBA	TBA	President Adrian	David Firth
Dec 3rd	AGM & Elections	Pres Adrian	Pres Adrian	Pat Parker
Dec 16th	TRAILER RAFFLE DRAW AT PENNANT HILLS GOLF CLUB @ 1PM			

CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Fellows, our AGM & Elections is coming up on December 3rd. We are calling for nominations for the following positions:

President Elect 2020 - 2021
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 and 6 Directors

President Elect & Secretary Jim Fraser will be happy to receive all nominations. If you wish to discuss any position with him, he will be pleased to help in any way he can. The 6 directorships are - Membership, Administration, Projects, Rotary Foundation/International, Public Relations, and Pride of Workmanship.

The current directors would be happy to enlighten you as to what is involved in each of these areas.

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 68.75%

Apologies: Ahmadul Ameen, Pam Hudson, Jack Reid, Phil Stanton

Guest Speaker: Keri Chittenden

Rotarian Guest: Nil

Guests: Dr Leon Edena

Leave of Absence: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Lyn Stanton - Nov 4th

Sandra Parker - Nov 7th

Claude Rigney - Nov 22nd

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

John Ellis - Nov 1st (28 years)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.'

- Theodore Roosevelt