



THE ROTARWAVE



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RIP Holger Knaack



President Donna



DG Andy Rajapaske

Date	19.04.21	10.05.21	24.05.21
Chair	Adrian Smallacombe	Jeff Bignell	Stuart Fairley
Door	Bert Shenko	Bill Crouch	Alan Guignon
Toast	Sgt Peter	Secretary Sue	Treasurer Bill
Thanks	Bill White	Phil Dunsford	Don Kissell
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Email to Barbara and Alan from Tom Lesobre, our exchange student from France.

Hi Alan,
I was more than happy when I saw your email. Thank you (sorry for my mistakes, it is hard for me to keep on with English since school is closed aha) The last 2 weeks I have been so busy that I could not answer you back. Indeed, I had to choose in which university I would go next year and it was not an easy task.. Moreover, since I am a candidate to Sciences PO I have to work harder each day because the 6 hours writing test and the 1 hour oral test are not that funny ahah ./ But I cannot hope for a better university in France since all presidents and diplomats came out from this one. Not that I want to be one of them, but if I want to work with geostrategy and geopolitics I must go there.
So yes lockdown is back for all of us in France now, but it might be already 2 or 3 months in Nice because we are the reddest city on the covid graph. But nothing is really changing for me except for school -which we don't have- our teachers are not so capable with technology and they are all from the old school as we say in France so we don't even have online courses. It is so disappointing, I still can't figure how a country like France cannot provide online classes and leave his students on the side! It's unbelievable but I understand better why we are at the penultimate rank of Mathematics in Europe...

Anyway,
We have heard a bit about Australia here and it seems that you are dealing very well with the crisis, or better than Europe. France has a national debt of 400 billion euros and they do not know how to cope. The failure of the mass vaccination programme and the ever-increasing debt do not entail anything good for the presidency in 2022. Polls say Marine Le Pen - the far-right leader - is president at the moment, even though the lobbies are with our current president. One of its biggest programs is the Franxit and I don't think we will be able to succeed as Britain does..

Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
19 Apr	Graham Sivyer	Pentecost Island Project
10 May	Yasin Yazdi	Griffith University Student
24 May	Wayne Litherland	Romac

Dinner at Golden Wheel Vilas

A wonderful evening spent with our tenants. Their response this year was very heartening.

The grounds look superb.

Thanks to all members for your support, your catering efforts and your attendance.

Special mention for Chairman Alan and Manager Bill who look after the residents

But even if half of France is depressed now, I personally glimpse a beautiful horizon, with the blue days to come and the rise of summer. I just need the beach to be happy and luckily it is now less than 200m from my parents' new home, so I will relax when France is potentially on fire.

I've done a few assignments with Rotary in recent months, such as selling chocolates for a fundraiser to help people who lost their property in a storm. Or run for people with disabilities. I'm actually training for the Saint-Tropez Marathon in June, every km covered is 100€ and I hope to pass under 2:50.

I can't believe it's been a year since I left you, but to be honest, surfing is what I miss the most and I'll do anything to be able to surf this summer, no matter where on earth. I made a trip to Paris with my friend Mathis from Australia and we planned to take a trip on the road from the French Basque coast to Morocco, while passing through the Portuguese coast. I hope it will be possible!

I sincerely hope that everything goes as you wish for you and your whole family. I wish you the best and thank you again for this email. Say hello to all Rotary members for me.

Bye
Tom Lesobre

Interesting bit of history

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat

would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig.' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.



SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

**AND, YOU THOUGHT SMOKING
AT THE PUMP WAS RISKY**



World's Best Toys

1. Sticks
2. Rocks
3. Water
4. Dirt
5. Buckets



**And Anything
Australian made**

Teaching kids in America's Dairy Land how to milk a cow. Bet the teacher wishes she would have stood up for the picture

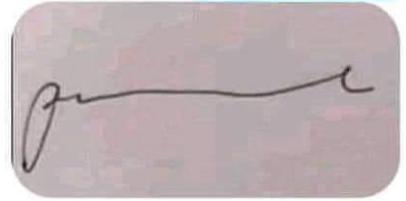


Hi doctor!

Hi

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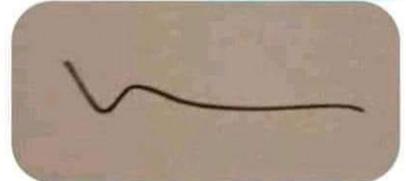
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It's paracetamol

How about this?

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I wrote... amoxicillin 3x a day

It's amazing how the highly educated have trouble communicating with others.

As if death by electrocution wasn't enough

