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SPOKES

OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - August 29th



PENNANT HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL, THE P & C ASSOCIATION & OUR CLUB

Guest Speaker: Jamie Davidson
President of the P & C

CHAIRMAN: DAVID FIRTH REPORTER: JOHN ELLIS

As noted in Spokes several weeks ago, our club has, from time to time, had some connection with the local primary school. In particular, we conducted the 'Trees for Survival' shade house in the grounds of the infants' school under the guidance of "Jacaranda Jack" Reid and his small band of helpers. At various times, club members have provided assistance at school fetes, although in recent years these have coincided with the Red Shield Appeal which has precluded us from being involved—that is up until the past 2 years when the fete was held the weekend before Red Shield. Hence, we have had several members working on a variety of stalls helping to raise considerable funds for the school. We welcome Jamie to our meeting to hear about the school and possible roles our club might have in its programs.

NEXT WEEK - September 5th

MEETING POSTPONED TO FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER AT THE GOLF CLUB 6.00 FOR 6.30PM
THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE HILLS ZONE - A PARTNERS SOCIAL NIGHT
CHAIRMAN: AG JOHN FENESEY REPORTER: PRES. PAM HUDSON

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The
Rotary
Foundation




MILLION DOLLAR *Dinner*

Rotary District 9685 Centennial Million Dollar Dinner
The Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping
Monday 28 November 2016
6.30 for 7.00pm

Keynote Speaker: Kalyan Banerjee, past RI President and Chairman of the Rotary Foundation
Dress: Business attire

Cost: Table of 10 - \$700 or \$75 per person

Rotarians, partners, friends and guests are cordially invited to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation



Sunday September 18 at 12:30 pm to 4 pm

at The Pines Historic Roughley House in Dural, New South Wales, Australia



The Rotary Club of Balgowlah's 27th Annual Charity Golf Day MANLY GOLF CLUB

Thursday 15th September 2016

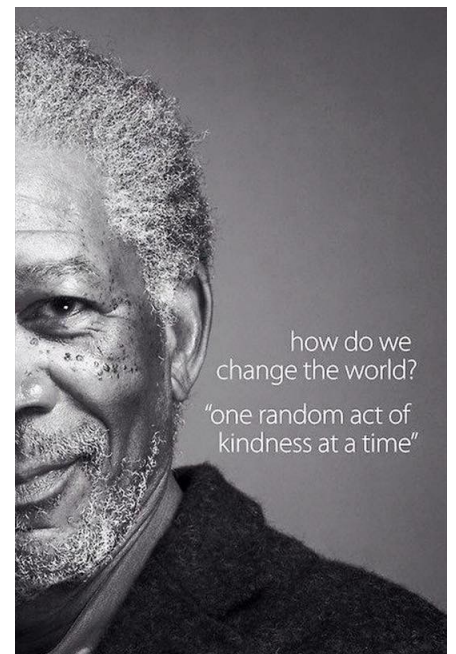
Ambrose tournament for Men and Women

Dinner and Golf: \$190 • Golf only: \$140 • Dinner only: \$75
Free Sausage Sizzle from 10:00am • Prizes for Events

Start Time:

Morning Registration at 10:30am
Shotgun start at 11:30 am

Dinner 6:00pm for 6:30pm + Auctions & Raffles



Rotary Meeting Report - August 22nd

Our meeting this week had an excellent attendance with 14 members ready for a riveting talk by PP Adrian Bell. A notable absence was PP Theo Glockemann who somehow lost his way or was it his sense of direction, and spent the evening with nearby Beecroft Club. (He did manage to come to his senses and grace us with his presence late in the meeting.

On the invitation of President Pam, Pat Parker gave us a rev up about the upcoming Daffodil Day with an early start - 6.00am at Pennant Hills Station - for those who are collecting. Secretary John Ellis then distributed sets of Melbourne Cup Trifecta tickets (100 per set), to each of the members present, with 2,024 tickets to be sold @ \$2.00 each. The prize is \$1,000.00 for the winning numbers.

President Pam then spoke about the District Governor's visit to our zone on Friday, 9th September with the meeting on the 5th September cancelled. As the DG's visit is a social night with entertainment, and dinner ofcourse, our partners are invited. The cost is \$35.00 each and our numbers are required this coming Monday night. Pam would like to see a big attendance from our club.

As a forerunner to his sergeant's session, Terry gave a plug for the Rotaryanne's theatre party on 28th September to the Castle Hill Pavillion Theatre to see 'BOEING BOEING'. Inspired by this warm up, Terry proceeded to 'terrorise' the assembled members with a range of 'fines', the validity of many was seriously in question - they were paid and collected none-the-less.

The president then handed over to Adrian to tell us "What Happened with the Census". His talk was brilliantly illustrated with a powerpoint slide show which emphasised Adrian's somewhat sarcastic account of the background to, and the events around the 2016 Federal Census nominally conducted on August 9. Adrian started with a history lesson on the origins of the principal contractor to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the big blue, IBM. Believe it or not, we started in 1896 with the development of a punch card processing system developed for the 1900 US Census. This company was later merged with 3 others to form International Business Machines - IBM - the name originating in 1924. Adrian acknowledged that, as an IT professional, he is not a fan of the Big Blue!

He next backgrounded the Prime Minister's Security Adviser, Alastair McGibbon highlighting his lack of technical or security experience. Next in the crosshairs was the head of the ABS, David Kalisch, ultimately responsible for the 'delivery' of the census, and paid a mere \$700,000pa! Neither of these major players received glowing endorsements from our speaker. Last in line was the Prime Minister himself - our "Techo PM". In Adrian's words "he has no idea about the web or anything on it."

The census was to be conducted principally on the internet with IBM contracted in 2014 to design the system - a system which has cost \$10 million so far. However, the planning had serious flaws which readily appeared on the night in question, August 9. The designers had reckoned on 16 million users accessing the system at a fairly even rate over 24 hours. This is a rate of 11,000 users per minute. However people logged on when it suited them - after dinner when they had the time, leading to a potential 80,000 users per minute - "quite a bit different to the plan..." This exposed the seriously under-sized platform and the firewall thinks it's being attacked, and the geniuses turn it all off but don't tell anyone!

Then came the Denial of Service Attack (DoS) excuse, but this proved to be untrue as independent monitoring doesn't show any uptick in such activity. So 2 days later they turn it back on, albeit with a bigger platform, and it apparently works OK.

Adrian's summation:

- Bad planning and execution;
- Blaming budgets is rubbish;
- IBM might have slightly overcharged for a system that failed;
- The system should have been able to cope with a DoS attack - the tools are cheap and simple to mitigate such attacks;
- The Prime Minister as always, is short on details and looks silly blaming 'outside agencies';

Adrian's verdict: Kalisch and McGibbon should be sacked; IBM should refund the fees; the actual Census result is moot with the data needing to be 'cleansed' costing millions. The discussion which followed on the subject of privacy was spirited, particularly on the subject of disclosing names.

The National Anthem brought a great meeting to a conclusion.

Reporter: David Firth

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
SEPT 5	NO MEETING	DUE TO DG'S	VISIT ON FRIDAY	SEPT 9th
SEPT 9	DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S	OFFICIAL ZONE VISIT	PENNANT HILLS GOLF CLUB	A SOCIAL NIGHT WITH PARTNERS
SEPT 12	MY FIRST BOOK 'BORN TO FLY'	MARY ANN NAPPER	ALEX THOMAS	IAN CHAPPEL
SEPT 19	JOINT MEETING WITH BEECROFT	ROSS PIPER CEO - WORLD VISION	PRES DAVID ELLYARD	PAT PARKER
SEPT 26	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & THE WOMEN'S REFUGE PARTNERS NIGHT	ROBYN WAITE	PRESIDENT PAM	JIM FRASER
OCT 15 To DEC 17	OUR CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE TICKET SELLING COMMENCING AT	PENNANT HILLS MARKETPLACE	WE WILL BE CIRCULATING A ROSTER SOON	THERE ARE 10 SELLING DAYS - ALL SATURDAYS



A REPORT

Just to let you know that Friday morning at 6 am, six members of the club were "on deck" selling the Cancer Council items until 9 am. The hardy souls were:- David Firth, John Ellis, Jim Fraser, Ian Huckel, Terry Pankhurst and me. We received \$881.25 in sales and this was deposited in a special Express Business Deposit folder at the NAB Bank at Carlingford Court and I assume we will receive some sort of acknowledgement in the near future. I have also phoned Jack Reid to let him know that everything went OK and he advised that the takings were similar to previous years. PP Pat Parker

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Member attendance 83.3%

Apologies: Michael Bradley, David Walsh, Theo Glockemann

Guest Speaker: PP Adrian Bell

Leave of Absence: Graeme Ashdown

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Callaway on September 4th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Dawn Callaway on August 29th

Adrian & Wendy on September 5th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Claude Rigney on September 8th

Pat Parker on September 10th



THE QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

In the clashes between ignorance and intelligence, ignorance is generally the aggressor.

Paul Harris