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PP Terry
Pankhurst

Reporter:

Alex Thomas

Editor:

David Firth

**NEXT MEETING
MAY 23rd**

**THE "JAMES
CRAIG" SAILORS**

Speakers:

4 Students from
PHHS

Chairman:

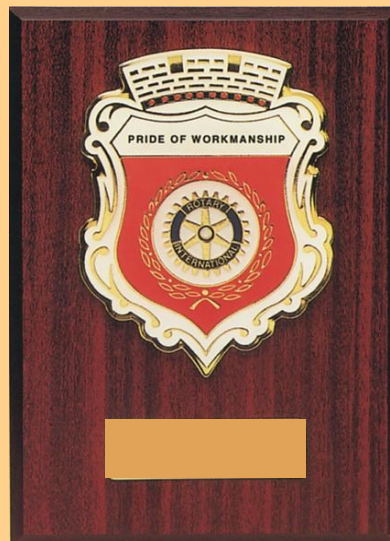
John Ellis

Reporter:

Peter Wilson

TONIGHT'S MEETING

THE 41st PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



We welcome and congratulate our 8 awardees who will receive their trophies tonight, and we thank those who have nominated them, recognising their excellence in their jobs.

THE ANNUAL RED SHIELD APPEAL

A special reminder that the appeal is on Saturday & Sunday 28th & 29th May with the door knock on the Sunday.

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MEETING REPORT - 9th May, 2016

Following opening the meeting, President Ian welcomed David Boyce from the Rotary Club of Dili, who joined us as he is staying with Theo & Georgia having been on the District 9550 Conference which was a cruise from Sydney up to Queensland and back for 4 days.

We then welcomed Jamie Davidson, president of the Pennant Hills Public School P & C, who spoke about their up coming Annual Fete on Sunday 22nd May at the Infants School in Trebor Road. He was looking for volunteers to assist on the day - he noted that the W Group are major sponsors of the fete. Four members volunteered - John Ellis, Ian Chappel, Theo Glockemann, and David Firth - for duty from 11.00am to approx. 2.00pm.

David Boyce was invited to tell us what his club and Rotary are doing in East Timor. Their club is primarily involved in the essential task of providing clean water to remote villages. They also get involved with numerous other projects supported by clubs in Australia and elsewhere. He advised that a second club is being chartered, essentially made up of alumni from our RYLA program there. District 9550 will be heavily subsidising the membership costs of that club as many members are not working.

David Firth gave a rundown of preparations for the Pride of Workmanship Awards Night including tasks for various members to perform on the night, and asking members to be there by 6.30pm to welcome the guests and enjoy fellowship with them. At the end of his rundown, David presented a Pride of Workmanship promotion kit and trophy to David Boyce to take back to his club.

Theo Glockemann gave a short burst on the Rotary Foundation and then followed with a brief summary of the District 9550 Conference cruise which he and Georgia went on - Theo being a guest presenter. He felt the cruise worked well and appeared relatively good value for money. He was also very impressed with the RI President's representative to the conference and what he had to say.

President Ian then presented a special lapel pin from RI in recognition of nominating Alex Thomas for membership. Alex was then moved to tell us of his recent experiences at a Kairos visit to Parklea Prison over 4 days - a chance to have fellowship with inmates who expressed interest in meeting with his Christian team. He also spoke in glowing terms of his attendance at the Rotary Leadership Institute where he learned a lot more about our organisation. He also mentioned visiting Hobart with his wife for a conference. The sergeant followed with a concentrated 'attack' on Michael Bradley who was just back from a trip to Canada to check whether Jim Fraser was accurate in his talk the other week about his birthplace.

The Board Meeting followed with the specific business including a review of our membership breakfast. There was a suggestion that we hold these quarterly. It was also suggested that a booth be tried at Pennant Hills Marketplace. President Ian advised that we need to have a Child Protection Policy and procedures included in our By-laws. In discussing our involvement with the PKU Research Project at Westmead, Terry Pankhurst explained that Professor John Christodoulou has taken a position in Melbourne at the Murdoch Institute but will continue to have oversight of the PKU project. They are looking to go to clinical trials within 6 months, the process costing approx. \$250,000. The funds from our golf day will be added to \$170,000 which the PKU Association has on hand. A further function will be required to raise the balance. The Red Shield Appeal plans are coming together although Child Protection is an issue for driver recruitment. Finally, board members were reminded that reports for the Club Annual Report are required by the end of May. A committee of President, President Elect and Secretary will organise the Changeover to be held on June 27th.

Reporter: The Editor

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.

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.



Fellows, this event at St Lucy's School happens to coincide with our 'Meals From the Heart' night at Ronald McDonald House. However, if you are interested in this, please respond directly to the school.

THE CARDIOLOGIST

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a LS460 when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his workshop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car, when the mechanic shouted across the garage. "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag, and said, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7 million when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, leaned over, and then whispered to the mechanic. "Try doing it with the engine running."

Book Launch

'With Enough Love'
My ten years as principal of a very special school by Jo Karaolis

7 PM, 3 June 2016

Guest Speaker:

Professor The Hon. Dame Marie Bashir ADCVO

A fundraiser for St Lucy's School

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Children labelled 'disabled' have so much to give because they experience life more and differently from the rest of us. I want others to learn the funny and sad and challenging things that happen. I want them to understand how hard it can be and how often we hurt these children and parents without realising it – by not valuing their child the way we do other children.

I want to start a conversation about critical issues in education: why do we measure schools and teachers by their success with students who would do well without them, instead of by their success with students who need their skills most?

I want to start a conversation about diversity and throw some light on the rush to normalise everyone, which narrows our concept of what normal and acceptable is.

I want to start a conversation that encourages people to lighten up and embrace the many ways in which human beings can be different ... yet wonderful.

Jo Karaolis

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OUR FUTURE PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
May 22nd	ANNUAL FETE at	PENNANT HILLS	PUBLIC SCHOOL	Trebor Road, Pennant Hills
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
June 20th	Club Forum & Fellowship	Club members	President Ian	Theo Glockemann
Saturday June 25th	DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEVER	HORNSBY RSL CLUB	6.00 FOR 6.30pm	
June 27th	CLUB CHANGEVER with Partners	AT THE GOLF CLUB	6.30 FOR 7.00pm	

MEMBER NEWS FOR THE WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

I visited Graeme and Margaret Ashdown this week. Graeme has had two operations in recent months aimed at increasing his lung capacity. He doesn't feel that there has been much improvement, but is seeing the surgeon next week. We wish him well and miss him at our meetings.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

77.8%

APOLOGIES:

Jim Fraser, Phil Stanton,

VISITING ROTARIAN:

David Boyce - Rotary Club of Dili, East Timor

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Graeme Ashdown

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

'By appreciation, we make excellence in others our own property.'

- Voltaire