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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS WEEKLY BULLETIN

Presidents Report

Can you believe how quickly this year has flown? One more fun night before the break and then we are not back till the 15th January.

Chris D'Arcy is the newest member of the Centurion club and was presented with his certificate and badge on Thursday evening. Congratulations Chris.



At the last meeting Trish chaired a discussion on membership and there was certainly some interesting input. The need for this discussion is to ensure that we recognise the need to continuously seek new members to cover the natural attrition of around 10% per year. In other words we need four or five new members per annum. This is not an issue that is unique to this club; it is a problem faced by all volunteer organisations everywhere and is the major focus of Rotary International - President Ron Burton and District Governor Merv Ericson.

Interestingly, a recent membership article from District raised the following questions;

Do you have the right venue?

Do you meet on the best day and time?

Is the layout of our meeting room the best possible option?

Are our meetings interesting and run on time?

Should we review our ceremonial procedures?

Are we friendly to visitors? and

Do we have quality speakers

There is little doubt that we would rate highly in regard to our responses to these questions which would also be supported by the level of attendance at meetings.

So if our membership base is solid, if we have a strong and vibrant club with lots of activity, social gatherings, excellent community and international projects, great venue, (usually) relatively short meetings, little by way of ceremony and an excellent array of guest speakers – what is our problem?

Next Meeting



THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHAIR: PRESIDENT ROBERT McARTHUR

AV: CHRIS D'ARCY

CASH DESK: TONY McKENNA & ANTHONY NIXON

HOST: JUDI HALL

VGC, 6;30 FOR 7;00 PM

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

GOLF & BBQ

YARRA YARRA GOLF CLUB

567 WARRIGAL ROAD

BENTLEIGH EAST VIC 3165

DETAILS TBA

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

SPEAKER: JANINE CHUGG

TOPIC: BEAUMARIS THEATRE GROUP

CHAIR: HEATHER CHISHOLM

AV: GREG EVERY

CASH DESK: ADRIAN CULSHAW & MARTIN FOTHERGILL

HOST: DAVID GREENALL

VGC, 6;30 FOR 7;00

SERGEANT'S HOMEWORK TOPIC

SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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It may simply be complacency - until there is rash of departures as we have experienced recently and for a raft of different work and health related reasons.

Trish identified a number of initiatives that we can implement over the next few months to find new members and achieve our target of 50 members by the end of the year;

- Prepare a list of prospects from the traders and firms at the Concourse, Seaview, Key Street and Black Rock shopping centres and have members who know someone at these organisations to contact them.

- Have members who indicated (at this meeting) that they know of a potential member to bring them along to a meeting

- Send out a discussion paper to members on Corporate membership which, if acceptable to the membership, identify and approach potential corporate members.

- Ensure we have an article/details in the Bendigo Bank newsletter

- Utilise the sponsorship arrangement with Golden Days Radio to promote the Club

- Look for opportunities to meet with groups such as the Concourse Traders Association or the Fathers/Parents from local schools (remember Beaumaris North Primary or Community groups).

- Publish the program well in advance to ensure all members are aware of the diversified and interesting speakers upcoming who may be of interest to potential members.

Trish will prepare action plans in the New Year and publish the results of the two surveys that were distributed at the meeting. Good job Trish.

Tony McKenna was off on District duties last week, but had he attended he would have mentioned the 2014 Group Study Exchange. The incoming team is from District 6580 Indiana USA and arrive on 22nd February. District 9810 is responsible for providing residential home hosting for the team members and providing daily programs and vocational days.

The GSE committee is now taking applications from Rotarians who would like to host a team member for one week of the program. The team are scheduled to be in our Cluster area in week 2 of their visit which is from Saturday March 1 to Friday March 7. There will also be a GSE Cluster dinner on Tuesday March 4.

Please contact Tony McKenna if you are interested or require further information.

A reminder also that Adrian is looking for help with the Rickett's Point Dog's Breakfast on January 5 from 8am

Beaumaris Community Bank® Branch
 32 East Concourse
 Phone 9589 5366



until 10 am and a large number of volunteers on February 9 to assist with the barbeque at the Day on Oak Street.

See you at the Christmas party,

Robert

December 2013 - Xmas Hampers

Following a request from St Vincents De Paul, the Club have provided hampers for 6 disabled families living in Beaumaris. With bright festive colours and packed with goodies these are sure to spread some Xmas cheer! Many thanks to Heather and Megan for completing this activity.

Adrian

The top table pondering the nuances of attracting new members; very perplexing!



Seasons Greetings and our best wishes for the Festive Season!

Greetings

At this special time of the year Kay and I want to wish you a safe and peaceful festive season. May you enjoy the company of family and good friends and celebrate with much merriment. We can all look back on 2013 as a successful and fulfilling year in Rotary service. May 2014 bring even more great efforts.



Best wishes to all,

DG Merv and Kay
 Rotary International District 9810

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



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 62-64 Station Street

Rotary at a Glance

The following one page summary provides a useful information for discussing Rotary with prospective new members.

ROTARY AT A GLANCE

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

Rotary also offers expanded service opportunities including:

- **Interact**: a service organization organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs for young adults aged 12-18. There are more than 12,300 Interact clubs in 133 countries.
- **Rotaract**: groups organized by Rotary clubs to promote leadership, professional development, and service among young adults aged 18-30. There are more than 8,000 Rotaract clubs in 167 countries.
- **Rotary Community Corps (RCCs)**: groups of non-Rotary members who work to improve their communities. There are more than 7,500 RCCs in 80 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Membership Snapshot

Who: Rotary brings together the kind of people who step forward to take on important issues for local communities worldwide. Rotary members hail from a range of professional backgrounds; doctors, artists, small business owners and stay-at-home parents all call themselves Rotarians. Rotary connects these unique perspectives, and helps leverage its members' expertise to improve lives everywhere.

Where: From Haiti and Greenland to Nigeria and Singapore, Rotary unites a truly diverse set of leaders from across the world. Currently, the largest number of clubs comes from the United States, India, Japan and Brazil. The fastest growing Rotary regions include Southeast Asia and Africa.

What: Rotarians contribute their time, energy and passion to sustainable, long-term projects in local communities across the globe. Projects focus on important issues like peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and economic and community development.



Polio Eradication Rotary is close to eliminating the second human disease in history after smallpox, with a 99 percent reduction in polio cases worldwide since 1985, when Rotary launched its [PolioPlus](#) program. In 1988, Rotary spearheaded the creation of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) with its partners the [World Health Organization](#), [UNICEF](#) and the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Polio eradication remains Rotary's top priority. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries. Currently, Rotary is working to raise \$35 million per year through 2018 for polio eradication, which will be matched 2 to 1 by the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#).

CLUB STRUCTURE 2013 - 2014		UPDATED 4/11/2013	
		CLUB SERVICE	
<i>President</i>	Robert McArthur	<i>Director</i>	Ken Mirams
<i>PE, VP</i>	Ken Mirams	<i>Auditor</i>	Tony Phillips
<i>Secretary</i>	Roy Seager	<i>Program</i>	Greg Every
<i>Treasurer</i>	Malcolm Sawle	<i>Meeting Attendance</i>	Ken Mirams
<i>Foundation</i>	Martin Fothergill	<i>Communications</i>	David Lea
<i>Membership & Marketing</i>	Trish Smyth	<i>Fellowship</i>	Judi Hall
<i>International</i>	Fred Hofmann	<i>Sergeant</i>	David Hone
<i>Youth Service</i>	Rob Fenton	<i>Photographer</i>	Greg Every, John Beaty
<i>Community</i>	Adrian Culshaw	<i>Almoner</i>	Antony Nixon
<i>Fundraising</i>	Susan De Bolfo	<i>Hosts & Cashiers</i>	Roster
<i>On to Conference</i>	John Manks	<i>Youth Protection Officer</i>	Malcolm Parks
		<i>New Visions</i>	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		

A tent erected by Rotary District 3860 in the Philippines gives temporary shelter to typhoon survivors.

