




Rotary Gold Coast



February 18 2016 #169 We meet 5:45pm for 6:15pm the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at The Southport Golf Club. You're welcome to join us - if possible advise Chawki on m 0410 002 403 e mango@winshop.com.au **FEBRUARY ROSTER.** If you're unable to attend please arrange a replacement before the meeting. Welcome guests: **Dean Castell.** Meeting chair: **Chawki Gazal.** Front desk: **Joe Kertesz.** International toast: **Phil Rosenberg.** Sergeant: **Andrew Csabi.**  goldcoastrotary.org.au District 9640 RI #17910



President's report

David Baguely announced that a date had been set - Friday 11 March - for the 'grand opening' of our education pavilion in the Botanical Gardens. More details to be announced.

Speaking of details, no one is more knowledgeable about French cheese than our very own John 'Don't say cheese, say fromage' D'Anna. The facts came out faster than the mob of males at the 1869 opening night of the *Folies Bergère*!

French cheeses come from many different regions of France, and like wine, different regions specialize in different flavours. The areas around Paris and to the northwest concentrate on the softer *brie* and *camembert* while the eastern regions produce more hard cheeses, such as *Emmental*. Many central regions produce variants of goat cheese, whereas in other regions cow or sheep's milk is more commonly used to make cheeses. Several French cheeses include the town or region where they are produced in the name of the cheese itself. For example *Brie de Meaux* designates that this particular brie originates from the region of Meaux. Historically, this is important for notifying consumers of the flavour of the cheese.

But much more important is that John brought a delicious selection of French cheeses - see photo above - with the 'warning' that only bread should accompany cheese. And did you know that traditionally cheese is eaten after the main course and before a sweet dessert?

Report written on behalf of President Lynda.



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Club donates a BBQ to 'Still Waters'

Our Club Community Director, John Bird, put in time to assess community services that would appreciate help from our Club, whether it was financial or otherwise.

John had discussions with Rosies, St. Johns and Still Waters (Salvation Army).

He reported back to the Board and recommended replacing a rusty old BBQ that was still in use at the Still Waters refuge, and the Board was in agreement.

On Monday 1 February, John (accompanied by Phil Rosenberg, David Baguley and Jill Ellis) attended Still Waters in Wardoo Street and were welcomed by Manager,

Mona Nielsen, pictured above,

Mona gave us a tour of the complex and we were very impressed with the excellent presentation of the many apartments plus the very neat gardens and the spacious playground for the children who are accommodated there. *Jill Ellis*

Chinese New Year Celebrations Saturday 20 February 2016, 4pm – 9pm

Gold Coast Chinatown (Young & Davenport streets, Southport) is set to come alive again with colour, cuisine and cultural entertainment for our annual Chinese New Year Celebration. This event marks the new lunar year in the Chinese calendar – the Year of the Monkey. Chinatown will be transformed into a cultural marketplace with an Asian-infused street food market, live music and dancing, roving entertainment and activities for the whole family. This year's event includes: Asian food stalls (with ten more vendors than last year!) free outdoor cinema showing Kung Fu Panda 2 dance and cultural performances on stage between 4 – 9pm. Free events include: sumo suit wrestling, ping pong, calligraphy, paper cutting and so much more. Free parking at Australia Fair between 3pm-12am

FEBRUARY

MEETING ROSTER See front page

1 Nan Baldwin (21 yrs) , Bryan Dower (35 yrs), Don Stalker (20 yrs)

7 Tony Ward

4 Club meeting,

10 Bryan Dower

11 Board meeting

11 Richard Flanagan

12 Eric Lughart (Kate)

16 Anni Fong

17 Viv Mallinson

18 Club meeting

21 'Trumbo', ROMAC fund raiser movie

27 Lexie Kidd

28 Brian & Caroline Dower (50 yrs)

MARCH

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Sue Foskett

Front desk - Kevin Stapleton

Meeting chair - Mark Urquhart

International toast - Jill Ellis

Sergeant - Peter Laurens

1 Ted Fong (16 yrs) , Bruce Roddick (22 yrs)

3 Club meeting

4 Tony Nesci

10 Andrew Chan, Caroline Mercer

10 Board meeting

11 Rotary pavilion @ Botanical Gardens

14 Kathy Hogan

15 Caroline & Richard Mercer (45 yrs)

16 Eddie Klimowicz

17 Club meeting

17 Nan Baldwin, Greg Bowler and Jennifer Rakauskas

28 John Stalker

29 Kevin & Lindy Campbell (19 yrs), Tony & Agn Nesci (26 yrs), Don & Helen Stalker (45 yrs)

APRIL

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Viv Mallinson

Front desk - David Baguley

Meeting chair - Eddie Klimowicz

International toast - Kate Kimmorley

Sergeant - Andrew Csabi

1 Joe Kertesz

1 Brian & Lexi Kidd (27 yrs)

1 Richard Flanagan (31 yrs)

1 Peter Laurens (29 yrs)

3 Jill Ellis

3 Club meeting

5 Lynda Haynes

6 Joan McDermott

8 Helena rogers

10 Board meeting

12 Tom Tate (3 yrs)

17 Club meeting

20 Chawki Gazal

21 Pride of Workmanship

22 Sue Foskett (14 yrs) , Mark Urquhart (14 yrs)

28 Loo Yew-Chaye

30 Andy Csabi (17 yrs)

Meetings/events Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries Member's Club Anniversaries



But after her father had gone back home to North Carolina, Harry was nervous about attending a meeting on her own. Would people talk to her? Would she be able to make friends and get involved? What she didn't know was that the Evergreen club has had an almost fanatical commitment to new member engagement for more than 18 years. It was ready for her.

"I felt a little lost," she remembers of that meeting "But they swooped in and made me feel like an asset to the club right away." She had already been assigned a mentor, who introduced her to members and sat with her at meetings. Other people in the 105-member club talked to her about upcoming opportunities – Salvation Army bell ringing, holiday parties, and more. "I had dinner plans at the club's weekend 'dine around.' The socializing – bringing me in and feeding me – was the most wonderful thing."

Kimra Perkins, a past president of the Evergreen club, has been an enthusiastic supporter of "intentional friendship building," as these Rotarians call it. "We've seen over and over that members who work and play together become friends and stay in the club. The first year in Rotary will color the whole experience," she explains. "We try to match the mentor with the new member's interests so we can engage them in a project quickly. And now people in our club consider it an honor to be invited to become a mentor."

The mentors guide each new member through the club's Red Badge program, a checklist many clubs employ to help new members learn about Rotary and tackle experiences outside their comfort zone. The list includes volunteering for a project, serving on a committee, and attending a dine-around – weekend gatherings held in a member's home, intended to provide some warm conviviality during the cold Colorado winter.

This year, Harry is chair of the club services committee, which oversees the Red Badge program. She is committed to engaging members newer than herself, as well as old-timers. "I think everyone should have a Red Badge refresher," she says. "It brings out the commitment in people."

A key to successful mentoring programs seems to be having a "spark plug" – a club member who champions mentorship and encourages new members to get involved. For the Rotary Club of Carrollton-Dawn Breakers,,

Mentoring new members

When Anna Harry relocated to Evergreen, Colorado, she knew no one. But her father, George Harry, a member of the Rotary Club of Cary-Page, N.C., had a plan. While he was in town to help her move, he took her along to a make-up meeting at the Rotary Club of Evergreen. Three weeks later, she was a member.

that person was founding member John T. Lewis, previously of the Rotary Club of Carrollton. He started informally mentoring new members once the Carrollton-Dawn Breakers club was chartered in 1996. But the mentoring is not only for new

Rotarians.

"We strive for continuing education because you never know what will spark the interest of a member," says Alicia Michael, 2014-15 governor of District 6900 and a member of the Carrollton-Dawn Breakers club. New members, she says, benefit from participating with their mentors in Fajitas and Margaritas, where information about Rotary is passed along in a casual setting. The club also has started paying the fees of any member who wants to attend district activities. That, Michael says, "gets them even more involved in Rotary."

Mentoring roles also can bolster current Rotarians' dedication to Rotary. That's what Nick Spates, of the Rotary Club of Buckhead (Atlanta), Ga., discovered when he decided to reinvigorate a Rotaract club at Oglethorpe University that had been "limping along." The mentorship program, which aims to provide professional development opportunities for the Rotaractors and engage current Rotarians, launched at the beginning of this year. Since then, the Rotaract club has doubled in size, and its immediate past president has become a member of the Buckhead Rotary club. Mentors were carefully matched with Rotaractors according to their interests and career goals, Spates says, and some of the Rotarians were asked to give skill-building workshops in areas such as interviewing, social media strategies, and networking. The program also set up networking appointments between Rotary members and students, which resulted in three internships and a job offer in the spring semester.

Spates sees a great future for the clubs. "This is a way for Rotaractors to bond and connect with Rotary and develop a commitment to giving back," he notes. Buckhead Rotarians are benefiting from the mentoring too: "The more that Rotarians get active in the community, the more solid the esprit de corps."

Whatever form mentorship takes, to ensure the long-term success of Rotary, it is vital in every club, says Rudy Westervelt, governor of District 5330 in Southern California. His goal is for all clubs in his district to have a mentorship program by the end of this Rotary year – and to achieve a 90 percent retention rate districtwide.



AIDS training brings life to Liberian communities

Health care workers in Liberia attend a workshop conducted by Rotary members on new techniques for treating pregnant women with HIV/AIDS.

The impact of an HIV/AIDS vocational training project in Liberia can be assessed by the ultimate measure: life itself.

"There are children of HIV mothers living today who would not have seen their first birthdays [without the training]," says Elizabeth Mulbah, a

member of the Rotary Club of Sinkor, Montserrado County, Monrovia, who delivered a lecture for health care providers about HIV/AIDS during the vocational training team's five-day workshop in 2012.

The goal of the team -- comprised of individuals from the Los Altos Rotary AIDS Project in California, USA; the Rotary Club of Sinkor; St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital in Monrovia; Global Strategies for HIV Prevention, and the Center for HIV Information at the University of California, San Francisco -- was to increase maternal HIV/AIDS services and to improve the quality of care in Liberian clinics.

Nearly 60 health care workers in Montserrado and neighboring Bomi counties learned techniques to prevent mother-child transmission of HIV and to improve their ability to diagnose and treat infected women. They also were taught how to pass along the information to other health care workers.

Now, a Rotary Foundation global grant is facilitating an expansion of the project to other parts of Liberia. Mulbah says that technology played a crucial role in the outcome of the 2012 training. PowerPoint presentations and a computer lab were used to communicate messages effectively, and participants were given flash drives with the latest information about HIV/AIDS. "They took this learning back to their clinics and conducted much more effective workshops for pregnant women," she adds.

Rich Casey, president of the Los Altos Rotary AIDS Project, brought computers to Liberia for the training. Even though the group was sleeping in an area protected by guards, robbers broke in one night and stole every computer but one. The workshop went on nonetheless, and proved a success. Both before and after training, participants were tested on their medical knowledge, and the post-training test scores jumped nearly 20 percent. And more women are receiving antenatal care, Mulbah says. Husbands now accompany their wives to maternal clinics, and follow-up visits to clinics by people who have AIDS have increased. The importance of projects like this one will be highlighted once again with the observance of World AIDS Day, on 1 December. According to the United Nations about 2,000 Liberians died of AIDS in 2014 and roughly 33,000 people out of the country's population of 4.3 million have been infected by the HIV virus; the majority live in urban areas like Monrovia, the country's capital.

Following the success of the 2012 project, Casey helped procure a \$192,500 Rotary Foundation global grant to expand the training to other areas of Liberia. But last year's Ebola outbreak put the project on hold, and only now is it starting to be implemented. During the earlier project, Casey had been particularly pleased by the way that the various groups and their members - including Dr. Arthur Ammann, founder of Global Strategies for HIV Prevention and one of the world's leading pediatric immunologists - came together to plan the workshop a year in advance to achieve the best results. "It was a good example of Rotary working well with other organizations," he says.

On the final day of that inaugural workshop, Mulbah handed out certificates of completion to the participants. "I felt excited and grateful," she says. "I was very thankful, believing that our mothers and sisters infected by HIV would now receive improved care, and that there was increased hope and opportunity for life without HIV/AIDS for their unborn children." - *David Sweet, Rotary News*

Pride of Workmanship 2016

- ★ To recognise deserving employees who display qualities worthy of recognition.
- ★ To inspire Pride of Workmanship in all vocations.
- ★ To install a sense of community pride in individual achievement.

Awarded to: ITSUP2U!

Only you can help make this event a success! All you need do is

- (1) nominate a deserving person to receive this award
- (2) contact the right person in a company and suggest they nominate an employee
- (3) if an employer nominate one of your staff or
- (4) all the above!

Entry forms: how many do you want?

Let Phil know 0412 374 363.

Venue: Southport Golf Club

Date: Thursday 21 April 2016

BRYAN
CRANSTON

DIANE
LANE

AND HELEN
MIRREN

WRITTEN BY JOHN McNAMARA A FILM BY JAY ROACH

TRUMBO

LOUIS
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ELLE
FANNING

JOHN
GOODMAN

MICHAEL
STUHLBARG



WHEN THEY TRIED TO SILENCE HIM HE MADE THE WORLD LISTEN.

In 1947, Dalton Trumbo, Hollywood's top screenwriter, was jailed for his political beliefs. The movie recounts how Dalton won two Academy Awards whilst exposing the absurdity and injustice of the 'communist blacklist'. *Note: Actor Bryan Cranston is nominated for a 2016 Oscar!*

> DATE: 7:00pm, Sunday 21 February 2016
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> TICKETS: \$20 in advance from Brian Pearson
> VENUE: Arts Centre Gold Coast



Vocation visit to Bustech

Friday 12 February

Bustech, Australia's leading independent bus manufacturer, builds premium buses engineered to cutting edge international standards, built to a finish quality unheard of in Australian-made transit vehicles.

Bustech is the manufacturing arm of Transit Australia Group, Australia's largest private bus company currently running 650 buses - including on the Gold Coast - employing over 1,300 staff.

We will be visiting their 5,600m² custom built manufacturing facility which currently produces over 250 vehicles a year (with a future capacity of 500 buses) using techniques that makes it one of the most efficient manufacturers of buses in the world. This is truly a huge Gold Coast success story you shouldn't miss.

Guests welcome. Confirm to Phil m 0412 374 363 e philtini@hotmail.com

Date; Friday 12 February 2016

Lunch; 12:15 at Mike's Kitchen, 2-6 Gooding Drive, Merrimac.

Factory visit; 2:00pm at Bustech Pty Ltd,
Lot 10 Calabro Way (Off Ready Creek Rd), Burleigh



You don't have to be famous to enjoy a fun night out! And it's now cheaper!

ROMAC Trivia Challenge

The tickets are cheaper, a tasty selection of optional food is available and the fun gets better every year. All you need is to enjoy the humorous photos that accompany the questions, the camaraderie and, of course, that you're helping to save and change deserving children's lives.

Show everyone that your team is the smartest and accept this lighthearted challenge.

Bring your partners, friends and potential new members (before someone else invites them!) to the friendliest, most fun night out you've had ever since... well, you'll know the answer to that one too!

Date: 6:15 for 7:30pm, Friday 27th May 2016.

Venue: Paradise Showroom, Arts Centre Gold Coast.

Cost: \$35 p/p. Bistro food available. Payment in advance your club's coordinator please.

Dinner: An excellent selection of moderately-priced dishes are available to order from the counter. Ensure you arrive early to relax and enjoy with friends.

RSVP: To your club's on-to-trivia coordinator, or contact Phil Rosenberg on 0412 374 363 or philfini@hotmail.com

A request: Please consider helping Rotarian volunteers continue saving children's lives with your club donation: \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,500, \$5,000 or whatever you can. If possible please bring your cheque, payable to ROMAC.

On behalf of the children whose lives you'll save, thank you.

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