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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Guest Speaker: Jim Fraser

Jim is our newest member and one who has become involved in the activities of the club and in Rotary. As is often the case, these programs where members tell us of their background, family, interests, hobbies, etc. are highlights of our weekly programs.

**NO MEETING NEXT MON-
DAY DUE TO ANZAC DAY**



NEXT MEETING
May 2nd

BOARD MEETING

SPEAKER: BOARD & MEMBERS
CHAIRMAN: PRESIDENT IAN
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MEETING REPORT - 11th April, 2016

We welcomed back our esteemed leader, President Ian, who had been absent on business for the past 2 weeks. In opening the meeting, he welcomed our guest speaker Jash Vanjara and his mother, Anita.

Several announcements and reports followed, particularly about our Rotary Information Breakfast to be held on Thursday 28th April at Pennant Hills Golf Club at 7.00am. A few lists of invitees were tendered but it was disappointing that more names were not forthcoming. A meeting of the organising committee was arranged for later after the regular meeting. A report on the rapid progress of PP Pat Parker after his knee surgery was given including the fact that he was already at Mt Wilga Hospital, Hornsby for rehab. Incoming directors for 2016-17 were reminded that the District Assembly was on at the Kings School, North Parramatta on Saturday starting at 8.00am and finishing by 5.00pm.

Sergeant Adrian returned to his more accustomed role of extracting money from all and sundry after his recent dabble at playing president, showed little mercy for those in his sights including yours truly.

With dinner finished, chairman John Ellis introduced our recent National Youth Science Forum awardee, Jash, who revealed that he is a product of Normanhurst Boys High School. He acknowledged that his reason for applying for NYSF was to rekindle his passion for science. Indeed, he and his mother had arrived at the golf club last year to make application to one of the 2 clubs meeting there. When he approached Beecroft members he received an unenthusiastic response, however Theo G quickly turned that around and John Ellis accepted his application which led to his being successful. He described the 12 day forum in Canberra as a wonderful experience and thanked the club for the opportunity.

NYSF allows students to develop skills other than those appropriate to science labs. These included communication and presentation skills, etc. In addition he was able to make friends amongst the 200 fellow students.

Jash believes that NYSF has definitely changed him. He discovered things which he didn't think he was interested in. He went there wanting to be a doctor, and came back convinced that this was indeed right for him. However he found it difficult to choose between the various aspects of medicine. He took part in workshops on:

- The Evolving Nature of Science;
- Critical Thinking;
- Entrepreneurial Thinking;
- Think Big;
- Communicating Science;
- Ethics in Science;
- Gender Equality in Science;



Jash Vanjara flanked by his mother and John Ellis

He then reflected on activities and events which were part and parcel of the NYSF, including swing dancing, a visit to the Canberra Museum, the Opening plenary, the Rotary Dinner, and the Science Dinner. He was also most impressed with the Home Hospitality day provided by Rotarian families in the middle of the 12 day forum.

Jash came home with an enhanced passion for medicine as a career; confirmed that he has the capacity to be a doctor; with options open to consider new pathways e.g. nuclear medicine, oncology. He also returned with a definite interest in Rotary and in Rotaract.

Jash was thanked for a first class presentation and one which confirmed what an excellent choice he had been.

Reporter: The editor

Rotary Trip to China

We have been invited to take part in a trip to China being organised by the Rotary Club of Katoomba.



WORLD TRAVEL PROGRAMME

China Trip September 2016

14-Day tour to the exciting Chinese cities of
Shanghai – Guilin – Xi'an – Beijing

Departure: First week of September

Tour price: AUD \$2699 per person excluding airfares

If you are interested in this trip you can get more information including a detailed itinerary and an expression of interest form at www.katoombarotary.com. As there is limited time and pricing available, you are requested to respond as soon as you can.



PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

AWARDS NIGHT

MONDAY, 16th MAY, 6.30 for 7.00pm

Guest Speaker: Bill Aitken

This is one of the highlight events for our club which will showcase the project for which we are known around Australian Rotary Clubs.

Do you have someone who is deserving of an award? Or perhaps you know or deal with someone who deserves such recognition? Please contact David Firth who is inviting organisations to nominate awardees.

STudio ARTES

WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY

Early Sunday morning (3rd April) there was a catastrophic chemical fire in a pool shop adjoining Studio ARTES Head Office and creative studios in Hornsby. It was a massive conflagration that made national news, gutted two adjacent units, and ripped through the home of Studio ARTES, which sustained major fire, water and smoke damage. The ceiling has collapsed onto our office area, and the premise is flooded throughout. There has been tragic damage to artworks, art supplies, film equipment, computers, costumes to name a few essential assets - and a home for 140 members and 35 staff. We are all devastated.

We are determined to survive with strong community and corporate support. We are buoyed and lifted by offers of help, but at this time we mostly need cash donations so we can relocate and equip a new permanent facility and resume normal service as soon as is practicable. While we have received wonderful support in terms of temporary operating space from the Hornsby RSL and the Asquith Leagues Club, it is my personal mission as the CEO of the organization to ensure at this desperate time that we are not homeless for long and that we are there for our members, for whom Studio ARTES means so much.

Anything you can do from a donation perspective to help us achieve this crucial mission, we would be so grateful, and happy to work with you as partners.

Yours sincerely on behalf of the entire Studio ARTES family,

Jem Muharrem, CEO

Studio ARTES Northside Inc

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Our club was well represented at the District Assembly held at the Kings School on Saturday. President Elect Pam was supported by President Ian, Theo Glockemann, Jim Fraser, John Ellis, Alex Thomas and David Firth. They were part of a 500 strong crowd who attended the training program for each of the directorships and executive positions. The closing plenary session included a great talk by Nick Farr-Jones, past Wallaby Captain.

OUR FUTURE PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
April 25th	ANZAC DAY	NO MEETING		
April 28th	ROTARY INFORMATION	BREAKFAST at 7.00am	At the Golf Club	All members NEEDED
May 2nd	Board Meeting	Board	President Ian	Pat Parker
Tuesday May 10th	ASSEMBLY OF RED	SHIELD APPEAL KITS	AT PAM HUDSON'S HOME	7.30PM
May 16th	PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS PARTNERS NIGHT	Bill Aitken	TBA	Alex Thomas
May 28/29	SALVO'S RED	SHIELD	APPEAL	
May 30th	POLIO The second time	Wendy Bell	President Ian	John Ellis
Friday June 3rd	MEALS FROM THE HEART <u>with our Partners</u>	at Ronald McDonald House	WESTMEAD	Commencing @ 5.30pm
June 6th	The Program of NBN Co.	Michael Tyler	David Firth	Adrian Bell

MEMBER NEWS FOR THE WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday Dorothy Green - April 19

Happy birthday Pam Hudson - April 21

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

Past member Robert Rutishauser has been invited to our Rotary Information Breakfast as he has indicated interest in rejoining our club. He is unable to be there as he and Josie are in Beechworth, Vic. with the Probus Caravan group.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

61.1%

APOLOGIES:

Michael Bradley, Terry Pankhurst,
Pat Parker, Claude Rigney, Alex Thomas, David Walsh

GUEST SPEAKER:

Jash Vanjara

VISITOR:

Anita Vanjara

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Graeme Ashdown

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Heroes who shed their blood and lost their lives! You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and Mehments to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours. You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well."

— Mustafa Kemal Atatürk