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

<i>The next fortnight....</i>		
8 July	Bookshop	Rita, John G & Trevor
12 July	Club dinner meeting	Bar- Mick Clean- Lindsay & Tim
15 July	Bookshop	Rita & Mandy
19 July	Club dinner meeting	Bar – Trevor Clean – Mary & Mick

Happy Birthday to you in July!

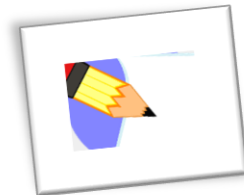
July 10 Deb Payne
July 23 Marie Lock
July 25 Tim Watts



Reminders:

1. Request for assistance for the Regional Engineering Challenge as activity supervisors. Need 8 pairs of clever Rotarians to assist **Friday 18th August 2023**, *please advise Eric if you are available.*
2. Update: car parking event at the Atisha Centre Sat 8th July- **cancelled**. BUT help will be needed **Saturday 26 August** please.
3. Bunnings BBQ- **Saturday 28 October**.
4. *Please note the club planner emailed from John J to keep us all on track- great work John!*

President's report:



Things seem to have slowed down this week, thank goodness.

It was great to have our two guests at our last meeting, Gai Porh (GP), and Gary Frank.

Our guest speaker this week was our own DG Ron Payne, who brought to us an understanding of his plans and priorities for his term and indicated that it is based on the intent of our International President Gordon McNally.

To view Gordon's address at the Florida Convention earlier in the year, please use this link to access it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu-nfEghUns>

or lookup You Tube and Rotary International President: Gordon McNally.

Having viewed some of this address I am sure you will find it inspiring and gain an understanding as to where he and Ron are aiming for, during this 2023-24 term.

Ron also discussed the District 9800- 2023 -24 priorities with us. Ron was encouraging us to read the pamphlet that was distributed last week (our District 9800 Strategic Plan).

We will be referring to this document next week.

Bunnings BBQs are on the list again, with the next one booked for the 28th October 2023. Another one for your calendar.

The Car parking at the Atisha Centre proposed for this Saturday has been **CANCELLED**. However do not be too disappointed we have another night booked for the 26th August 2023.

Further to DG. Ron's request for assistance of 8 Pairs of 'Clever Rotarians' at the Regional Engineering Challenge. Please note the **correct date is Friday 18th August 2023**. We have a number of interested members however please advise if you are available.

It is pleasing to note that a Membership Nomination has been received this week for consideration, being for PP Gary Frank.

Just a reminder of DG Ron Payne's official visit Wednesday 30 August 2023 at 6-6:30pm.

Have a great week and look forward to catching up next week.

Eric.

Meeting apologies: John G and Jennifer.

Meeting guests: DG Ron Payne, Gai Porh and Gary.

Our meeting guest speaker:
DG Ron Payne with President Eric.



Youth update:

Our exchange student Ignacio Goicoa Gonda (Nacho) arrives in Melbourne late Monday evening. He will be travelling from Spain with another Rotary exchange student, who will be hosted in the Altona area.

Nacho will initially be hosted in Bendigo by Richard and Kylie Epskamp and family and later with Colin and Leanne Anderson and family.

He will attend school in Year 10 at Girton Grammar School.

Nacho and his family (father- Chema, mother-Pilar and younger sister- Paula) reside in Vigo (North-Western Spain). Vigo is a medium sized city (population 270,000) and is a renowned fishing port and hosts the Citroen- Peugeot factory.

Nacho has just finished his end of year exams and has been enjoying Summer in Spain. He enjoys kayaking and trying new things.

Mandy and myself have already spoken with Nacho and his family via Whats App. He has been advised to be ready for our 'cooler' Winter weather here in Bendigo.

Nacho is very excited and looking forward to his time as an exchange student in Bendigo.

We (our club) look forward to supporting Nacho whilst living in Bendigo. Its great to see the return of our exchange student programme again and our appreciation to the Epskamp and Anderson families for hosting Nacho.

Regards- Mick C

