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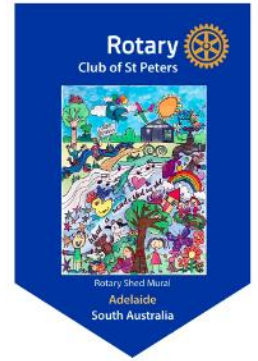
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Club Bulletin for the eMeeting 3126 held on Tuesday 7th April 2020

Inaugural Rotary Club of St Peters meeting held via Video Conferencing



It was meeting number 3126 with a difference. Due to the Covid 19 virus, the Club, as a responsible entity, is complying with the recommendations to restrict socialising, so regular meetings at the Kensi have been suspended.

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Enterprising Club members have decided to explore alternative ways to keep Club members informed and communicating with one another.

Hence the Video Conference, which was facilitated via the internet with 'Zoom' software. Past President and Group 7 Assistant Governor *Brian Kretshmer* and Secretary *Pam Vaughton* had been working hard to introduce members to 'Zoom' and had organised trial runs to make sure people became familiar with operating the software, which can be quite a steep learning curve for some. The board had met this way as a trial.

So, at 7:30 pm on 7th April, people tuned in to the inaugural club Video Conference meeting. Many of us were most surprised that 23 Rotarians participated in the meeting. The interface proved relatively easy to use and in time I'm sure the procedures will be streamlined.

Brian Kretschmer acted as host and those participants who had something to say were given the opportunity. The customary invocation and loyal toast were delivered.

President *John George* opened the meeting and I think was very impressed that the Club had so readily endorsed such a radical departure from the normal meeting. It now seems certain that club meetings will be held this way for the immediate future. He expressed thanks to Karen Grantham for getting Wayne Holton on line.

However, one deficiency was noted - the usual members of the 'wine table' were not sitting together. Maybe they had organised to each have a bottle of the same brand of 'red' open? Also, Sergeant *Milton Jones* was somewhat at a loss to decide how to collect the fines money, however no-one will escape paying because he is keeping an IOU record. There were other benefits - no need to drive or pay for a meal. No need for a steward, receptionist or cashiers. No escape for the bulletin editor though!

Phone a Friend

The second way St Peters Rotarians are keeping in touch, is that each member phones another Rotarian to have a chat and this has been an outstanding success. This week the person to call is the third name below one's own name on the list of members provided by the secretary.

Meeting Report

President *John George*

President's Announcements

Welcome to all for our first Zoom Club Meeting

- Tonight's meeting will not be too structured and although we need to be mindful of not talking over one another we still want to have fun and also a discussion about frequency and content on further meetings – this will be at the end of the meeting.
- Social connection – phone calls – please continue with this as I know everyone is getting a lot out of it.
- Keith Payne Bulletin – great work Keith thanks – All keep the articles coming in.
- Jeff and Jenny Neale have donated a ute for KI Bushfire Appeal – most likely a Mazda.
- Cambodia New Year's trip.

From the Secretary

Phone calls in *The Time of Virus*

We are now have a Social Connection System that is working for Club Members.

Thank you for your weekly calls and more.

Many of our members are home alone.

They will really appreciate a call.



Online Video Link-ups with Zoom

On Tuesday night we had our first Club Meeting online.

There were 23 participants. This was very well done considering it was the first one.

We are all reviewing, fine-tuning and learning as we go. I feel very proud of the progress.

The process is fairly simple and the Board encourages all to join in on our Zoom meetings.

Please contact Brian if you are still not able to connect or still a little hesitant using this technology. Brian is happy to run through a trial use before next Tuesday evening.

Phil Smith – Community Service Report

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT – CLUB MEETING – 7TH APRIL 2020

1. Music for Dementia Program

John Seeliger (JS) has now distributed all of the 60 headsets purchased to 8 local nursing homes. One of the sets was provided to Rotarian Harry Powell's mother Joanna. Harry has reported that her response to the music provided has been very positive.

Recently 4 sets were gifted to Walkerville Nursing home where they were received very well. Subsequently Walkerville Nursing Home requested assistance to purchase 18 sets. John is assisting them in sourcing the headsets.

Overall the response from the nursing homes continues to be positive. The initial distribution of just a few headsets has proven to be the preferred method rather than bulk distribution as undertaken by the Rotary Club of Geraldton, WA.

The current Covid -19 Pandemic has put a hold on our promotion as staff at the nursing homes are fully taken up with dealing with this situation.

The committee is very pleased with the progress of this music therapy program & believe it would be worthwhile continuing it in the next Rotary year.

Thanks are extended to Rotarian John Seeliger for his efforts in making this program a success.

2. Community Grants Funding program

David Birkdale has completed the Community Grants Funding application which has been submitted to Norwood Payneham St Peters Council for consideration. This application is seeking funds to assist the Music for Dementia program which was initiated by the Community Committee this Rotary year. A grant of \$5000 is being sought by the committee. John Seeliger assisted David in the completion of the form.

Thanks are extended to David & John for their efforts in preparing & lodging this grant application which we hope will be successful.

3. Budget

The budget for the Community Committee this year was \$13,000 of which \$12,616.29 has now been expended.

Treasurer *John Reynolds*

John said the Club's finances are in good shape but even though the shed is closed there are still maintenance costs to be covered, so it would be unwise for the Club to make major donations at this stage.

Fundraising – *Rod Carey*

Rod floated the idea of offering books free of charge, however after discussion it may be difficult because of sanitisation, meaning they can't even be donated to doctors surgeries etc.

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Vocational - *David Heilbronn*

The committee will be mothballing their budgeted funds, mainly due to the planned events being cancelled.

Several other ideas were suggested as to how we could assist people, however most were considered unfeasible due to health safety issues. The Club board will consider ways to do this.

Membership - *Arthur Manser*

There are changes proposed to the Club Bylaws to allow for corporate membership and these will be distributed in due course with the opportunity given later to adopt the changes according to the Bylaws protocols.

Arthur also noted the passing of Past DG Arthur Robinson from the Rotary Club of Mildura, who was well known to several Club members.

PP *Brian Kretschmer*

Several members have been checking that all the Club publicity complies with the correct Rotary branding guidelines.

Chris Paassens – reported on obtaining seeds and plants to help a good friend (Toby) who is quadriplegic who recently lost his mother. The response has been good.

Almoner – *Keith Shaw*

Geraldine Payne is spending a few weeks in respite.
Former member and Past president in 2007/08 Dick Hissey, lost his wife recently.

Apologies – Sue Bardy, Carmel O'Reilly, John Bested, David Strange.

Birthdays –

Members - Phil Smith, 7th April and Bruce Ballantyne, 9th April.

Partners – Marg Hewitt, 9th April.

Wedding anniversaries – Rod and Jenny Carey, 10th March.

Harry and Marylou Powell, 11th March.

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Letter from Paul Otto from AllKids, Cambodia -

(St Peters Rotarians should have a copy, but it is published here for the benefit of our other bulletin subscribers.)

Dear President John and all members of the St Peters Rotary Club,

I guess your regular meetings may be on hold at present? These certainly are extraordinary times and it looks like no one is immune from the implications of the coronavirus. The following actions have been taken by AllKids.

- Upon direction from the Cambodian Government, the AllKids Learning Centre has been temporarily closed.*
 - AllKids Day Care House operations have also been suspended*
 - The Outreach team are busy monitoring the health and safety of the AllKids children in their homes and villages. We are pleased to say that they are currently all healthy and enjoying the holiday.*
 - We are providing nutrition packages for our most vulnerable families, particularly our day care kids, to ensure they stay strong and healthy*
 - Teachers and day care workers are on extended leave, at least until after the Khmer New Year holiday, April 11th to 20th.*
 - Where possible, staff are working from home.*
- We all look forward to things getting back to normal.*

Here is the latest St Peters Rotary/AllKids update film. The Youtube link for the film is -

<https://youtu.be/SlfGCYpwdvg>

Please pass on my regards to the members and I hope everyone is staying safe and positive!

Kindest regards, Paul

Editor's note –

For future publications I will be grateful to receive relevant emailed contributions from anyone on our bulletin mailing list.

Keith Payne – Please email articles to - gkpaynerotary@gmail.com

Rotary Theme for April – Maternal & Child Health

The way Karma works



FIFTY WAYS TO BEAT THIS VIRUS

Stay away from the pack, Jack
Don't visit your Gran, Stan
Wipe down every toy, Roy
To keep virus-free
Don't hop on the bus, Gus
Don't listen to Don, Ron
Don't hoard the TP, Lee
Just stay virus free
Sneeze into your sleeve, Steve
Stop touching your face, Grace
Keep back to six feet, Pete
Heed the CDC
Just use the Purell, Mel
Keep wipes in your purse, Nurse
Take care of your stock, Doc
You need PPE
This isn't Spring Break, Jake
Stay home if you're sick, Dick
As COVID leaps, peeps
Just follow the rules, fools
And stay virus-free