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Senior Constable Tim Smith brought us up to date with goings on at the PCYC – an organisation that we have been involved with for many years but has unfortunately suffered a chequered history.

Over the last few years the Club has consolidated its management and today can look forward to a positive future. Tim thanked the Club for its involvement – in particular Anne Evans and Chris Bartlett who currently serve on its Board.

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Birthdays this coming week:

25/6 President Anne

Anniversaries :

30/6 Chris Bartlett & Judi Priestly

Heads and Tails:

Bart Richardson

Raffle:

Hugh Randall

Recent changes to the Club include:

- improvements in the Club's kitchen facility that will not only be beneficial to its social functions, but also allow it to run a program to train in hospitality.
- free activities aimed at truants thereby gaining their trust and leading them on the right track.
- providing kayak fishing trips for young offenders – breaking down the barriers and becoming role models for them.
- promoting drug counselling for drug abuse kids and web sites such as "HEAD SPACE" & "NCPIC" (the current generation relate better to online help rather than face to face situations in many cases).
- Concentrating on getting "kids" back into education and sports.

National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre



Member Duties 3rd

March 2016

Door:

Bart Richardson/Chris Bartlett

Meet/Greet:

Chris Bartlett

Loyal Toast:

Geoff Diemar

Grace:

Warwick Mathieson

Intro Guest speaker:

N/A

Thank Guest Speaker:

N/A

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Chris Bartlett

Next meeting 30th June Partners Night

Apologies/Extras to Ros Cribb by noon on Wednesday!

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Helen, Don and the Contingent from District 9670 who attended the Conference



In the absence of our advertised guest speaker Helen Ryan and Don Whatham provided a presentation of their experience at the recent International Conference in Seoul, Helen told us that the Conference was opened by Ban Ki Moon, 8th Secretary General to the United Nations who reminded Rotarians of Rotary's long involvement, including in the formation of the UN. Proceedings commenced with RI President Ravi Ravindran, Hwang Kyo-ahn PM of South Korea, and Ranil Wickremesinghe PM of Sri Lanka.

Other speakers included:

- Spirtualist Mahatria Ra – amazing – and down to earth in his message of being a 'gift to the world'.
- Mark Waddington – CEO Hope and Homes gave a frightening story of some 8 million orphans living in institutions in poverty and his organisations efforts to provide homes and safety for them.
- Sarah Parcak – Associate Professor Anthropology with National Geographic spoke on using satellite technology to delve into the past and recover artefacts that might otherwise never be found.
- Gary Haugen CEO International Justice Mission – another organisation aimed at saving children – this time from enslavement, forced labour and sexual assault.
- Rosie Batty – Our own Australian of the year 2015 who spoke on domestic violence.

The conference centre was approx. a one hour drive from Gangnam (*so that's where 'Gangnam Style' comes from?*). Gangnam is a bit like out Kings Cross but not so seedy.

Organisation including transport was excellent. The Koreans were friendly, courteous and ever willing to help said Don Whatham.

Don was 'gob smacked' at the size of the conference hall – capable of holding 47,000 people and all with uninterrupted views of the stage.

Entertainment was varied ranging from the Seoul Symphony Orchestra to Psy and of course performance by exchange students.

The Hall of Friendship contained around 200 stands and food stalls were many and varied.

Historian Richard Turner presented us with another account of bygone days. Coinciding with the address by Tim Smith he reminded us of Rotary's involvement with the formation of Police Boys Clubs.

In short:

In 1936 the then Commissioner for Police (a Rotarian) on his return from England described the improvement in delinquency in areas where Police Boys Clubs had been set up there.

The Club investigated and in 1937 after having raised sufficient funds Lieutenant Governor Sir Philip Street opened Australia's first Police Boys Club at Woolloomooloo. It was called the "Rotary Police Boys Club". In keeping with Rotary tradition "Rotary" was later dropped from the title.

In 1971 Cessnock Police Boys Club was named as the best in the world, and today is still considered one of the best - a fact Richard (a Cessnock boy) was proud to announce.

The Police in Cessnock are very obliging but some years ago when Richard called in and asked to see the burglar who broke into his home while he was at a Rotary meeting he was denied access. No said the duty officer – You'll get your chance in court.

"You don't understand said Richard. I just want to know how he got in without waking my wife. I've been trying to do that for years!"

Never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

Things aren't always rosy in Cessnock. President Elect Judy Mitchell had a bad experience with a truck on a roundabout at Cessnock. The truck was at fault but did not stop. The incident was witness by the Cessnock PCYC's manager who captured all the details and passed them on to Judy. Richard being still in the know at Cessnock was aware of the incident and was quick to let everyone know that he was aware of the incident and that the driver actually lived in Maitland!!



Next week..
The time
Has come



Join Anne on her last night
as President for a night of
fun and fellowship



THIS IS A PARTNERS NIGHT
Bring your best girl, best beau,
partner, spouse - all if you want.
BUT.. Don't forget to book in