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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

MUNA Team Presentations

Speaker: Cherrybrook Technology High School students

These teams are jointly sponsored by Beecroft Club and our Club

Chairman: President Mark Anderson

Reporter: Phil Stanton

Cherrybrook Technology High School was established in 1992 and has quickly gained a reputation as one of the most innovative and successful comprehensive high schools in the State.

The school currently has a population of 2020 students, a teaching staff of 136 and a large administrative and support staff. It offers a range of teaching and learning programs and an extensive number of extra curricular activities. The school is co-educational, enjoys strong support from the local community and values participation in cultural and sporting activities.



The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is a significant international Rotary youth program in which our District participates. Senior high school students develop an awareness of the United Nations and the countries they represent at a simulated UN Assembly. The event provides an excellent forum for students to develop and practice their public speaking skills whilst debating on topical world issues.

NEXT WEEK - May 14th

The ROMAC Story today

Speaker: Cherelyn Suzuki

Chairman: President Alex Reporter: John Ellis

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Saturday



Meeting Report 30.04.18

President Alex opened the meeting and made a great call by requesting Claude to lead us in Rotary Grace , and he did an excellent job. Ian Chappel provided the first report on the recent District 9685 assembly held at the Kings School and informed us that the incoming D G would be Susan Wakefield. Terry Pankhurst was impressed with the \$200 wheel-chair , a project of a W A club and thought it was a great opportunity to give some child a “set of wheels”.

Terry went to the assembly seeking financial guidance as the incoming Treasurer, however it appears that he came away empty handed and it is certain the Scot Morrison is safe in his job for at least another year. David Firth has been to many assemblies and was very complimentary about the venue and advised that some of the speakers were very good, but overall the quality of the speakers was below par. On the credit side, David was pleased with the interest in Vocational Service projects and in particular our Pride Of Workmanship project. As one who did not go to the assembly, it would appear that those who did go, came away a little disappointed, rather than heading back to their respective clubs with a “let me at them approach” for the new rotary year.

Ian Chappel reported on the latest promotion for members to be a Rotary Centurion for \$2 and distributed the centurion plastic “containers”, which when filled would contain \$100. He also advised that he was continuing to try to get support for Mary Stoddart’s attempt to swim the English Channel and to try to involve the Rotary Clubs of Beckenham and Folkestone.

David Firth gave a report of the benefits and cost of an eftpos machine for the club, which could be supplied by the Westpac Bank. It was resolved to proceed with acquiring a machine, which would be used at all meetings and also be used on the golf day, and other special events, and was expected to cost the club about \$660 per year.

Sergeant Theo was then let loose on the group and no one was spared in this attack including those who had a high threshold for boredom at the Assembly.

Following dinner, tea and coffee, we were privileged to hear a presentation by John Ellis on one of his favourite military service men, General Sir John Monash. Monash was born in Melbourne on 27 June 1865 to a family of Prussian Jewish origin. His family went to Jerilderee for a number of years and he eventually went back to Melbourne where he attended Scots College and also the University of Melbourne. He had an interest in the army and joined the Victorian Rifles and was promoted to Sergeant.

He later joined the Melbourne University’s Metropolitan Brigade of the Garrison Artillery and until the outbreak of war in 1914, he worked at learning the skills of artillery and engineering. By 1914 he was in command of the AIF’s 4th Brigade in Egypt. He was at Gallipoli and saw the disastrous effects of bad organisation and planning and poor command decisions.

He moved to the Western Front in 1916 and was promoted to Major General and took command of the 3rd Division. In the years leading to 1918, he and his troops were involved in many confrontations, including the Battles of Messines, the third battle of Ypres and Polygon Wood, with some success.

There were a number of media people who were not supportive of Monash, including the Official War Correspondent , Charles Bean, and the newspaper magnate Keith Murdoch, who tried to influence the Australian Prime Minister, Billy Hughes to have Monash removed. Fortunately they were not successful and Monash went on to become “ the best general on the western front”, according to the famous British army commander of the Second World War, Field Marshall Montgomery.

It was during the battle of Hamel, when Monash had an army of 200,000 soldiers, including 50,000 Americans, where he introduced a new form of attack, unlike other previous assaults. Those attacks were preceded by an artillery barrage and then an “over the top” by troops running into machine gun fire. The Monash attack (which was well illustrated on the current SBS documentary), had the usual artillery barrage of shells and smoke, then followed by noisy aircraft overhead which drowned out the noise of the new invention, the tank, and the soldiers followed the tanks and overran the German positions. Monash had calculated that the Hamel offensive would take 90 minutes. He was wrong. It took 93 minutes! He had many other victories including the Battle of Amiens. Based on his results, he is, in my opinion, one of our finest military officers. Well done John Ellis, it is always a pleasure to be informed about our country’s history.

Reporter: Pat Parker

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Inspirational Women's Awards

What are the Inspirational Women's Awards?

*The Inspirational Women's Awards (RIWA) have been established to recognise women and young women who best exemplify Rotary's motto of **Service Above Self** (i.e. the community service the individual performs above and beyond their normal role.*

The Awards are an initiative of the Rotary Districts and Clubs of NSW.



Who is eligible for the award?

There are two categories of Awards for each of Metro area, Rural area and General/Volunteers

- Inspirational Woman of the Year
- Young Inspirational Woman of the year – must be 18 to 30 years of age on the date of the awards
 - Rotarians are ineligible to be nominated

How do I nominate?

Anyone, except the nominee, can nominate a person for these awards. It can be the general public, work colleagues, Community groups, etc.

Nominations open 2nd May 2018; close at 5pm on 13th June 2018.

Award Presentation Lunch

26th August 2018



BE THE INSPIRATION

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THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
May 14th	The ROMAC Story today	Cherelyn Suzuki	President Alex	John Ellis
May 21st	PKU Research & the PKU Association Partners Night	Prof John Christodoulou	Terry Pankhurst	Ian Chappel
June 4th	Pride of Workmanship Awards Partners Night	Jason Pireh	Phillip Stanton	Adrian Bell
June 13th	Meals From the Heart at the new Ronald McDonald House	We need a team of 20! Everyone is welcome - (Working With Children registration required)	Note the start time is 3.30pm	Pat Parker has the details

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Parker - May 5th

ANNIVERSARIES

Alex and Elizabeth Thomas - May 9th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 81.25%

Apologies: Pam Hudson, Phil Stanton

Guest Speaker: John Ellis

Visitors: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil



PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

MONDAY, 4th JUNE, 2018

This is one of the highlight events for our club which will showcase the project for which we are known around Australian & New Zealand Rotary Clubs.

Do you know someone who is deserving of an award? Perhaps you know or deal with someone who deserves such recognition? We are also interested in presenting Community Service and Small Business Awards. Please contact David Firth with any suggestions you have.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'For every minute you remain angry, you give up sixty seconds of peace of mind'

- Ralph Waldo Emerson