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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - March 27th

“What is Facebook all about?”



GUEST SPEAKER: President Pam
Chairman: President Pam
Reporter: Adrian Bell

NEW BOOK PRAISES ROTARY'S ROLE IN ERADICATING POLIO

In **“The Health of Nations: The Campaign to End Polio and Eradicate Epidemic Diseases”** (Oneworld Publications), British journalist and Sunday Times best-selling author Karen Bartlett surveys the global landscape of epidemics past, present, and future. Beginning with the 1980 eradication of smallpox, she guides us through more timely threats such as the Ebola and Zika viruses, and looks ahead to a future without malaria, measles, or polio.

“Who decided to rid the world of polio? Not politicians or global health organizations, as you might expect,” she writes, in one of several chapters devoted to polio. “The starting gun was fired by Rotary International, a network of businessmen more used to enjoying convivial dinners, raising money for local good causes, and organizing floats to carry Santa Claus around suburban neighborhoods at Christmas.”

Bartlett offers a comprehensive, readable account of the polio-eradication campaign’s history and Rotary’s unlikely role as its chief advocate.....

NEXT WEEK - April 3rd

CEREBRAL PALSY ALLIANCE FUNDRAISERS

Guest Speaker: Glen Deutscher
Chairman: David Firth Reporter: John Ellis

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Meeting Report – Monday 13th March 2017

Pennant Hills and Beecroft's joint meeting was opened by our chairman, Phil Stanton, introducing our guest speaker, Senior Constable Shane Carne from the NSW Police.

Theo Glockemann informed the members of the success of our fund raising for the Leukemia Foundation last Saturday at Bunnings Thornleigh totalling about \$600-00.

The Bunnings Management have invited the club to have another Barbecue on the Monday of the long weekend. Theo asked for members who are available on this long weekend? We need about a dozen helpers on the day and need to advise Bunnings early next week.

The Red Shield Appeal this May has gained agreement from Bunnings Thornleigh and Woolworths Thornleigh to have static collections on the 2 weekends leading up to the collection weekend. Theo also reminded members wishing to be drivers that they must have a 'working with children' clearance registration.

Beecroft club are supporting 'Fitted for Work', the organisation helping get women back into the workforce. They are collecting suitable women's clothing for this purpose.

Beecroft also announced that they have four new members to be inducted in a couple of weeks.

A raffle was held by Beecroft for 2 bottles of wine, and won by two Beecroft members. When sergeant Terry ran our two-up game, it was also won by a Beecroft member.

Chairman Phil introduced Senior Constable Shane Carne, Crime Prevention Officer at Ryde LAC. Ryde LAC covers the areas previously covered by Gladesville, Ryde and Eastwood Police Stations.

Shane gave us some food for thought as to actions which can be taken to prevent one becoming a victim of crime.

These included never giving out personal information on the phone or on the internet, to people you do not know. He also warned about identity loss and advised to lock your mailboxes. He advised that shredding documents containing personal information also keeps your identity safe. If someone calls you and requests personal information, you should call them back on a number that you have verified not one they have given you.

Keeping your home neat and tidy and locking up tool sheds will ensure you don't give thieves any assistance. Similarly, always lock your windows and doors and set your alarms whenever you are going out. Likewise, lock your car - even in your driveway - and do not leave valuables in view in the car. Women in particular, should lock the doors when driving alone.

During an extended question time, Chairman Phil inquired when police should be called in the event of a car accident. Shane answered that they should be called if there is a serious injury, or if a driver will not exchange details, or if the other driver seems impaired.

In answer to Theo's question, Shane advised that Pennant Hills Police station has been given over to the highway patrol police, and is not a regular station.

Chairman Phil thanked Shane for a very informative talk which had been illustrated with a powerpoint presentation, and the meeting closed with the singing of 'Advance Australian Fair'.

Reporter: Michael Bradley



Constable Shane speaking with the aid of a powerpoint presentation



Senior Constable Shane with Chairman Phillip Stanton

Fellows, I was contacted recently by the new librarian at Oatlands Public School as she had been given our club as the contact for donating surplus library books. (Previously we have received at least 2 donations of books which we donated to schools in Pacific Island nations through the Rotary Ranfurly Book project. However, this project no longer operates so the search is on to find a suitable recipient.)

This time, they have given us 3 large boxes of books suitable for primary age children. I contacted Heidi Dening, daughter of past member Barry Dening, who was travelling to Vanuatu every year and supporting disadvantaged schools there. (Heidi is also a recipient of our Australia Day Merit Award back in 2011). I thought you might be interested in the unexpected reply I received. DF

“David unfortunately I am not going to Vanuatu anymore. Yes after Cyclone Pam destroyed all the work we did in building the library on Tanna etc, we then worked extremely hard for 6mths to raise enough money to rebuild and restock etc. Unfortunately though in August 2015 when I led a volunteer group to start the rebuild, we were the victims/survivors of a viscous, pre-meditated crime. A group of men came in the middle of the night while I was sleeping and threw a petrol bomb at my bedroom window, more bombs in the car outside my bedroom so I awoke to a wall of flames. Thankfully I escaped out of my room before the cars exploded but these men had set alight to a lot of our resort. I was able to get everyone out of their rooms and we huddled together throughout the night (twice more the men tried to attack us with their flames) until daylight. These men had issues with the resort owner but they decided to inflict their anger on us because they knew this would have the biggest impact. There is a lot to the story which I won't bore you with but as you can imagine it was a deeply traumatic experience and one that took over 12mths to recover from physically and mentally. Due to the effect it had on me I had to step down from my position from Jump Start Foundation so I could heal properly. Due to the fact that the local police were involved, perhaps the deputy at our school that we had been supporting, and that no one has been properly brought to justice has meant that the Foundation has not been able to safely return. It is all such a tragedy on so many levels, but unfortunately I don't have the means to pass on the books. Thank you for thinking about me though.



Please pass on my 'hello' to everyone at Pennant Hills Rotary club. I will always remember the wonderful support and encouragement and friendship you gave me over the years. That Australia Day Merit Award is one of my proudest moments.

Warmest Regards, Heidi Dening

I am still looking for a suitable place or project to which to donate these books. Any suggestions?

INVITATION TO A 30th BIRTHDAY PARTY

On behalf of our club, I would like to invite you, members and partners of your club, to help celebrate our 30th Birthday on Monday May 8th at Springfield House, 245 New Line Rd Dural.

The evening will start at 6.00pm for drinks and canapes while we catch up with old and new friends before dinner.

District Governor Bruce will be there, with many past presidents as well.

At the meeting, we will be showcasing some of our projects and activities from the past 30 years.

The meeting will close at 9.30 pm.

The cost for the night is \$30.00pp.

While the closing time for RSVP is April 30 an early indication of your intent will help us with the planning.

Looking forward to seeing you on the evening.

Yours in Rotary,

Rosemary Clarke

President

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
April 3	Cerebral Palsy Alliance Fundraisers	Glen Deutscher	David Firth	John Ellis
April 10th	East Timor Update	PP David Boyce Rotary Club of Dili	Theo Glockemann	Jim Fraser
April 17th	NO MEETING	DUE TO	EASTER	HOLIDAY
April 23rd	ROTARY DISTRICT 9685	ASSEMBLY AT THE	KINGS SCHOOL	COMMENCING 8.30 am
April 24th	Australia's contribution to the Great War on the Western Front in 1917	Brig. David Leece (Ret.)	Combined meeting	hosted by Beecroft Club
May 1st	My Visit to Israel & Palestine	Jim Mein	David Firth	Alex Thomas

Some classic safety pictures



ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member attendance 66.7%

Apologies: David Walsh, Ian Chappel, Claude Rigney, Alex Thomas, Pam Hudson

Guest Speaker:

Senior Constable Shane Carne

Guests: The members of Beecroft Club

Leave of Absence: Nil

MEMBER NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

George Green - April 3rd

Thought for the Week

'May your life someday be as awesome as you pretend it is on Facebook.'

- anonymous