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Our meeting tonight was a club night and our members enjoyed the opportunity to share fellowship and discuss various issues related to our club programs and activities. We were pleased to have Assistant Governor Earl and Barbara Heckman as our guests.



Director Chris presented an excellent overview of the behind the scenes operations which ensure the success of our catering initiatives which this year will result in \$15,000 profit we will be able to allocate to Rotary and Community projects.



Chris described the regulatory issues which must be observed prior to the acquisition and preparation of stock, preparation of equipment, transportation, setting up and rostering of workers all necessary prior to commencing the days catering. The actual cooking and serving is just one aspect of the exercise. Couple all this preparation with emergency acquisition of back up stock necessary on busy days, packing up and then transportation of equipment and goods back to the Rotary shed for clean up and storage makes for a very busy and tiring day especially for those involved in the total process. A qualified OH&S and catering certified member must be present.

There is a need for more club members to become involved in the catering team. The support of members volunteering for specific roster sessions on the day is appreciated but this is just a small measure of success. We must all appreciate the management of Chris and Judy who have practically demonstrated Service Above Self as our catering leaders this Rotary year.

Golf Day co-ordinator Ian Faulkner reported on the most recent meeting of his committee and updated us on progress of the event. The Rotary Charity Golf Day will be held Friday 7 October 2016 at Nelson Bay Golf Course with dinner and presentation at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. Ian reported that the brochures and entry forms will be available next week. Port Stephens and Maitland Toyota will again be the gold sponsors and other local sponsors are to be approached by members of the committee. At next week's meeting Rotarians will be asked to volunteer to speak with potential new sponsors in order to gain even greater local support.

Historian Richard devoted tonight's history session to the Rotary international Council on Legislation. This is held once each three years and involves a Rotarian representing each of the World's 535 Rotary districts at



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Weekly Winners:

Raffle winner Aria Levonpera and heads & Tails Richard Turner

Congratulations:

Birthdays:

22 Apr: Judi Priestley
25 Apr: Kathy Rimmer
23 Apr Lynne Treble

Anniversaries:

23 Apr: Henk & Agnes Tobbe
27 Apr: Phill & Christine Smith

Next Week:

Door:

Bart Richardson, John deRidder

Meet & Greet:

Helen Ryan, Aria Levonpera

Toast:

Ed Parker

Grace:

Ella Clarke.

Introduce Presentation:

Bob Mitchell

Bulletin:

Chris Bartlett

Photos:

Henk Tobbe.

the weeklong meeting in Chicago to discuss issues of Rotary governance. Any Rotarian via their club and district can submit an item to be debated by the Council. Past Governors Bart Richardson 1989 and Don Whatham 2010 have represented D9670 at the council.

Warwick Mathieson reported on progress in our Rotary shed upgrade. A working bee at 3pm next Tuesday will bring the extension to lock up stage.

Richard Harris informed members that Rotary Bowelscan kits will be available throughout May from all local pharmacies. Rotarians are asked to advertise this potentially life saving initiative to relatives, friends and members of the public.

Geoff Diemar and Kathy Rimmer have worked hard on the planning of our annual Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program which will be held this year on Tuesday 10 May at the Tomaree Sports Centre. Kathy thanked all members who have volunteered to assist and reminded us that all involved must have their Working With Children Certification numbers recorded. A meeting of all volunteers and the youth committee will be held at 5.30pm next Thursday in the Crow's Nest Room prior to our dinner.

President Ann opened the Club Assembly to general discussion. Several members made comment on the quality of the meal served. This they said was quite variable ranging from excellent to on some other occasions, unsatisfactory.



Helen Ryan spoke of the club's school literacy program and the need for additional financial support. This matter will be considered by the club board during the upcoming distribution of funds.

Trish Parnell spoke about membership and the need to seek more young and middle aged members. Her relevant comments were enthusiastically acknowledged by members and I am sure we will all make an effort to invite prospective members of all ages to visit our club.

Jim Booth announced that a friend of his and supporter of our club Peter Crawford had offered a donation of 90 cans of Dulux spray paint for use in club service projects. As this branch of the company is reorganizing its operation other paint donations may be possible. Jim will continue to pursue this kind offer.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND CLUB PROGRAM.

21 April 2016: **Video presentation: Michael McQueen , keynote speaker D9670 conference.**

28 April 2016: **Arthur Burns: The Hunter River**

30 April-1 May: **Presidents Elect Training Seminar & District Assembly - Singleton**

5 April 2016: **Peta Tehan: Podiatrist**

10 May 2016: **RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) at Nelson Bay**

12 May 2016: **Club Assembly & Peace Fellowship candidate, Shannon Longhurst.**

13-15 May 2016 - **RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) 14-17 years**

19 May 2016: **Kim Simpson, Education of Deaf and Blind children.**

9 June 2016 – **Our 60th Birthday & Club Changeover.**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL BOARD MEETING.

- Plans are well advanced for our combined 60th Birthday Celebration and Changeover. This will be held on Thursday 9 June 2016 at Soldiers Point Bowling Club. A two course meal and two complimentary drinks will be served together with pre dinner canapés. Former members and friends of our club will be invited to help us celebrate. Club Historian Richard will release his publication of the next Ten Years of our Club's History on the night. The program is being prepared and Phill Smith will be MC on the night.
- President Ann will represent our club at the Anzac Day Ceremony this year. Ann will place four book packs (containing peace themed books) as tributes on the cenotaph to be later presented to the district's four primary schools. She will also place copies of PDG Bart's book "The Army as I Saw It" for the two high schools.
- \$20,000 has been allocated for donation to Rotary and Community projects. Members are invited to make suggestions in writing to the board via Secretary Don of possible suitable and needy recipients.
- Members are invited to notify Secretary Don in writing with a brief resumae of potential Paul Harris Fellow recipients. All suggestions will be considered by the appointed committee.
- Our commitment to Dili nurse, Fatima has been completed with the final payment of her scholarship. We wish Fatima well and hope that she is able to make a significant contribution to the welfare of the people of Timor Leste.
- St Phillips College has nominated a team for Model United Nations and four local students have been nominated for RYPEN. All students involved will be funded by our club.
- The RYDA budget was approved. Kathy Rimmer has worked hard on the planning and Lorraine Nichol will once again manage the catering process. Thank you to both.
- We have received a Peace Scholarship nomination from Shannon Longhurst following the recent very successful club presentation organized by Foundation Chair Judy Mitchell. Shannon has been invited to address our club on 12 May.
- Rotary Foundation raffle books have been issued to club members for ticket sales. Proceeds from the raffle support Rotary Foundation programs including the Peace Scholarship.
- All elected incoming officers are encouraged to attend the District Assembly in Singleton on 1 May. PE Judy and following PE Kathy will attend PETS the previous day.
- Grant News: We have received approval of the \$16,000 Infrastructure grant and approval of the \$20,000 Foundation Grant for the Multi-Gym facility. We also received a grant of \$1,000 from the mayor Bruce McKenzie for the Multi Gym facility. Information has been sought about our earlier application for the Volunteer Equipment grant where we applied for a grant of \$4,103 for equipment to assist our catering efforts.
- We will acknowledge a \$640 donation from the Australia Day committee. Chairman Doug Cross indicated a further amount would be donated to the club. The board has recommended that any further money be spent on extending the concrete pad from which we do our catering at Fly Point by five metres.
- We have received the \$2,250 payment for catering at the recent D9675 conference held in Nelson bay. This money will assist our changeover/60th celebration and history book publication.
- We are working on an upgrade to our webpage and also setting up Facebook. Dieter Greiter has been very helpful with both issues and once set up all members are encouraged to "like" the pages and/or comment.
- The resignation of member Chris Coy who is moving to the Gold Coast was received with regret. Our thanks to Chris for his contribution and best wishes are extended to Chris and Roslyn.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE ROSTER SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2016

8.30 am to 12.30pm: Don Whatham, Ann Evans, Chris Bartlett, Phill Smith

12.30 pm to 4 pm: Doug Craike, Chris Bartlett, Richard Harris, Aria Levonpera, Ian Brigden

Provisions: Chris Bartlett

Apologies/Extras: to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday Phone or Text to: 0401 450 239