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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS WEEKLY BULLETIN

Presidents Report

What an interesting time coming up in the next two months. Following next week's guest speaker Ian Curry (Australian Shareholders Association), our attendance is required for the 2 weeks of golf (Masters and World Cup) at Royal Melbourne (no meetings). Roy is doing his usual exemplary job of organising the troops.

The golf is followed by the fundraising night (November 28) at Beaumaris Theatre. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee which centres on a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School with six quirky adolescents competing and run by three equally quirky grown-ups. (No meeting). Richard Jones is running with this project and is also doing an outstanding job to get us close to our goal numbers.

Then on Wednesday, December 4th the normal golf and BBQ traditionally held at VGC has been moved to Woodlands Golf Club in White Street, Mordialloc due to a clash of events at VGC (no meeting). This then leaves only one meeting, December 12th, before the Christmas party on the 19th and the end of year break.

Therefore, after next week a lot of information and requests to members will be via email. Various folk will need to know who is attending the two Sunday night dinners after the golf, playing, having dinner or both, at Woodlands and the number of members and partners attending the Christmas party. Please assist the organisers of these events with a prompt response.

November is also Foundation Month and on Tuesday, November 19th there is a District Foundation Dinner hosted by Rotary Club of Warrandyte where the Guest Speaker is Gary Huang RI President 2014-2015 who hails from the RC Taipei, Taiwan. Trish Smyth, Tony McKenna, Chris Darcy and I will be joining Martin Fothergill at this event. If other members are interested in attending please contact Martin.

If you read the Rotary Down Under magazine during the week, you'll have noticed an impassioned request for support from Laurie Waterston, President of the Rotary Club of Springwood. The recent fires destroyed 193 homes in the near vicinity to Springwood including the homes of two of the club's members. The Board has been requested to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the Bushfire Appeal in NSW through Laurie and the Springwood Club. David has reprinted the letter in full later in this edition.

Unfortunately John Van Dyk is unable to resume attendance in the immediate future and although he is excused under the 85 year rule it was agreed the best option would be to suspend John's membership for the future and allow him to apply to rejoin if his circumstances change in the future.

Martin, Susan, Greg and I met with Michelle Waddington from the Bayside Tourism Network and John Butler (event specialist) on Wednesday night to agree on an alternative event to replace Sculptures by the Bay. The concept preferred by all will now be converted into a proposal for submission to the Bayside Council on December

Next Meeting

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER

SPEAKER: IAN CURRY

TOPIC: THE AUSTRALIAN SHAREHOLDERS ASSOCIATION

CHAIR: TONY PHILLIPS

AV: ROSS PHILLIPS

CASH DESK: TONY MCKENNA & ANTHONY NIXON

HOST: RICHARD JONES

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

NO MEETING AS CAR PARKING FOR MASTERS GOLF

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

NO MEETING AS CAR PARKING FOR WORLD GOLF CUP

SERGEANT'S TOPIC

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION (AGAIN)

THIS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL YOU GET IT RIGHT!

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5th. Provided the Bayside Council supports the concept then a full feasibility study will be undertaken for the event which is planned for early 2015.

It was almost a case of who hadn't met our guest speaker John Capel last week. It seems that John knew most of the members and guests (some of whom came purely to hear him).

According to the Book of Lists, the Top Ten Human Fears are:
Speaking before a group
Heights
Insects and bugs
Financial problems
Deep water
Sickness
Death
Flying
Loneliness
Dogs

John certainly doesn't suffer from the number one fear and if he does, he certainly hides it well. Over the years he has competed in major public speaking contests, won state championships in both the Rostrum and Toastmasters organizations and on two occasions won the Gold medal for the oratory award.

He has taught numerous people how to speak in front of a group, and written many speeches for others, but retains fond memories from the two decades during which he taught public speaking to many of the Australian Exchange students prior to them going overseas.

John entertained us on Thursday night with an extremely interesting, insightful, factual and professional presentation. A good night with guests Lorraine Capel, Brian and Gillian Kimpton, Margaret Eves, Kathy Every, Pat Seager and Sue Mc all seen having a good time

Due to work commitments, Ken Mirams will be standing in for me this week and Tony Phillips is in the Chair.

See you at the golf,

Robert

Children's Festival Thank You

From: Donna L <donnal@chelt.com.au>
Date: 29 October 2013 1:34:55 PM AEDT
Subject: Children's Festival
Hi Chris & Adrian

I just wanted to thank you so much for Rotary Club of Beaumaris' involvement in our Children's Festival. The funding and volunteers provided for the day greatly assisted us in providing a free, quality event to our local community.

It was a fantastic day with so many families attending our



event, we estimate that there were over 350 kids that participated in our event.

The volunteers from Rotary, were so lovely and friendly and really added to the atmosphere of the day. So a big thank you to them all.

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I would really appreciate any feedback that you may have from the day.

Thank you Thank you Thank you!

Donna Lomagno
Events & Admin Coordinator
Cheltenham Community Centre



Beaumaris Theatre
Thursday 28 November 2013
Fundraising Event
\$30.00 a head
Cabaret Style Seating
BYO Drinks and Nibbles
Bookings – contact Richard Jones

Note; As part of our arrangement with Hocking Stuart discounts on agents fees are available to RCOB members.

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Hocking Stuart Sandringham
62-64 Station Street

Sabu Expedition 2013

At this time of the year, a foursome of our Club were once again visiting our friends on Sabu Island. John Manks, Geoff Stockdale, PE Ken Mirams and myself made their way via Bali and Kupang to the Island where our Club has a number of projects. The aim of this year's visit was again to follow up on work in progress and to determine future needs.

We found our friend Pastor Franz in good spirit and happy to see us again. He passes on his heartfelt thanks to all who donated funds for the Student support program managed by Geoff Stockdale. He also is very grateful for the three Laptop Computers we gave him on behalf of Members of our Club.

A special experience was when we handed out the soft toys to the students - the picture below reflects their happiness....

The trip has been a good opportunity for PE Ken to see and "feel" first-hand about the work done and still to be done by our International Services Team.

It has been a very successful journey thanks to the dedicated work of all involved. A special Sabu information meeting will be held early in the New Year.

Fred Hofmann

Four month old boy enjoys a happy ride on his horse (made by Maureen Flude).



Rotarians at work—John and Geoff checking out David Langworthy's septic tank design under construction



A happy Headmaster thanking RCOB for donating his new Residence



Pastor Franz with the new motorbike sponsored by members of RCOB



PE Ken with friends at a Teacher's Hostel sponsored by RCOB at a remote part of the island

Sabu students at Kupang University enjoy the soft toys given to them



Picture of a water filter unit - one of four donated by RC Feldbach and RCOB



This Week's Speaker; John Capel Topic; Public Speaking

John Capel comes to us after a long career in Banking and Finance and Human Resource Management. During the five years he lived in the Northern territory he was appointed Superintendent of the Kormilda Aboriginal College, south of Darwin.



He has spoken at numerous Service Club functions throughout the years as well as industry organizations and conferences throughout Australia.

In earlier days he competed in major public speaking contests, and won state championships in both the Rostrum and Toastmasters organizations, and on two occasions won the Gold medal for the oratory award. He admits that the skills he learned were enormously helpful to him throughout his business career.

He has taught numerous people how to speak in front of a group, and written many speeches for others, but retains fond memories from the two decades during which he taught public speaking to many of the Australian Exchange students prior to them going overseas.

In John's view while the fear of public speaking is in many people's eyes equal to the fear of drowning it can be taught; just like driving a car. And you cannot die from it!

He believes the main mistakes people make is being too lengthy, not of sufficient interest to the audience and getting carried away with the sound of their own voice (my interpretation Ed.).

He contrasts Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address of some 300 words taking a few minutes with Edward Everett's virtually forgotten preceding two hour oration of nearly 14,000 words.

To be a good public speaker you need to be sure that you keep your audience interested, offer information they did not know and have an impact that will cause them to remember what you have said.

John illustrated his principles by telling a story about the formative years of Beatles legends John Lennon and Paul McCartney; both of whom experienced the "loss" of their mother at an early age albeit in very different circumstances. This loss affected both of them but in very different ways.

John ultimately left his first wife Cynthia and son Julian, then aged five, the very same age at which he had been deserted by his Mother thereby acting exactly as his Father had before him.

Paul's attempts to connect with an image of his lost Mother eluded him for many years until she finally came to him in a dream. That dream became the basis of one of the Beatles most memorable songs, "Let it Be";

"When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be"

Meanwhile, had to sell even her most treasured mementos of her life with John, whom she still loved, so badly was she treated financially.

Latter on when a particularly sentimental letter from John to Cynthia re-emerged at auction, Paul bought the letter and returned it to Cynthia.

Ed. The above is a very abridged version of the story John told which did very much serve to illustrate his principles of good public speaking.



Getting into the Halloween spirit!

Rotary Letter on NSW Bushfires

NSW Bushfires - October 2013
To all Club Presidents

Fellow Rotarians,

Bushfires in the area of Springwood and the local environs have claimed 193 dwellings and many outbuildings and gardens since they started on Thursday 17 October. The total number of dwellings experiencing building damage has not yet been calculated but will be extensive. Two (2) of my Club Members has suffered complete dwelling loss and a number of others have suffered property and some degree of building damage. Some former Members of our Club have also been affected by this disaster.

The spirit of all Club Members remains high and many are providing ideas of activities which will benefit the Community at large. In the early stages of this disaster a number of my Members cooked and distributed food to the Police and other Service personnel at the Springwood Police Station. At the time the immediate scare subsides we will investigate other ways we can provide assistance. We know we will need to be around for the long term.

Many Clubs within and outside our District have offered financial assistance to my Club for distribution throughout our Community. Another Organisation has directed a large sum of money to my Club for distribution. The generosity of these offers of assistance has been overwhelming and gratefully accepted. Please be assured accounting of ALL monies received and distributed will be carried out to the highest standard possible and will be

transparent at all times. DG Graeme Davies has also set up an account for Clubs to contribute towards.

The support given to The Rotary Club of Springwood at this time is overwhelming and demonstrates the care all Rotarians share. To the people who have offered support to our Community in any way I say thank you. At this stage I cannot contact each of you individually so please accept this note as a sign of my Club's appreciation.

Today will be a testing time for us all. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. We must be thankful that despite the major property losses not life has been lost in our area. Someone is looking after us and needs to be thanked. Once again thank you for your support to date and I know many of you will continue with us on this long journey.

Yours in Rotary Service

Laurie Waterson
President
The Rotary Club of Springwood Inc
24 October 2013

HOW TO DONATE:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/Page/disaster-relief>

Next Jewelry Workshop

Tuesday 12 November 10am to 2pm

Susan De Bolfo's House – Unit 3, 134 Bignell Rd, East Bentleigh

BYO Lunch



Due to popular demand I will be holding another jewelry workshop.

For the more experienced ladies I will show you how to make a bracelet on stretchy cord.



For new starters we will start with a necklace and earrings.

Please let me know if you would like to come along as I can only fit 8.



If anyone has old beads at home they don't want please send to Susan De Bolfo as we can use to make new pieces. Please ask your friends and family as well.

CLUB STRUCTURE 2013 - 2014		UPDATED 4/11/2013	
		CLUB SERVICE	
President	Robert McArthur	Director	Ken Mirams
PE, VP	Ken Mirams	Auditor	Tony Phillips
Secretary	Roy Seager	Program	Greg Every
Treasurer	Malcolm Sawle	Meeting Attendance	Ken Mirams
Foundation	Martin Fothergill	Communications	David Lea
Membership & Marketing	Trish Smyth	Fellowship	Judi Hall
International	Fred Hofmann	Sergeant	David Hone
Youth Service	Rob Fenton	Photographer	Greg Every, John Beaty
Community	Adrian Culshaw	Almoner	Antony Nixon
Fundraising	Susan De Bolfo	Hosts & Cashiers	Roster
On to Conference	John Manks	Youth Protection Officer	Malcolm Parks
		New Visions	David Greenall
TEAM MEMBERS			
International	Community	Youth Service	Fundraising
Zillay Batool	Geoff Abbott	Kerrie Geard	John Beaty
Larry Jackson	Chris D'Arcy	Chris Martin	Heather Chisholm
David Langworthy	Richard Shermon	Mary Sealy	Roger Frewen
Geoff Stockdale	Geoff Stringer		Megan Glenwright
Ross Phillips	Tony Phillips	Golf	Mike Hede
Malcolm Parks	David Greenall	Jim O'Brien	David Rushworth
Tony McKenna		Roy Seager	Charmaine Jansz
		James Glenwright	Antony Nixon
	Membership and Marketing		
	Peter Flude		
	Richard Jones		

Wild Horses, France

Photograph by Marco Car-massi,

I've been a photographer for more than 25 years.

This is an image from my "Camargue Wild Horses" collection, composed of around 50 photos.

I took itduring my trip to the Camargue Nature Park, where I had the luck to shoot these wonderful animals in their natural environment.

