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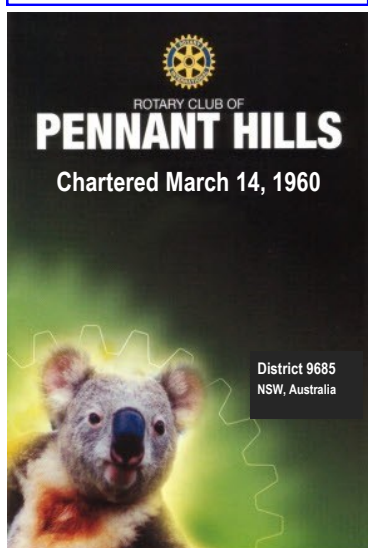
OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

UPDATE ON THE GOLF CLUB PROJECT

Speaker: Phil Stanton

Chairman: President Alex

Reporter: David Firth



Rotary
District 9685



At last week's meeting, President Alex presented a \$20,000 cheque to guest speaker Professor Christodoulou and Andrew McDonald of the PKU Association of NSW. This was the money raised at our Charity Golf Day last October to help fund the research into PKU.



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Saturday



NEXT WEEK - June 4th

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

Partners Night

Speaker: Jason Pireh

Chairman: Phil Stanton Reporter: Adrian Bell

MEETING REPORT 21st MAY

Theo called on the President Alex, who unfortunately had to turn down an invitation to preside over a very high profile wedding in the UK last Saturday to open the meeting. Theo welcomed our visitor Peter Taylor from the Rotary Club of Sheppey, Kent south east of London.

Professor John Christodoulou arrived just before the directors reports.

President Alex called for director reports; Ian Chappel reported that the everydayhero fundraiser had reached \$3560.00 but was still increasing. Pat Parker advised that the annual visit to Ronald MacDonald House was scheduled for the 13th June 2018. Club members would provide food and talk to the guests to help them through their difficult time. David Firth advised that the Pride of Workmanship night was scheduled for the 4th June 2018. The night would cost \$40.00 per person.

Visiting Rotarian Peter Taylor was asked by President Alex to introduce himself. Peter said he belonged to the Isle of Sheppey Rotary Club which is an 80 year old and has about 20 members. Peter's profession was Chartered Accountant.

The Sergeant's Session was next with Theo at it again! He thought that Terry Pankhurst and family had been at the Royal wedding as Terry was absent last week and was thought to be heading to the UK by boat.

Theo gave President Alex a merit fine for turning down the offer to conduct the service at the Royal wedding.

Theo fined Pam for having a bushranger as a distant relative, even though the Sergeant offered no proof for the accusation.

Theo fined Ian Huckel for being a former banker and hiding his fine money under his serviette.

Theo fined Ian Chappel and suggested that for a body with fine physique, that would attract money for the English Channel swim.

Adrian was fined for building far too many units.

David Firth was fined for going to the Rugby.

Claude was fined for not knowing about Phil's "hole-in-one" last week. Mrs Stanton was asked to pay the fine for Phil.

Pat cross-fined the preacher for going over time at such an important event as the Royal wedding.

Someone mentioned that Theo should put on his swimsuit to attract funding for the English Channel swim. This was thought by all as too much information and it was time to terminate the fine session as the club had already lost too much dignity.

Professor John Christodoulou was introduced by Terry Pankhurst. Terry reported that the club had supported PKU research financially for 10 years mainly through the golf days. Julie, his daughter, used to organise the dinner dances for the PKU Association as another fund raising activity.

Professor John Christodoulou started his talk and said it was a pleasure to be here. For PKU sufferers, a careful diet, though onerous, can have a good outcome.

The PKU research has taken 10 years designing a probiotic diet which would process the phenylalanine which is the problem for PKU sufferers. In the beginning this research was unique, but now there are four other teams working in a similar vein. One company with a budget of \$10m is expected to begin clinical trials in the US soon.

Professor John has not given up - the work is now focusing on improving the pro-biotic by redesigning it to be more effective than the mouse developed formula. A commercial arrangement with Cycle Pharma is commencing soon. They work on research projects like this and soon it will be known what seed money they will provide for the next phase. We are waiting to hear from them.

Two other areas of help for PKU sufferers is occurring at Westmead Children's hospital. The researcher Minal, is taking a close look at repurposing existing drugs hoping to identify the PKU sufferers who would best benefit from those drugs.

The other approach is precision medicines "on steroids".

A US company has a different approach and wanted to know how to best conduct patient trials in Australia. The FDA in the US are keen and want the company to perform the trials on adults not children. Michael Chan is supporting adults with PKU at Westmead. Westmead could become the Australian site for adult trials. It would then take a couple of years before trials for children could begin.

Professor John was asked how many babies were born in Australia with PKU. He said around 30 per year - the ratio is one in 10,000 births in Australia. Some countries have higher rates, with Ireland and Turkey having about 1 in 3,000.

The only research with pro biotics in Australia is at Westmead hospital.

A pilot program by the Federal Government is to test 10,000 couples before they have children for over 100 genetic conditions. If the results of this work has benefits for those involved it may be extended as it is expensive to perform.

Andrew MacDonald thanked the continuing efforts and support from the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills. Andrew recalled bringing bags and bags of toilet rolls into the hospital and people were wondering why he wasn't going to the rubbish tip instead. The toilet rolls remain the favourite for the mouse population of between 3,000 and 5,000. The collection of the toilet rolls saves the hospital \$10,000 per year.

President Alex presented Professor Christodoulou with a \$20,000 cheque, proceeds of our Charity Golf Day last year. It was then passed to Andrew MacDonald for the PKU Association.

President Alex thanked the Professor and closed an excellent meeting.

Reporter: Ian Chappel



MARY STODDART'S ENGLISH CHANNEL SWIM

The latest information on her Everyday Hero website is that she has currently raised in excess of \$3,563. With about 11 weeks to go before her attempt, Mary is in hard training including spending time in Melbourne acclimatising to the colder water which she will face in the English Channel! The water temp. was 15.9 degrees! On the last weekend in April she swam for 8 hours at Brighton in Port Phillip Bay - what dedication!



**Cancer
Council**

**Daffodil
Day**

We have booked again this year to take part in selling merchandise for Daffodil Day on Friday 24th August. Once again we will be at Pennant Hills Railway Station from 6.30am until about 9.00am. We'll need 6 people.

DG Peter and DGE Susan warmly invite you to

ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEOVER

**Saturday 7 July 2018
6.00pm for 6.30pm**

Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby

**\$55 per person
incl. 2 course dinner**

Register at changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

RSVP Friday 29 June 2018

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THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
June 4th	Pride of Workmanship Awards Partners Night	Jason Pireh	Phillip Stanton	Adrian Bell
June 11th	NO MEETING	DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
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)	<u>Note the start time is 3.30pm</u>	Pat Parker has the details
June 18th	Final Planning for Changeover	Various club members	Phillip Stanton	Jim Fraser
June 25th	Club Changeover Partners Night	Presidents Alex & Adrian	Pat Parker	David Firth
July 2nd	Plans for 2018-19 & Board Meeting	President Adrian & Board members	President Adrian	Jim Fraser

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Sue Huckel - May 28th

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Pankhurst - May 29th (32 years)

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 93.75%

Apologies: Nil

Guest Speaker: Prof. John Christodoulou

Visitors: Wendy Bell, Mamooda Ameen, Heather Firth, Georgia Glockemann, Maureen Pankhurst, Ruth Reid, Jeanette Rigney, Lyn Stanton, Andrew, Julie, James McDonald, Paul Melhan,

Visiting Rotarian: Peter Taylor - R/C of Isle of Sheppey

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.

To date we have received nominations of 8 awardees with a further 3 expected in the next day or so. This will be the biggest presentation night, in terms of number of awards, we have had in recent years. We will need a number of members to help host the awardees and sponsors.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

‘Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose.’

- Bill Gates