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Pat Parker

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NEXT MEETING
MAY 9th

BOARD
MEETING

Speaker:
Board & members

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President Ian

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

The "YOUNG ENDEAVOUR" Sailor

Guest Speaker:
Noah Binet

Noah is our awardee for this year's voyage on the "Young Endeavour". This is a program which our club initiated following the devastating fire which Pennant Hills High School suffered back in June, 2001. In collaboration with the new principal, Geoff Wing, we decided on this as a way to promote and encourage leadership amongst the school students. It has always been keenly contested. We are pleased to welcome Noah to our meeting and look forward to his presentation.



SPECIAL NOTE:

**THE DATE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF RED SHIELD APPEAL KITS
HAS CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th AT PAM HUDSON'S.**

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MEETING REPORT - 18th April, 2016

Our president, Ian, opened the meeting and welcomed our visitor, Rebecca Simpson, a Rotaractor from The Hills Rotaract Club who reported on the recent Rotaract Games held at Sydney University. We had offered to sponsor them by paying for the bottled water for the event. Rebecca also advised that their club is holding their changeover on June 28th.

Bob Walcot from Beecroft Rotary, addressed the meeting, informing us that he is planning two trips to Nepal. He invited any of our number to accompany him on either of these forays to Nepal.

President Ian had news of changes to how we could operate our club. This was as a result of the just completed Council on Legislation. The proliferation of E Clubs where members dial in for meetings on the internet is an example of the alternative meeting styles now available - President Ian acknowledged that he had joined such a meeting recently.

In the coming Rotary year, District Governor Elect Bruce Lakin is encouraging us to seek to form a connection with any indigenous groups in our area. This had been outlined at the recent District Assembly.

The acting Sergeant, Michael Bradley, fined members for all sorts of misdemeanours, continuing the age old tradition so capably handled usually by our current sergeant.

Jim Fraser, our autobiographer for the night, gave a rosie picture story of his time growing up in Canada. He grew up in Duncan, working there as a line man, then moving to Kelowna, BC, Canada, trying a few different jobs in advertising. There he met his Australian wife to be, Esther. 'Kelowna' - this name comes from the native Indians meaning Grizzly Bear. Although he loved his early days in Canada, he now feels that Australia is home.

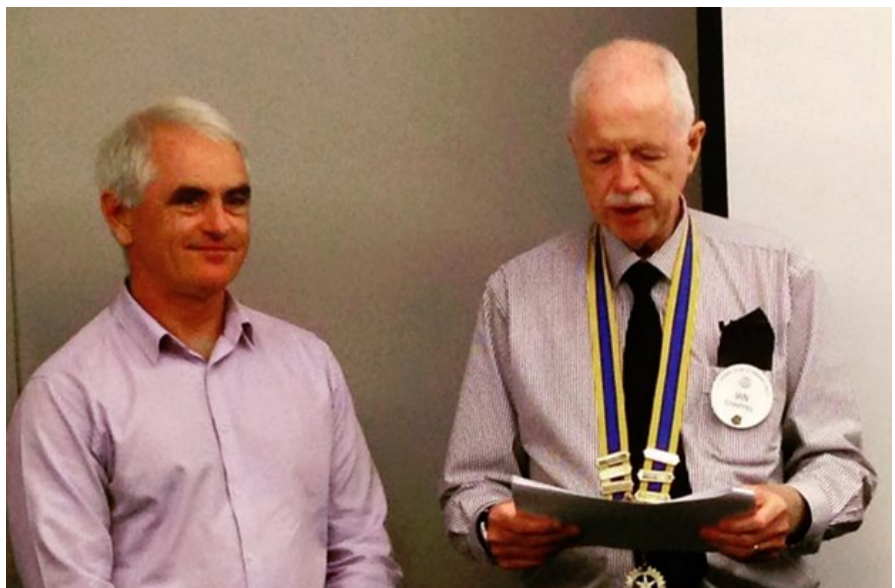
Jim with his wife and three adult sons are living the Australian life style of sport and enjoying the great outdoors. He recently entered the Bobbing Head Classic, a Rotary cycling event. He also reflected on his decision to investigate Rotary and our club in particular. He has enjoyed the involvement.

In closing the meeting, President Ian reminded members that there will be no meeting next week as it falls on ANZAC DAY.

Reporter: Michael Bradley

Editor's Note:

Apparently our reporter from last week was so impressed by Jim Fraser's talk about his early life in Canada that he took his wife Julia and headed off to the land of the Maple Leaf where they are enjoying themselves now!



Jim is inducted by President Ian Chappel

OUR ROTARY BREAKFAST MEETING

Last Thursday we held our Rotary Information Meeting at 7.00am at the Golf Club. Arrangements for the breakfast did not go exactly as anticipated, however we managed to sort things out and present an acceptable light breakfast for the 20 who attended. In the end we had 7 invitees who we can consider as potential members with 2 invitees who did not arrive, perhaps due to the heavy traffic so early in the day. In addition, John Fenessy from Epping Club who will be Assistant Governor in our zone next year, came along after receiving an invitation from Pam Hudson. To complete the attendance, there were 12 of our members there to help host the visitors.

President Ian opened proceedings by welcoming our guests and then MC Phil took control as well as supervising the toast production—a great job! The formal presentations were led by Theo G (whose idea this meeting was). He gave an outline of Rotary and in particular, a description of many of the projects and activities of our club, including how we raise our funds. This was an excellent all round summary of our club. He was followed by Jim Fraser, our newest member, who talked from the perspective of a brand new rotarian. Jim had prepared a brief Powerpoint presentation which was a great way to illustrate his message. President Elect Pam Hudson rounded out the presentation with a talk about the internationality of rotary; the variety of projects and programs through the Rotary Foundation and through RAWCS. Pam was able to talk about some of her experiences with overseas projects. There were then a few questions and comments and an invitation to come and visit our club with a particular invitation to come to our Pride of Workmanship Awards Night on May 16th.

How successful was the breakfast? That remains to be seen. If we are able to enlist at least one new member, in my opinion, it has been a success. No doubt we will have a debrief of the organising committee to examine how we might run a similar one in the future. Thanks to everyone involved including all of you who came along and talked with our guests. *David Firth for the committee.*



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.

RED SHIELD APPEAL 2016



The annual Red Shield Appeal is gearing up in our area with Chairman Theo, ably assisted by PE Pam, already involved in planning and recruiting collectors and drivers. Our concerns about lack of support from the Salvation Army in past years have been aired. It remains to be seen if their involvement increases this year.

But we need to show our support by volunteering to assist on the day and to seek others who might help as drivers or collectors, remembering that there will be static collections on the previous weekend. The doorknock is on Sunday May 29th.

OUR FUTURE PROGRAM

| DATE | PROGRAM | SPEAKER | CHAIRMAN | REPORTER |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| May 9th | Board Meeting | The Board members | President Ian | David Firth |
| Wednesday May 11th | 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 23rd | The James Craig Sailors | 4 Pennant Hills High Students | John Ellis | Peter Wilson |
| 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 |
| June 13th | NO MEETING | DUE TO QUEEN'S | BIRTHDAY | HOLIDAY |

MEMBER NEWS FOR THE WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday Pat Parker - May 5

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

Spotted proudly marching behind the HMAS Perth banner on ANZAC DAY was our secretary, John Ellis. It was great to catch up with past member Linda Glanfield at the breakfast on Thursday. Linda retired last January from the Northern Health Service

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

61.1%

APOLOGIES:

Adrian Bell, Terry Pankhurst,
Pat Parker, Alex Thomas,

GUEST SPEAKER:

Jim Fraser

VISITOR:

Rotaractor Rebecca Simpson

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Graeme Ashdown

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Take calculated risks.

That is quite different from being rash.

General George S. Patton - commander US Third Army WW2