

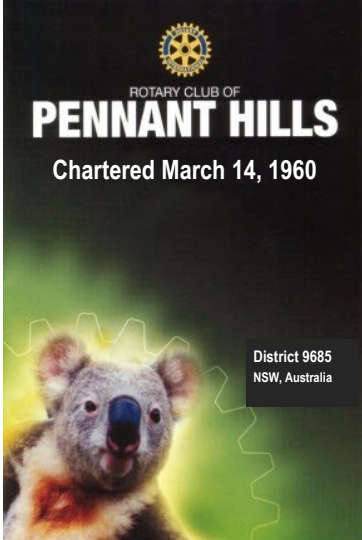


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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

THE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

CHAIRMAN: PRESIDENT ALEX

REPORTER: JIM FRASER

Following the regular part of the meeting the formal part will take place

AGENDA

OPENING – President Alex

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES - Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 2016 AGM HELD 5th DECEMBER - Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2016-2017 - Treasurer

RESOLUTION: THAT PRESIDENT ALEX AND SECRETARY/PUBLIC OFFICER JIM BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE ANNUAL RETURN TO DEPT. OF FAIR TRADING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2018-2019 – President Alex

PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT ELECT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

DIRECTORS: 6

GENERAL BUSINESS:

OUR NEXT MEETING December 18th

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

& PARTNERS NIGHT

Chairman: President Alex

Reporter: David Firth



Rotary Meeting – Monday 4th December, 2017

PP Adrian enjoyed the presidential role so much last week that he decided to take up the mantle again this evening.

President Alex is still away enjoying the sights of Malaysia. 'And no doubt the sounds and the food!' *Editor*

Reports on the night were as follows:

RET fundraiser at Bunning's Artarmon was attended by Theo Glockemann, John Ellis and Ester Fraser. John Ellis questioned who would be eating sausage sandwiches @ 9.00 O'clock in the morning? Apparently a number of people as 800 sausages were sold on the day.

John Ellis also reported that a RYLA candidate, a young lady, Jade Upton, will be sponsored by the club having been referred to us by District.

John also met with the parents of Sam Button who he interviewed in October for the Young Endeavour Project. They have agreed to pay half the cost of the sponsorship.

Pat Parker collected a number of gifts from the Tree of Joy. Pat invited any members who wish to join him in delivering the gifts to Stewart House on the Thursday, 14th December.

Pam Hudson purchased a Join Rotary T shirt at the recent RAWCS eastern area meeting. The Rotarians attending were made aware of the grant still available through the Dick Smith donation.

David Firth reminded members of next weeks AGM and the number of positions still vacant.

Jim Fraser stepped in for the missing Sergeant Theo. The question was raised was Theo out with the ladies? He had reported in as unwell. Jim managed to extract great volumes of fines.

PP Adrian introduced the evening guest speaker Ahmadul Ameen, our prospective member.

Ameen currently lives in Beecroft and considers himself very lucky to join a Rotary club so close to home.

He was born in Calcutta and he then lived in East Pakistan until 1947 independence.

Ameen graduated in 1971 as a Mechanical Engineer. He was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to study for his Masters degree at Strathclyde University, Glasgow. After graduation, Ameen returned home to East Pakistan by car through Europe and Asia taking 31 days. This was a very eventful trip and will form the basis of another interesting talk in the future.

On his return he was employed in the private sector in a gas company, Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. owned 90% by the government and 10% by Shell Oil. The company supplied natural gas to the region from a massive gas field found in 1962 on the banks of the Titas River.

Following the winning of independence from Pakistan, Bangladesh nationalised Titas Gas and Ameen returned to the UK in 1973 to further his career. Failing to find suitable work there, he then moved to Singapore, teaching at Nanyang Technological University. This was a new technical university which has become one of the top technical universities certainly in Asia if not the world!. He was a pioneer in this university work for 18 years. He then retired to Bangladesh.

Ameen has a son who is a senior banker in Singapore as well as daughter who is a manager at IBM here in Sydney.

He is looking forward to his remaining years here in Australia and hoping to contribute to our Rotary club. He has also just joined the golf club.

Ameen was a member of the Rotary Club of Kerian, Malaysia from 2002 to 2006 and then the Rotary Club of Buriganga, Bangladesh from 2008 to 2015.

PP Adrian thanked Ameen for a fascinating talk and assured him of a big welcome as our newest member.

Reporter: Pam Hudson

We recently agreed to continue our support of Pennant Hills High School with our annual Leadership Awards presented at their speech day in December—this year they had advised there were now 6 leaders to be awarded. John Ellis represented us again this year and made the presentations. The following was received this week.....

I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills for the nomination of the citizenship award for 2017 and I am also highly grateful for the generous gift associated with the award. I am honoured to know that the Rotary Club has recognised my input into Pennant Hills High School and realised the high levels of pride affiliated with my role as Senior Prefect. I highly encourage the positive input the Rotary Club is making towards developing a cohesive society and once again, I am truly grateful for the award.

Sincerely Cameron Merhab

A REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER

Fellows, this is just a reminder that those of you who are paying your membership fees on a six monthly basis are due for your second instalment of \$200 now. If you could pay this before the end of January, that will allow us to maintain our Club Account with an appropriate balance to meet the costs of running the club.

Thank you in anticipation!



Economic and Community Development, and Peace

17 March 2018 — Sydney, Australia

The [Rotary International Presidential Peacebuilding Conference 2018 \(RIPPC 2018\)](#), will be taking place on the **17 March 2018** at **Sydney Town Hall**. This is a Conference you do not want to miss with this being one of the six Rotary Peace Conferences to be held across the globe.

The Conference Program includes keynote lecturers and presentations from international and national leaders in the industries of 'Economic and Community Development and Peace'. Delegates will hear about the underlying causes of conflict including poverty, disease, lack of water and food security and the lack of education from our inspirational and stimulating speakers.

The TREE of JOY at Pennant Hills Market Place



Our Tree of Joy is continuing with cards being taken at a constant rate, and presents being left under the tree. These are collected each evening by the staff at Westpac Pennant Hills and kept under security at the bank. In a change hopefully just for this year, we are supplying the gifts to Stewart House and Parramatta Mission only. Pennant Hills Neighbour Aid / Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre were not able to organise themselves to be able to distribute the gifts which we usually offer them. They were anxious for us to consider them for next year. We will be delivering gifts to Stewart House on Thursday

14th December. If you would like to come, then be at Westpac Pennant Hills on Thursday morning at 9.30am. We expect to be down at Stewart House at Curl Curl about 11.30am. The gifts for Parramatta Mission will be delivered next week, date and time to be advised by chairman Pat Parker. If you would like to help with this delivery, let Pat know.

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

| DATE | PROGRAM | SPEAKER | CHAIRMAN | REPORTER |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dec 18th | Club Christmas Party Partners Night | Lutanda Manor Community Centre | President Alex & Phil Stanton | David Firth |
| Dec 25th & Jan 1st | NO MEETINGS | DUE TO HOLIDAYS | HAPPY CHRISTMAS | HAPPY NEW YEAR |

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2017

Last Saturday we returned to Thornleigh Marketplace, our second time at this venue. We had a very good response from the people there. Our morning team was just Theo Glockemann, who was not very well, and John Ellis. Thanks to Terry Pankhurst for volunteering to tow the trailer there in the morning. The second shift was Ian Chappel, Phil Stanton and David Firth. They took over as John Ellis sold a whole book to a lovely Indian couple - John had writers cramp when he had finished.

The result for the day was that we sold 589 tickets and took \$1,024.80! Year to date we have now taken \$6,104 compared with \$5,602 last year - a pleasing lift in sales.

Next week we are back at Pennant Hills Market Place, but this is their big promotion day with prizes being drawn after 2pm. With crowds expected around this time, we have decided to extend our selling time until 3pm, a one hour increase. So we need both teams to extend their shifts by half an hour. We could also do with an extra seller on each shift so we could have sellers at each door. At present our teams are: Morning - Adrian Bell, John Ellis, Alex Thomas; Afternoon - Ian Chappel, Pat Parker, David Firth; any other volunteers would be most welcome.

Fellows, we need the ticket books that each member was given to sell together with the money to the treasurer by next Saturday afternoon. This is very important as the drawing of the Trailer Raffle is set down for 1pm next Sunday, 17th December, and we must have all ticket books accounted for by then.

ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Member Attendance: 66.7%

Apologies: Theo Glockemann, Phil Stanton, Alex

Thomas, Claude Rigney

Guest Speaker: Ahmadul Ameen

Visitors: Nil

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

MEMBER NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

George Green - December 17th

David Firth - December 19th

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

David Firth - December 16th

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree."

Roy L. Smith