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Tuesday 11th of February 2014 Volume 41 Number 32 President Mr David Ferres

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DATES IN RED/BOLD ARE PARTNERS NIGHTS

**RAFFLE PRIZES** – D. Ferres, J. Fletcher, J. Gander, R. Gilham

**BIRTHDAYS** - Anne Amos 15th February  Michael Jackomos 24th February

**ANNIVERSARIES**: Jim and Heather Tinney February the 14th, Ross and Pat Taylor 24th

**Rotary**

“Enjoy the ride”

Fun, fellowship and friendship combined into one giving spirit.
**Club Information:**

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**Not Able To Come? This is so important!**

Please advise apologies for meetings to John van Holsteyn on 9758 4699 or email retryment@bigpond.com

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**Note! Mondays before 10.00am.**

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**Welcome!**

Greeter for February Eric Thomas

Cashiers for February Jill Fletcher and John Van Holsteyn

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**Two course dinner $25.00 at the Dorset Gardens Hotel.**

Chronicle contributions and any articles of interest are invited from all members and persons that have an interest in the promotion of Rotary International.

Please email Richard at: pr/communications@rotarycroydon.org.au

By close of business Friday.
President’s Report

What a wonderful meeting on Tuesday the 4th of February. We had a good attendance which included partners, and a very special return by Clive Baum. We have seriously missed his contributions that were always there before his illness, especially in the fellowship area. It is just great to have you back Clive. On a sombre note, club member’s collectively wish to pass on to Sue Jonas their heartfelt thoughts in the sad passing of her mother. Sue has, in a relatively short time in Rotary, become a valuable and much loved member of our Rotary family.

The palpable excitement for the members was in the space of seven days we appear, subject to normal approval processes, have gained 2 new members. Club membership applications have been delivered to both and I can with great certainty indicate we will increase our numbers by two.

1) Dr Joy Varughese is a recently resettled Malaysian citizen now living in Croydon who comes with a very impressive profile of Rotary involvement in several Malaysian clubs over 36 years including GSE Leader. His working career was in agricultural science.

2) Rowan Cole is a 34 year old who was impressed in what he saw at his first Rotary experience. He currently works at management level in a fire services company and lives locally in Croydon. He tells me that in 2 days he has already almost organised a table for 10 for our fundraising Trivia night. Youth and enthusiasm is just great and almost certainly will provide encouragement for additional younger new potential members to follow.

Our guest speaker Geoff Shanks outlined how their group is achieving education reforms in Cambodian communities along very strict guidelines which ensure money raised in Australia provides payment for local people to advance their own cause in building and supplying new schools. Chairman Brian McDaid explained how his involvement has supported their cause.

As representing Croydon Rotary Club I have been invited to the sod turning of the new playground area in the Croydon Park on Friday the 14th of February at 10:30 am. As you know our club has committed $10,000 for this as a 40th year anniversary major project. There will be acknowledgement of our contribution on site.

Now for reminders

1) Trivia night March 1 – organisation of the tables of 10 are required now. I must make you all aware that we have created a lot of interest so to get a good Rotary representation you must all act now. Individuals will be welcome to sign up next meeting by paying $25 and registering.
2) Golf Day – Let us all support Tony by promoting participating in our golf day on March 6.
3) Concert – yes it is all happening. New Melbourne Jazz Band April 4 at 8pm
   Tickets $24.00 adult and $20.00 concession
   John Baldwin and Brian McDaid are in charge.

Don’t forget the big one. This is so close to my heart or should I say my bike seat.


As Brian McDaid would say “under my watch” it is a little disconcerting that the dress code of some our members has fallen below an acceptable level. We have experienced some extremely hot days and there is not an expectation that sports jackets should be worn. Let us wait till the cooler months. However it is expected that collared shirts that are suitable for the wearing of a tie, slacks and the appropriate footwear be worn. Last week the presentation of Joy Varughese’s manner of dress shone.

That’s it for today
David Ferres
President.

Joy presents David with his old clubs banner

Meredith Liddle, Brian McDaid & Geoff Shanks

Children of Cambodia
Children of Cambodia Foundation

Our Guest Speaker Geoff Shanks semi-retired after over 30 years with Vic Roads. Together with wife Pam they enjoy travelling especially to developing nations. As a result of some discussion with Meredith and Gary Liddle about their trip to Cambodia they felt they had to do something to help the children of Cambodia.

Together they created the Children of Cambodia Foundation in 2009 and started in a small way by taking holidays in Cambodia and going to markets to buy pencils, paper, exercise books etc and then visited the first school. Initially they were met with scepticism as most “charitable organisations enter with a bang, but walk away just as quick”. They however built up a relationship with the school and made local contacts including a driver, who help them in translation and delivery. Eventually they looked at supplying uniforms for the children as it is compulsory to wear a uniform to attend school.

It is extremely difficult for families to make ends meet let alone afford school equipment. The word soon spread through the local community and as their funds became larger they eventually expanded their assistance. They now have five schools that they assist with supplies to the children and as a result these children are now receiving a basic education.

For the children who live a distance away from the school it is difficult to travel to school so the Foundation started buying bikes and supplying these to the children.

The budget has now reached $30,000 per year and fundraising is done through trivia night, fetes and donations online. They have arranged a bike ride in Cambodia to take place later this year and the aim is to get 30 tourists to travel by bike and part of the deal is to raise $1,000 per rider.

Through a member of RC of Doncaster they were eventually put in contact with RC of Croydon. During discussions with members of the Board at the Foundation the RC of Croydon assisted by making the project part of their global projects and assist in the transfer of funds to Cambodia with the RC of Siem Reap.

Brian McDaid

Chairman, International Service

Rotary District 9810
Community for Community: Rotary Club of Croydon
Vision for 2014/2015

John van Holsteyn, President-Elect 2014/2015

For comment and feedback by all members

Without having a deep understanding of the inner workings of Rotary and Croydon Rotary Club specifically, and having an enormous amount of admiration for the achievements and drive of my predecessors, I hereby submit my vision of how we all might optimally work together and contribute to our community.

The initial vision will be sketchy without exact details of procedures and events; they depend on your input, insight, experience, and inspiration.

The one thing I am certain about is the continuation of the many good initiatives undertaken in recent years. Some of these might need to be reviewed on their execution; others may require new energy; yet others may need to be evaluated on their effectiveness in serving our community.

There are two sections to this proposal: The first part provides background and the thinking about the vision; the second part represents practical proposals.

Background and philosophy

The Rotary International organisation has signalled dramatic changes. For one, advertising is OK. We no longer have to work quietly in the background. This change in attitude is expected to bring in new members and increase the financial support from external foundations and companies, something in which our Club has already established a front-runner position. A further change in emphasis is the drive to a more equal gender representation. We as a club have to make sure that we provide the ideal climate to foster this. Against these changes, RI is painfully slow in adopting social media. Again, our club is ahead of many other clubs and we will continue to be leading the pack.
The theme “community for community” raises some points for discussion: firstly, how much of a community are we? With hindsight, I realise the importance of the almoner providing the glue that keeps the members interested and connected. I admit that as the attendance officer I missed the opportunity to take on this temporary vacancy last year. In my view, we cannot contribute to our community if we are not a close-knitted community ourselves, based on mutual respect and a willingness to listen (and of course also to speak!). The second point for consideration is: what determines our external community, and which groups or individuals should be prioritised to gain access to our resources? The last point addresses the interaction between the internal and external communities. Are there intermediate communities we can formalise?

Practical proposals

1. Creation of “Friends of Croydon Rotary Club”. Friends of Rotary groups seem to be more prevalent in country areas, although a handful of city clubs offer this option to people who are interested in Rotary, but cannot yet commit to becoming a full-time active member. Friends of Rotary may be willing to support our fundraising efforts or participate in events (e.g. golf day, concerts, trivia night). Target groups: sponsors, people on mailing lists, guest speakers, beneficiaries, past members.
2. More effective use of Rotary Club clusters.
3. Programs to balance our gender inequality.
4. Continuing cooperation with other local service groups (e.g. Lions, Rotoract, Probus)
5. Continuing active promotion of partnerships with local schools (e.g. Royall, speech competitions)
6. Theme for the year “community for community” to pervade all our activities, including concerts.
7. Regular (monthly) free forums with an option for attendees to enjoy a meal in the bistro before the meeting, for example:
   - July: Reaching out in the community
   - August: Life style/health
   - September: Positive psychology
   - October: Wine and food
   - November: Concert – f.e. love songs by local artists
     Semi-finals or final of 4-way test speaking competition
   - January: Travel forum: meaning in life, voluntourism, philanthropy, and retirement
   - February: Recycling, care for our planet.
     4-way speaking contest
   - March: Golf day
     Fun triathlon for older people, f.e. 20 attempts each in golf (putts), free throws (basketball), bowls (distance to jack)
   - April: Television/ movies/internet/social media
   - May: Australian stories; immigration; refugees

Please consider whether this vision has the potential to become a reality. I am looking forward to feedback of any kind that might lead to further discussions or additional proposals.

John van Holsteyn, president-elect 2014/2015
Highlights of the 2014 Rotary District 9810 Conference, Bendigo

Where: All Seasons Resort
171 – 183 McIvor Road
Strathdale (five minutes’ drive east of Bendigo)

When: Golf / Bowls Day – Thursday, 20 March, 2014
Conference – Friday, 21 March to Sunday, 23 March, 2014

What:
Thursday, 20 March
- Golf Day from 12:00 noon
- Bowls Day from 12:00 noon
- BBQ dinner and presentation following Golf and Bowls
- Competitions at Bendigo Golf Club from 6:00pm.

Friday, 21 March
- Registration desk opens from 12.00 noon
- Opening Ceremony at 7.00pm for 7.30pm
- Opportunity for fellowship and supper provided after conclusion with drinks available at bar prices during supper.

Saturday, 22 March
- Plenary sessions begin at 9.00am
- Morning tea and lunch provided
- One Golden Night Gala Dinner from 7.30pm at All Seasons Resort

Sunday, 23 March
- Plenary sessions begin at 9.00am
- Morning Tea provided
- Conference closes at 1.00pm with a boxed lunch to follow

For any further information please check out the website at:

Or contact:
WJ Cornelissen, Conference Chair on
Mobile: 0419301472
Email: w.cornelissen.rotary@gmail.com

Rotary
Speakers

From car bombings to meeting Yasser Arafat and making it to the summit of Mount Everest, Mark 'Squiz' Squirell has experienced more than many can dream about. When he headed to the East Timor Crisis in 1999 he was setting out on the adventure of a lifetime. It was a journey that would see him navigate some of the globe’s most brutal war zones to deliver emergency aid and conquer the world’s tallest mountain. More...

Ian Harper is one of Australia’s best known economists. He has worked closely with governments, banks, corporates and leading professional services firms at the highest level. As a member of the celebrated Wallis Inquiry, he was at the forefront of financial market reform in Australia. Ian is often asked to comment on economic and financial issues in the media and is sought after as a public speaker. Ian has been described as “one of those relatively rare academics who can communicate extremely well with both the business community and the academic community”. More...

Dr Ian Carlisle has been involved with Interplast since 1983 as a volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeon, a Board member since 2006 and is Country Coordinator for Indonesia. Ian’s commitment to improving health systems in Indonesia is paramount, cemented through his voluntary assistance following the eruption of Mount Merapi, the Bali bombings and the bombing of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta. He greatly values the integral part that Rotarians have made and continue to make to Interplast in its mission to repair bodies and rebuild lives. The challenge of change is not new to Ian. More...
On to Conference Bendigo

Friday March 21 to Sunday March 23, 2014

Please inform Ross Taylor if you plan to go or are considering attending District 9810 Conference in Bendigo so that the appropriate accommodation can be arranged.

Reasons for going to Bendigo

A great opportunity to meet other Rotarians, people with similar ideas and wishes

A fun weekend

Listen to great speakers

Learn about what Rotary is doing in other Clubs, at a District level and Internationally

Much more information is available from http://2014conference.9810rotary.org.au
DISTRICT 9810 CONFERENCE

The next District 9810 Conference will be held in Bendigo in March 2014.

Please refer to the following web page for more detailed information:

http://2014conference.9810rotary.org.au

I am making enquiries about accommodation therefore would appreciate an indication if you are planning or considering to attend.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about District 9810 and Rotary in general. Please give serious consideration to attending.

To check out the Rotary Fellowships available do the following:

Open Croydon Rotary Web Page ➔ Links ➔ District 9810 ➔ Club and District Operations ➔ International Service ➔ Goodwill and Fellowship Programs

Ross Taylor

Our “Royall Family”
25TH ANNUAL

CHARITY GOLF DAY

THURSDAY 6th MARCH 2014
Dorset Public Golf Course, Trawalla Rd, Croydon (Melway Ref. 51 D6)

A SOCIAL AND FUN DAY FOR MALE & FEMALE GOLFERS OF ALL STANDARDS

ENTRY FEE OF $50.00 PER PLAYER
includes green fees and lunch from 12 noon.

Shotgun Start at 1.00 p.m.
Refreshments available all day on the course.

PRIZES WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE WINNERS OF:
Ambrose Competitions, Non Handicap Events
Teams Events & Novelty Events

ENTRIES CLOSE ON
THURSDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2014
(Earlier if maximum numbers are reached).

SEE OVER FOR ENTRY FORM

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A unique school that maximises individual strengths and abilities of children living with a moderate to severe disability

The school will be hosting a Trivia night on the 1st of March. The Trivia night will raise funds to build an interactive outdoor learning space that caters for the sensory and recreational needs of students.

Croydon SDS is the only school in Maroondah that specifically caters for the learning needs of students with Disabilities. Your participation will make an enormous difference to the daily lives of young people who live with a disability in your immediate locality.

The school is seeking support from community organisations and local business.

We aim to raise in excess of $7000. There will be seating for 300 people with tables of 10 and 12 available at $25
per head.

This will be a major community event and will be publicised widely through Rotary, Lions, Rotaract, the Maroondah Council and other organisations.

Please consider supporting this event by making a donation or getting a group of people together for a fun filled night of entertainment.

**Trivia Night 1st March 2014**

The Trivia Night is shaping up to be a great evening. We will be holding a silent auction and a normal auction on the night. Whilst we have a team combined with ourselves, Lions, Rotaract and the school, if you the members, could also source some products and services for the auctions it would be appreciated.

**Why don't you come and Engage Rotary and Change Lives?**

*It might just be your life that will change.*

"Enjoy the ride"

Are you interested in becoming a member of Rotary Club of Croydon? Membership will expand new horizons for you. Give David a call on 039 725 1899  Email president@rotarycroydon.org.au