

We meet every Wednesday at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting.

Weekly meeting
@ 6 pm for 6:30pm

Wednesday 7th August: **Program TBA**

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Reminders and upcoming event

Rotary Book Shop
30 High Street
Aug 07, 2024
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Club Meeting
Mechanics Facility
Aug 07, 2024 6:00 pm

Rotary Book Shop
30 High Street
Aug 10, 2024 10:00 am

Aug 14
Empowering Eaglehawk
Annual Celebration Night

Aug 21
Guest Speaker TBC

Aug 28
Service Above Self Night

DG Michael Lapina - Official Club Visit
Sep 11, 2024 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

August:

Happy Birthday to:



Attachments this week:
Rotary International Convention
Book Shop Flyer

Apologies

Lynne Cooper
Gai Porth La Myint (GP)
Eric Smith

Gary Frank
John Pearce
Karen Armstrong

Program for 7/8/24 is

President's Report – Bulletin 31/7/24

Our second 'Service Above Self' Night saw our sub-committees continue to work on plans for the forthcoming year. It's encouraging to see the progress that has been made in such a short space of time and wonderful hearing the reports coming back at the end of the evening that highlight the engagement of our members. Well done to all members for the work you are doing.

Lindsay gave a great summary of the broad scope of the Administration Sub-committee and highlighted the sheer volume of planning that goes on behind the scenes. John Jones covered the many areas that fall under the Service Projects Sub-Committee – a large committee made up of the three smaller subcommittees of International, Youth and Community. Jenny Sanderson then reported on the evolving plans of the Youth sub-committee around the 'Marvellous Miles' project, and Ron gave a comprehensive report as to the various aspects of how the membership committee can proceed through the year and distributed a draft Membership Plan with a focus on recruitment, promotion and training. Much of the work of membership can be based around aligning with the Rotary Areas of Focus.

Mick Costello again put a call out for members keen to jump on board with the Great Aussie Camping Swap Meet event to let him know of your interest so as planning can get underway.

The raffle sales will continue until the end of August. Check at the bar for the list of prizes This is a good value raffle, and a great range of prizes, that are on offer for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, so something for everyone.

Further to a suggestion that our club consider using 'Whats-App' as a means of an ongoing conversation that will support our sub-committees and the running of our club. I will arrange for this to be set up for members and you will receive a notification when this has been done. This will provide members with a safe and secure means of messaging and staying up to date with what is currently happening within the club. For those who may not be familiar with the form of communication, I will send out to members a comprehensive explanation of the App and its features to assist in your understanding of the platform.

Several members have contacted PP Eric Smith to check in on his progress from his procedure last week. It's good to report that even though he missed this week's meeting his recovery is going well and apparently he is doing as he is told. We are looking forward to seeing you back on deck when you are able Eric.

A reminder to use our club's correct Rotary logo. This has been a directive of RI since the change that occurred more than 10 years ago, and understandably it is disappointing for D9800 to see newly produced promotional material with the wrong logo. If producing promotional material, simply ask the club's public image sub-committee for the correct file prior to proceeding. This is the correct logo.



Our club participated in the Rotary Community Group Growth Plan Meeting last weekend. This was a full day meeting, sharing thoughts and ideas of how the 14 clubs within our community group can grow rotary into the future in our area. Whilst this is an ongoing process and further meetings have been planned, one definite decision that came out of the day was the need to call our group something other than RCG D9800-5. So after some careful consideration, it was decided that our community group would be called 'Rotary North Central Victoria'. This decision was arrived at by considering the importance of it being recognised as Rotary representing the geographic area that our clubs cover.

President Alison

From Club Administration

Cashiers: Carmel, John G and Lindsay moving table back to where it used to be located, and request members pay ASAP on arrival.

Bookshop: Check the attached flyer for details, please add your name to the required roster for Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th, two shifts each day 10-12:30 and 12:30-3:00

Dinner: Please clear up cutlery and crockery during the post dinner coffee/tea break

Bar: A request or more members to undertake the RSA.

From Youth

Marvellous Miles – books to schools in the Bendigo region (appro 80 schools)

Membership

Endeavour to promote and encourage membership

Retention

Banners to promote the members

Foundation

Look to meet funding targets.

Bus to DIK Open Day Saturday August 10

Good morning to our local Rotary Presidents, also Rod from the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee,

I am letting you know that the Rochester Rotary Club will be running their bus down and back to DIK in West Footscray transporting any local Rotarians, interested partners and any interested members of other community groups.

Bendigo people should meet at 8.30 am at Gateway Park in High Street opposite Apco in Kangaroo Flat. Cost per person will be \$20 covering the bus fare and lunch at DIK. Should anyone from the Castlemaine area wish to join us pick up point would be in Harcourt near the Mixed Business between 8.45 and 9am. Please bring this offer to the attention of your members and email me names and numbers of those we should expect to see on Saturday morning August 10.

Yours in Rotary,

Tony Plant

Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

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Celebrating diversity in the 2024 Olympic Games

By Ayda Özeren, past governor of District 2440 (Türkiye)

The Olympic Games in Paris are especially delightful this year. They mark a historic milestone in gender equality. After 128 years, an equal number of male and female athletes are participating. For the first time, the number of male and female athletes will be equal in 28 of the 32 sports that will award medals. The number of mixed-gender events where women and men compete together will increase from 18 to 20. Women will compete in 152 events, while men will compete in 157 events.

We wouldn't be here if it weren't for a woman named Stamata Revithi. One hundred and twenty-eight years ago, Revithi became the catalyst for an incredible uprising in sports history when she insisted on running a marathon. She was around 30 and had moved to Athens, Greece, with her two children to find work. She loved long-distance running, so she applied to participate in the Olympic marathon. The International Olympic Committee rejected her application.

Paving the way

Revithi was stubborn. To at least show the Athenians that she could do it, she decided to run the 40-kilometer course on her own the day after the official marathon. She started her run at 8 a.m. and finished in about 5 hours and 30 minutes. During this time, she collected witnesses and documents to verify her run. But when she arrived at the Panathenaic Stadium, soldiers prevented her from entering. This historic moment became a symbol of the struggle for women's participation in the Olympics. Revithi paved the way for women to compete in the next Games.

Since then, diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity have become the Olympics' most important values. In the 1936 Berlin Olympics hosted by Nazi Germany, African American athlete Jesse Owens defied the racist rhetoric of the host country by winning four gold medals. His long-jump record remained unbroken for 25 years.

The 1980 and 1984 Olympics failed to provide equal opportunities and inclusiveness due to politics. The United States boycotted the 1980 Moscow Olympics to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the Soviet Union retaliated by boycotting the 1984 games in the U.S. For athletes in both countries, years of preparation were wiped out.

My own country made its first appearance at the Paris Olympic Games 100 years ago, with 40 athletes. All our representatives that year were men. But Turkey did have a commitment to women's sports. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk considered sports something that determined the level of development of a country. In 1926, to enable women's participation, specialists were brought from Sweden to train Turkey's first female physical education teachers at the Çapa Girls' Teacher School.

The last Olympic Games Atatürk witnessed was the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Here, Turkey not only won its first medals but was represented by female athletes for the first time. Halet Çambel and Suat Fetgeri Aşeni, who competed in fencing, were the first Muslim female athletes to compete in the Games. In this year's Olympics, a total of 102 Turkish athletes – including 54 women and 48 men – will participate in 18 sports.

Olympic motto

The Olympic motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius," or "Faster, Higher, Stronger." Can we be faster if one of us is missing? Can we reach higher if we separate a few of us? Is there a possibility of being stronger if we do not include everyone? I don't think so.

I believe the Olympics brings us closer to global citizenship. I believe that sports, like art, will heal us by using the ointments of universality and diversity. I believe that competition under the roof of friendship blunts the power struggles in our souls.

Laughter The Best Medicine

An elderly Rotarian went into the Dentist's surgery and asked how much it would cost for a tooth extraction.

The dentist replied, "Our fixed price for an extraction is \$380."

The old woman said, "Oh, that's a lot money. Have you got anything cheaper for an older patient?"

"Well", the dentist replied, "I could give you a small discount making the price \$360."

"What if there was no anesthetic?" the old woman enquired.

"In that case I could do it for \$220", the dentist said. "However it would be very painful."

"Hmmm", the old woman went on, "What about if we used one of those trainee dentists and still without an anesthetic?"

"Well, it is possible, however they are only training and things could go wrong. It would be even more painful, but I suppose that we could do it for \$120."

"Ah, that's still a bit much!" the old woman said. "How about if we made it a training session, with the extraction done by one of the students and all of the other trainees watching and learning?"

The dentist thought about it and said, "In that case I suppose that we could do it for \$50."

"Excellent", the old woman replied, "Can you book my husband in for next Wednesday?"

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