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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - December 5th

THE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION of BOARD for 2017-18

Chairman: President Pam

Reporter: John Ellis

Our agenda will include approval of the minutes of our last AGM held on 14th December 2015; consideration of the Financial Statement for the year 2015-16; appointment of 2 officers to sign the return to the Department of Fair Trading; Election of Officers and Directors for the Rotary Year 2017-18; and any General Business.

Positions to be filled at the election are: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 Directors, President Elect for the year 2018-19. The President for 2017-18 will be Alex Thomas.

The 6 directorships are:

Administration

Membership

Projects

Public Relations

Rotary Foundation/International

Pride of Workmanship

NEXT WEEK - December 12th

THE GOLF CLUBHOUSE DEVELOPMENT PLANS - Phil Stanton

CHAIRMAN: President Pam Hudson

REPORTER: Ian Chappel

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INVITATION TO THE RYLA DINNER

Tuesday, 12th January, 2017



rotary youth
leadership
awards

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership program coordinated by Rotary Clubs around the globe. Each year, thousands of young people participate in this program. In D9685 young people aged 18–26 are sponsored by Rotary Clubs to attend the event run by the club's district committee. Participants are chosen for their leadership potential. Rotary Clubs and the Rotary District cover all expenses for the participants. The format of the event vary from district to district, but commonly take the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Rotary clubs and districts select participants and facilitate the event's curriculum.

RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth;
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth;

Recognise publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

If your Club has sponsored one or more young person(s) for the RYLA Seminar in January 2017, or if you are interested in the journey they will be undertaking during the week, you are invited to the RYLA Dinner. This will be held at Pittwater RSL at 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th January.

It is essential to register for the dinner. The registration Form is included with this email. We urge all Rotarians to attend this dinner, and send the Registration Form and payment as soon as possible. We are unable to accept applications for the dinner on the night, or in the last week before the RYLA Seminar week. Your early consideration of, and response to, this invitation would be very welcome and greatly appreciated.

[Best wishes,](#)

Dave Clark

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TREE OF JOY UPDATE

This week we made our first delivery of gifts from the Tree of Joy to Parramatta Mission. We had a number of gifts which came in too late last Christmas plus over 75 gifts already received from this year's tree. Projects Director Pat and I collected the gifts on Wednesday from Westpac Bank (see the photo) and delivered them to the Parramatta Mission's premises at North Parramatta where Rena Shlemun, the volunteer coordinator, received them (see the photo).



Meeting Report -28 November 2016

There were a couple of interesting “visitors “ to the meeting, including Lilly Gholami , who is our Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA) nomination for this year, Jahn and Allison Geldenhuys, who were “hijacked” by Theo when they were roped into buying trailer raffle tickets, and Georgia Glockemann.

Theo sought assistance from members to help with the Donations in Kind project at Castle Hill and President Pam advised that our nomination of Professor John Christodoulou for the Vocation Excellence Award was not successful. The names of the morning and afternoon sellers for the trailer raffle to be held at Coles West Pennant Hills on Saturday 3 December were eventually determined after some clarification.

David Firth reported that the last minute change to sell tickets at Thornleigh Market Place from a Saturday to the Sunday was quite successful, considering we were selling for only 4 hours and sold 411 tickets and took \$683.50.

John Ellis advised that due to various reasons, including changes to the staffing at Pennant Hills High School, it was extremely unlikely that there would be a nomination from the school for the 2017 Young Endeavour Sailing Program, which was extremely disappointing.

Sergeant Terry then went on his usual “relieving” of money crusade, especially with the names of those people not present, including Phil Stanton and other golfers who, despite the views of Terry, had not won a prize for yonks.

Following the tea/coffee break, Lilly gave a short report on her hopes and expectations at the forthcoming RYLA Camp in January 2017. The extraordinary efforts of herself and her family coming from a refugee camp in Afghanistan, and the difficulty of overcoming all of the problems, not the least of which was no knowledge of the English language, was an outstanding achievement. Good luck Lilly at the camp.

Our Guest Speaker was “The Commander” – John Ellis, a self confessed James Cook tragic and it was “ordained” that he would volunteer and be selected to join the crew of HMS Endeavour on the trip from Hobart to Rio de Janeiro in 2002. The trip took a little under 11 weeks; there was a crew 56 people and they included a number of women, including Ruth Mossart who John believed knew more about James Cook than anyone.

The details about the trip including information about the ship speed, temperatures, amount of spare sails, ropes, cooking, and a whole host of things were very impressive. However the great part of John’s presentation was the number of excellent photos that enabled everyone to fully appreciate the experience of being on board a “vintage” sailing ship. No spoken or written details of being high on the ships rigging could ever replace the magnitude of the height as seen by the camera, and most of the viewers would be like me and say to another sailor on the ship -“it’s your turn to climb the rigging and set the sails”.



Well done Commander, the best speakers are often members of the Club.

Reporter: PP Pat Parker PF (pacemaker fitted)

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
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
DEC 12	THE GOLF CLUBHOUSE DEVELOPMENT PLANS	PHIL STANTON	PRESIDENT PAM	IAN CHAPPEL
Dec 19	CHRISTMAS BBQ	NOTE: VENUE TBA	PRESIDENT PAM	DAVID FIRTH

NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT MEET ON DECEMBER 26th OR JANUARY 2nd

Jan 23	AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING PARTNERS NIGHT JOINT MEETING WITH	PP JOHN ELLIS BEECROFT CLUB	PHIL STANTON	ADRIAN BELL
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TRAILER RAFFLE UPDATE

West Pennant Hills shopping centre was our venue this week and we did seem to receive a good reception throughout the day. The morning shift comprised President Pam, Jack Reid and Terry Pankhurst. They were replaced at 11am by Ian Chappel, Theo Glockemann and David Firth. A total of 358 tickets were sold and takings of \$594.55. This is virtually the same as last year at this location when we sold 362 tickets and took \$29 more.

Special mention should be made of Theo who came to the trailer raffle straight from helping with the loading of the containers at Donations in Kind at Castle Hill. Now that's dedication!

Year to date we are at \$5,355 which is over \$550 behind last year. We need a big effort over the remaining 2 selling days and an equally big effort in selling tickets to friends, family and neighbours if we are to get to \$8,000 gross sales.

NOTE: Next week we have had to change to Sunday at Hornsby Mall - 1st shift is 10am to noon - Fraser, Stanton & Glockemann; 2nd shift noon to 2pm - Huckel, Parker & Firth. Please confirm that you are still available.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Member attendance 66.7%

Apologies: Alex Thomas, David Walsh, Phil Stanton, Ian Chappel, Michael Bradley

Guest Speaker: John Ellis

Guests: Jahn and Allison Geldenhuys, Lilly Gholami, Georgia Glockemann

Leave of Absence: Graeme Ashdown

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Julia Bradley - December 1st

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

Reflection on Last Week's Talk

"Here he lies where he longed to be,
Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill."

Epitaph written for himself by Robert Louis Stevenson

**FELLOWS, PLEASE NOTE THAT PROJECTS
DIRECTOR PAT PARKER NOT ONLY HAS A
PACEMAKER, BUT ALSO HAS A NEW
MOBILE NUMBER, WHICH IS
0428 770 785**