





#### **INTERNATIONAL TOAST**



Today we toast the Rotary Club of Saratoga, California, USA. The club meets at 12:30 PM on Fridays. For the past two years, they have been a continuing presence at Martha's Kitchen, a soup kitchen in San Jose,

where members prepare food once a month. The club coordinated the \$95,000 purchase of a refrigerated box truck so the facility could collect perishables and goods donated by organizations such as the Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, a food bank that covered half the truck's cost.

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT – BARBARA LEDDY

As I have no speaker to comment on this week, I have decided to give an update on the recent Board Meeting to keep you informed. My synopsis is quite lengthy, but I think you will glean a lot about how the Board is working for you & the direction in which the Club is heading.

The meeting last Tuesday evening was held within a lively milieu with a robust discussion on a number of issues. Here is a synopsis of the major discussions:

- We have had an issue with getting information on to our website which Steve Knight has offered to resolve, so we can bring the site back to life. At the moment the space is sparse & uninteresting.
- One of our charter members Phil Breene, will turn 90 in November & we are looking at ways we might be able to celebrate with him. His mobility is failing but we are hoping we can find a way to be with him on his birthday. Russell is checking this out.
- Zanthia reported that the club Christmas Party will be on Dec 3 at a venue yet to be decided.

We had a successful recent dinner at China Sea Milton.

The Hamlin High Tea will be held at Margot's home on October 22 with last year's successful format including Duncan's spritzers!

 There was much discussion following Jane's Membership Report.
Jane & her team are looking at ways not only to increase membership but to retain members & increase attendance at meetings.

They would like to develop a satisfaction survey for future Boards to allow Club members to report the positives & negatives of Club life from their personal perspectives. The survey will need to be carefully designed& implemented.

reinvigorating the buddy system to ensure that new members are adequately supported& that current members stay connected.

The team discussed the idea of introducing Corporates to sponsor a staff member for a year. The cost would be approx. \$3000 per member.

They are also examining unique ways to attract younger members. The discussion will be held with those eligible members to determine the worth of some suggestions.

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Fellowship of Rotary we Give our thanks

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 Greg Beard (Youth) requested that we sponsor James Postle as a Leader of RYLA and also a participant in the upcoming program Olive Andrewartha from Kiribati, who is keen to transfer the knowledge she gains from the program to further support women & girls in her country. All agreed.

Greg, Bill & Wendy will spend time with the RYLA group this weekend. We send a big call out to Kym McCluskey for her unending passion towards the RYLA program & thank her for her efforts & hard work to make it successful. Well done Kym!

 Cindy (Marketing) advised that all was going well with Hot Air & that she would really appreciate more items & photos re current projects to add relevance. Barbara to contact members involved in/leading projects to provide updates for the website. Cindy is doing a great job with our Facebook page.

Cindy & Bryce are looking at developing business cards to be handed out to runners in the Park Run. This was approved by all.

Dylys (Program) is diligently working on some great speakers. Amongst the upcoming speakers, we have invited Roly Sussex to talk on behalf of the English Speaking Union & also a co-owner of Winx, the prize-winning race horse, to talk about the HorseRacing Industry. Her work is much appreciated.

 Bill Phillips reported on the progress of the Art Show which will take place in July 2003. We are joining with Brisbane Rotary Club & Paddington RC. This is a new threesome for us, so details have had to be made clear to all on the committee. We have Deb Le'Garde (Administration) John Leddy (Sponsorship) Margot Baillie (Opening night) & Angela Tillmanns (Co-Ordinator) together with Bill Phillips as part of the committee. The other committee members are made up from the other 2 clubs.

The committee has secured a venue & a probable Curator & progress is pleasing.

Bill & Greg Beard are pressing on with a Project for us to be involved in the Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards. Bill will update us with the progress of this project as it develops.

The Tanzanian Tour planning is all completed with 30 people involved in discovering our amazing work in Tanzania. We at home will look very forward to watching their great adventure. We wish you all well.

The Trifecta tickets are ready to go & will be distributed at our meeting on 29 September. The proceeds from the sales are committed towards funding our contribution to the Goodna Street Life air conditioners.

• Steve Knight & his Community Service Committee have been working hard on their mission to help Perpetrators of Domestic Violence in the community.

Steve gave acclaim to Bryce Davies for his work helping to reduce the problem of Domestic violence & his contribution to the committee.

Bryce is working on broadening the reach of his podcast 'Keeping your Cool'. He is also running Men's Walk & Talk sessions and hoping to involve Club Members.

He is also promoting the Stones Corner Park Run giving us the opportunity to hands on assistance to promote Rotary. We will hear more when the opportunities to become involved occur.

Lastly, the committee is looking at a way to run cooking classes for underprivileged members of society teaching them how to cook inexpensively & nutritiously. There is already a suitable venue &the means to make it happen. We will need as a Club to involve ourselves in this very worthwhile project. Hopefully, we'll hear more soon.



"If you could erase all your mistakes of your past, you would also erase all the wisdom of your present. Remember the lesson, not the disappointment"

### Up and Coming Guest Speakers Great opportunity to invite guests



#### Vivian Deus, Beyond St Jude's Manager

Vivian joined St Jude's in 2015, from Dar-es-Salaam where she is born and bred. She has a Bachelor Degree in Laws from St Augustine University and recently completed her Master of International Trade Policy and Law from Lund University in Sweden, under auspices of TRAPCA and ESAMI in Arusha. Fittingly, Vivian's favorite thing about St Jude's is the opportunity for endless learning – both for staff and students. In her free time, Vivian likes to travel, read and swim.

Vivian has been a key part of Beyond St Jude's (BSJ) team since the time she joined and helped their first Form 6 graduates during the inaugural Community Service Year (CSY).

Her role in the team is to help graduates during their CSY and give them guidance as they prepare for higher education, while also communicating with St Jude's supporters.

# **Rotarians Out and About**

Thanks to Bryce for organising Brisbane High Rise's involvement in this community event. Zanthia, Angela, and Bryce (plus Lucy and Molly) had a wonderful start to their weekend by volunteering at the Park Run at Stones Corner on Saturday morning. Arrived at about 6.45 am and all finished by 8.30.

The weather was perfect and runners/walkers enjoyed the icy poles provided by Bryce. While Park Run is on every Saturday, Brisbane High Rise has agreed to volunteer on the last Saturday of each month. It is a fun, easy, and enjoyable way to get the Rotary brand out into the community. There is excellent coffee close by.

If you are interested in getting involved, talk to Bryce. Angela, Zanthia, and Lucy intend on being regulars. It was great fun.



# **Update on Mamba School**

Sinks at the Mamba School are finally in operation!

Rotary Brisbane High-Rise commenced a journey with the Mamba school in 2010. It started with a Rotary trifecta raffle to raise enough funds to build a much-needed water tank. This meant the students didn't have to fill containers from a creek every day before school. This was just the beginning...

Over the next decade, we went on to build new classrooms and renovate others, build a new kitchen, toilet block, library, and assembly hall and connect power, as well as provide school resources, new jumpers, books, and stationery to all students. These improvements led to an incredible lift in education for the students and helped to give them the opportunity for a brighter future.





# **District News**

## Hamilton the Musical



## Hamlin High Tea



Walk for Mental Health

# **Rotary Conference 2023**



## **Rotary Parkrun**

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate - it's up to you!

A Google sheet is created for everyone who wants to volunteer.

Just go to the link (control and click) and add your name where you are willing to be involved - close (No need to save) and Bryce will let the park run organizers know you will be there.

Link to Google Sheet: <u>Roster for Rotary at Parkrun</u>



Helpful links to explain how to be involved: <u>https://www.parkrun.com.au/stonescorner/</u>

### **Behind the Scene**

The Scholarship Application Process at St Jude's



Every year, they invite thousands of talented candidates from government schools to participate in their scholarship application process. This year, the Form 5 scholarship exams took place on March 19th, and students came from Arusha, Kilimanjaro, and Manyara regions to take part in the exams. Some of these students come from desperately poor backgrounds and traveled up to four days before the actual testing day because they couldn't afford same-day transport.

The students achieving the required results on the day are shortlisted for the poverty assessment phase. Their poverty assessments consider both the financial and home situation of a student's family. St Jude's staff visits a student's home and conducts a house check to learn about the student's family and living environment. The house check ensures that the student is truly deserving of a place at St Jude's.

Tumaini, a student sponsored by the Philips and **Baillie** families, graduated from St Judes and has now been accepted to participate in the Beyond St Judes program and will be teaching in а government school next year in Arusha. Noela visited her family and received а very warm welcome and it must have been very emotional for them all. We Tumaini in hope to meet January when we do our club visit to St Jude's. Noela will share her wonderful experiences at St Jude's when she is our guest speaker later this year.