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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

'THE AMAZON RIVER PROJECT'

Guest Speaker: Connor McLellan

Chairman: President Adrian

Reporter: Jim Fraser

We welcome Connor to our meeting this week. He is a local young man from Cherrybrook who has volunteered with VESA to go to the Amazon River early next year. He will tell us about the project he will be working on and how he came to volunteer with VESA.

The Amazon is the world's mightiest river. It is at least 6,400kms long, and delivers 12.5 million cubic metres of fresh water per minute into the Atlantic Ocean. That is 20% of the water delivered by rivers into the world's oceans. It's source is in the Andes in Peru, while tributaries feed into it from Guyana, Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia and Colombia. The main Amazon Basin is in Brazil which is where it reaches the Atlantic Ocean.

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS

This Saturday we were back at Thornleigh Marketplace for the 2nd time this year. We started with Ian Chappel, John Ellis and David Firth - Ian was accompanied by wife Bev. Theo Glockemann arrived after an early appointment, and this team were relieved by Pat Parker, Ian Huckel and Phil Stanton. They sold 538 tickets, just short of last year's total, and took \$932. Sunday saw the team of Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, John Ellis, Adrian Bell and Theo Glockemann selling at Bunnings Dural, a major sponsor of the Trailer Raffle. Their efforts between 8am and 12 noon were not very well rewarded. They sold 125 tickets and took \$210, so that our YTD total is now \$6,131 - just \$27 ahead of last year. One week to go!

NEXT WEEK - December 17th

Our Club Christmas Celebration

at the Bell Residence, 1 Paradise Close, Cherrybrook

Chairman: President Adrian Reporter: David Firth

MEETING REPORT - The AGM December 3rd

The Pennant Hills Hotel was the venue for the meeting , which was well attended . There was considerable comment of the raffle ticket selling ability of Ameen who was favourably compared to the old fox Jack Reid and it was noted that last Saturdays takings at West Pennant Hills was up on last years' figures.

David Firth advised that there were 3 more selling days left, Saturday 8th December at Thornleigh, (8am David Firth ,Ian Chapel & John Ellis - 11am Ian Huckel, Pat Parker & Phil Stanton) - Sunday 9th at Bunnings Dural - 8am to 12 noon (Theo Glockemann, Adrian Bell, John Ellis, Pat Parker & Terry Pankhurst) and Saturday 15 December at Pennant Hills Market Place (names to be advised next Monday).

David requested all members to return their personal selling books by next Monday night , the 10 December as the draw will be made at the Pennant Hills Golf Club at 1 pm on Sunday16 December.

The Project Director advised that the Tree of Joy was erected on Wednesday28 November and this afternoon he delivered 20 gifts to the new manager of Westpac Bank at Pennant Hills, Sharon Bubb, who had been the manager over 3 years ago and who was very supportive of the project. It was noted that the gifts for Stewart House would be collected from the bank at 9.30 am on Monday 17 December and gifts for Parramatta Mission would be collected at 9.30 am on Tuesday 18 December and all members were invited to attend the delivery operation if they wished to join the team.

John Ellis reported that he would be attending Pennant Hills High School to present the annual Rotary prize. After considerable discussion , it was decided to revert to giving 2 prizes , one for the girl captain and one to the boy captain and to include a Rotary Certificate and a \$100 book voucher.

Kaye Carter thanked the members for their support for the purchase of desks for the special school in Kenya. It was noted that there was funding for 14 desks.

Phillip Stanton advised that he had received confirmation from the Guest Speaker that he would be available for the special Australia Day Rotary meeting, which will be held on Monday 28 January, which is a Public Holiday.

President Adrian reported that the annual Christmas Party would be held at his place on Monday 17 December, and that Wendy would contact the ladies to arrange what dishes they would be asked to bring for the night.

The President then closed the regular meeting .

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At 8.05 pm President Adrian officially opened the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills and noted the attendance and received an apology from Ian Chappel.

Minutes from the 2017 AGM held on 11th December, 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

The Financial Report for the Rotary Year 2017-18 was noted and the Treasurer was requested to check the items raised .

Special Resolution: It was resolved that President Adrian and Secretary /Public Officer Jim Fraser be authorised to sign the Annual Return to the Department of Fair Trading.

Election of Officers and Directors for 2019-2020

President 2019-2020	Jim Fraser
President Elect 2020-2021	T B A
Vice President	Adrian Bell
Secretary	John Ellis
Treasurer	Terry Pankhurst
Directors	Ian Chappel, Phil Stanton, Pat Parker, Theo Glockemann, Kaye Carter, David Firth

General Business:

A. Weekly Fee: It was resolved to introduce a \$5 weekly fee for each member, payable in advance for each meeting as from 1st January and the amount be added to the semi annual dues.

B. By-Laws and Constitution: It was resolved to have the President, Secretary and David Firth to review the current position and to make recommendations for change if considered necessary.

C. Future Meeting Venues: There was considerable discussion on the meeting places for future Rotary Club meetings including the options for the Pennant Hills Golf Club, Beecroft Bowling Club and other venues. It was noted that Phil Stanton would discuss the golf club options and report back to the board.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Reporter: Pat Parker

As a follow on from our club elections last week, I thought the following poem was appropriate.

I'm on a Committee

O give me some pity, I'm on a committee
Which means that from morning to night,
We attend, and amend, and contend, and defend,
Without a conclusion in sight.

We confer and concur, we defer and demur
And reiterate all of our thoughts.
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda,
And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
And the points of procedure are fun!
But though various notions are brought up as motions,
There's terribly little gets done.

We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us.
What a shattering pity to end our committee -
Where else could we make such a fuss?

The Editor

A Look Back at a Past Club Project

TREES FOR SURVIVAL - JUNE 1993

On Monday 7th June, 32 children from Year 2 at Pennant Hills Infants School participated in planting seedling Casuarina (River Oak) into tubes for growing in the Rotary Shadehouse at the school. Working in rotating groups of 8, instructed and supervised by Club members Bob Cornish, Ray Jennings, Peter Waite, Jack Reid, and Wilf Morschel. About 800 seedlings were planted in the afternoon. As we have around 5,000 seedlings, it will require more afternoons and an opportunity for more Rotarians to participate in this activity.

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JACK AT THE ROTARY SHADEHOUSE

TRAILER RAFFLE COMPLETION

Next Saturday is our last selling day - it's at Pennant Hills Market Place starting at 8am. The first shift is Jim Fraser, Jack Reid, Claude Rigney and Terry Pankhurst who is towing the trailer. They will be followed by Adrian Bell, Pat Parker and Phil Stanton, and Phil will tow the trailer in the afternoon.

On Sunday at 1pm at the Golf Club will be the drawing of the winning ticket and hopefully the presentation of the prize to the winner. We need to have a few members in attendance for the draw and at the presentation, particularly to take photos and get the details. Note that Pat Parker and David Firth are unavailable.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Dec 15th	TRAILER RAFFLE AT PENNANT HILLS MARKET PLACE @ 8.00am			
Dec 16th	TRAILER RAFFLE DRAW AT PENNANT HILLS GOLF CLUB @ 1PM			
Dec 17th	Club Christmas Party	At Adrian Bell's home	1 Paradise Close Cherrybrook	<u>We need to know numbers this week</u>
Dec 26th & 31st	THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS ON THESE TWO MONDAYS			

Tree of Joy - 2018

To date we have placed just over 150 cards on the tree. They have been taken at the rate of about



15 cards per day. With one week to go we can expect to receive about 250 gifts!

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 87.5%

Apologies: Ian Chappel,

Guest Speaker: Nil

Guest: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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David Firth - Dec 19th

Adrian Bell - Dec 25th

Jim Fraser - Dec 30th

Theo Glockemann - Dec 30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

David Firth - Dec 16th (36 years)

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."

- Eleanor Roosevelt