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President 2019/20 – Eric Thomas

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Standard meeting venue and time: Dorset Gardens Hotel, 335 Dorset Road, Croydon
6:00 pm for 6:30 pm start, unless otherwise specified.
Meal following meeting at Dorset Gardens Bistro.

DATE	Tuesday 4th February 2020.
SUBJECT	Re-imagining a club's future.
SPEAKERS	Lance Deveson from the Rotary Club of Boronia.
DATE	Tuesday 11th February 2020.
SUBJECT	Business meeting followed by Board Meeting.
DATE	Tuesday 18th February 2020.
SUBJECT	No Meeting. Replaced by theatre night on Friday 21 st February
DATE	Friday 21st February at The Basin Theatre
VENUE	The Basin Theatre, corner of Doongalla Road and Simpsons Road, The Basin, Vic 3154 [Melway Ref: 66A6]
SUBJECT	'Death Knell' a thriller by James Cawood.
DATE	Tuesday 25th February 2020, at Chirnside Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park VIC 3116.
SUBJECT	Cluster Dinner
DATE	Tuesday 3rd March 2020
SUBJECT	Planning for the Golf Tournament.
DATE	Thursday 5th March 2020
SUBJECT	Rotary Club of Croydon & Montrose, CHARITY GOLF FUNDRAISER at the Dorset Golf Club.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (Contd.)

DATE	Tuesday 10 th March 2020
SUBJECT	TBA
DATE	Tuesday 17 th March 2020
SUBJECT	Business Meeting and Board Meeting
DATE	Saturday & Sunday 21 st – 22 nd March 2020 at Echuca Moama.
SUBJECT	District 9810 District Conference.
DATE	Tuesday 24 th March 2020
SUBJECT	TBA
DATE	Tuesday 31st March 2020
SUBJECT	Annual Croquet Challenge with the Rotary Club of Lilydale.
VENUE	Croquet Club of Lilydale, Market St, Lilydale VIC 3140
DATE	Sunday 19th April 2020
VENUE	Potters Receptions, 321 Jumping Creek Road, Warrandyte, Vic [Melway Ref. 35J1]
SUBJECT	Fashion Parade.
DATE	Tuesday 28 th April 2020
SUBJECT	Membership Development

A reminder to all members: - If you are unable to attend any Tuesday night meetings, the Club protocol is to notify Jean Stuart.

(except for those with special circumstances who instead advise when they will be attending)

MEMBERS' CORNER

It is the responsibility of each member to inform the club if they are unable to attend any Tuesday meeting, OR if they are bringing partners / guests to a meeting.

Please notify Jean Stuart on 0416 036 489 or at jeanieos007@gmail.com before 10:00 am on Monday

Greeter for February : VIV BAUM

Warm Birthday wishes to all those celebrating their special day during February.

Tad Jung 17th February

Dawn Anderson 23rd February

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

By emailing

president@rotarycroydonmontrose.org.au

By close of business on Friday.

Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build good will and better friendships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

MEMBERS' CORNER (contd.)

Ian Cumming has had another setback (with yet another week in hospital due to the recurrence of the infection in his foot. He's being treated with antibiotics, rest and will continue to wear the boot until the skin heals and thickens enough to bare weight.

I'm sure, while housebound, Ian would appreciate a visit now and then from any member who may have a spare half hour or two. Hang in there Ian and we look forward to seeing you back at Rotary sometime in the future.

At our last meeting it was mention that **Sue Jonas** is to have more medical treatment and we wish her well as she goes through some hard times. Stay strong Sue. Our prayers are with you.

Marlene Sinclair was also mentioned at our last meeting. Marlene was at a fundraiser and unfortunately hit her head due to a fall and is taking it easy for a few days to recuperate. We all know how hard that will be for her (to rest up) and I wish her a speedy recovery. Enjoy your book Marlene.

Dawn Anderson has also been having a hard time on and off due to pain in the neck (no, not John) and constant vertigo that will not go away. We keep you in our thought too, Dawn.

If there are others whom I have missed, I do apologise but I can only report on those I know about. If you know of someone who is in need of a call or visit, please let me know and I will get in touch with them.

Regards,

Viv Baum
Almoner

President's Report: 04-02-2020



Last Tuesday, with the use of overheads, Stephen gave a presentation on the district conference to be held at Moama/Echuca on 21st/22nd March 2020. As usual Stephen's presentation was of a very high standard and contained good detail.

Following the printing and the initial distribution of fliers, planning for our Golf Day on Thursday 5th March 2020 has intensified. Volunteers are required to follow up sponsors and players prior to the event. Volunteers are also required on Wednesday afternoon/evening at the Dorset Golf Club to help set up prior to the event as well as on the Thursday. Please contact Stephen with your offers to help.

I will be attending the Yarra Ranges Maroondah, Presidents Cluster meeting on Monday, and scheduled to attend a meeting of the Montrose Men's Shed on Tuesday and attending the meeting with Helping Hand on Wednesday.

There will be a cluster meeting on the 25th February for **members and partners** and will be held at the NEW Chirnside Country Club. This will be a dinner meeting and the guest speaker will be from 'Wheelchairs for Kids'.

The 2020 National Youth Science Forum in Canberra was forced to close prematurely due to the smoke impact of bushfires near the ACT resulting in the closure of ANU facilities and accommodation. This has resulted in additional expenses and outgoings not covered by insurance.

D9810 Youth Service "**Showcase and Sign-Up Seminar**" is to be held on Friday 14th February. There will be a ten-minute presentation on MUNA, RYPEN, NYSF, YEP and RYLA followed by questions and answers and then to sign up your club to the 2020 programs.

Regards,

Eric Thomas

The Value of Rotary Volunteering

Have you ever wondered about Rotary's collective effort and global impact? A special report prepared by the Johns Hopkins Centre for Civil Society Studies found that Rotary members had volunteered a total of 5.8 million hours within a four-week survey period. Extrapolating those results over an entire year, the report gave a conservative estimate of nearly 47 million hours of volunteer effort generated by Rotarians in a typical year.

General Secretary John Hewko said, "This is just the beginning of using the most innovative tools of measurement to capture and enhance our impact." Download the full report [The Impact of Rotary Volunteering --- 47 Million Hours a Year and Counting](#) to learn more about the top ten findings and view visual data and infographics on Rotary's global impact. Don't forget to share this new report with clubs as they connect with prospective members and talk to them about the benefits of joining Rotary's network of volunteers.



The five Rotary Clubs of East Gippsland have come together, forming a Fire Aid Committee, in preference to each club working on their own with possible double up. We are a greater force as one collective.

100% of all funds raised will be used to benefit the East Gippsland Community and individuals, that have been impacted by this fire disaster, through no fault of their own.

Money raised will be divided into the following categories;

1. Hay/Fodder/ fencing, many land-owners have insurance for their fencing and only require volunteers to assist with cleaning of fence lines. Others will require hay / fodder for their livestock, this we are presently assisting with.
2. Money vouchers, to allow people to purchase new items they can determine for themselves within the local area, returning dignity and independence to the survivors. A knock- on effect to the local retailers will occur, placing money into local businesses which have been hit hard by the loss of the peak holiday season trading.
3. There is also an emergency fund, this is for items that sit outside the above two categories and are deemed to be having a great impact on a community or a family and need urgent action e.g. fuel for a truck load of hay / fodder to be transported into the area.
4. Community BBQ's and working Bee's will be organised to assist and support small communities to reconnect with neighbours that may have had to find temporary accommodation outside their local area & support network.

Rotary is a worldwide not for profit organisation, where the Local Rotary Community works alongside the Local Communities

Yarra Ranges Rotaract

Saturday 29th February 2020

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DATE

LAWNBOWLS

29TH FEB 2020



Come join us for lawn bowls on Saturday 29 February, where we are raising funds for polio. More details to come in the new year!

Posted on **January 29, 2020** by **Rotary International**



Martin Postic Jr.

By Martin “Marty” Postic Jr., past governor of District 5750 and a member of the Rotary Club of OKC Sunrise, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA

In our contentious society, I see friends who are members of Rotary use **The Four-Way Test** to support opposing political and social arguments and to criticize the thoughts, statements, and actions of others. I see members with completely opposing viewpoints use the same Four-Way Test to both support their argument and demean others. Rotarians and others are using all forms of social media to share their opinions about perceived violations of The Four-Way Test, causing others to pile on additional comments and insults, all with little thought to how this affects our public image.

Which leads me to this basic premise:

The Four-Way Test is a mirror, not a window

Rotary members should not use The Four-Way Test to look at others but rather to look at themselves in considering the ramifications of a thought, statement, or action. It should not be a *window* through which we look to judge others. It is a *mirror* at which we look to judge ourselves.

The argument I’ve heard Rotarians make is that if they determine some thought, statement, or action violates any part of the test, it is their duty to declare that thought, statement, or action wrong. I have heard The Four-Way Test used to support any number of topics, some which readers would find hard to support. Yet through the Internet, one can cobble together any sort of argument to back any thought or concept with a plethora of “facts.”

I do not believe that is what The Four-Way Test is about. I believe the test is more about how we treat each other than how we measure ideas.

Of course, it is a challenging standard. It’s difficult to keep from **thinking** something. But what is more important is how you act on that thought. If you **think** to yourself, “I don’t like this person,” it becomes a matter of what you **do** with that thought. You can try to dispel it as well as any urge to take some negative action to satisfy your dislike of the person. You can also decide whether you **say** something to that person or tell others what you think.

This is where social media distorts things, because society now seems to embrace negative, vitriolic, or fake comments – as long as the comments agree with our own views. Posting such comments even in the name of The Four-Way Test is certainly not FAIR to all concerned and definitely does not build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS.

This brings me to the realization that using The Four-Way Test to argue political and social issues is in itself contrary to the test. We must never use the test to support a position while opposing or berating someone else’s position. We should not use The Four-Way Test to support or oppose contentious “hot button” issues, to comment on political discord, or to respond to another’s comment.

We need to **teach** The Four-Way Test to all of our friends. We don’t need to **preach** it. Rotary takes pride that it is a non-political, non-religious organization. That has allowed us to make inroads in parts of the world where governments and religious organizations can’t. Let’s not sully Rotary’s reputation by using these 24 words of ethical and moral thought to tear each other down.



Made up of men and women across all vocations and cultures,

Rotary continues to make an impressive impact. Are you:

- Keen to help others and want to make a difference?
- Seeking more meaning and purpose in your life?
- Looking for ways to help your community?
- Want to be part of a worldwide network for good?
- Interested in a Corporate Social Responsibility program in which your company can participate?

Volunteering with Rotary can provide you with a great work life balance. It's an opportunity to extend your life experience and business skills, to benefit your local community and the wider world.

- It provides a bridge from your working and home life – to meet and network with other business and community people
- Ongoing personal development
- Grow your understanding and knowledge
- Open to both men and women
- Make a new extended network of friends
- Weekly contact opportunities
- Links to a vast international network
- Provides a pathway to do good in the world

The impact our members make takes shape at our Club meetings and activities. These gatherings allow you to join other passionate, visionary people to discuss and act upon community needs.

Rotary Club meetings are also a place to strengthen connections to friends and neighbours and form meaningful relationships that last a lifetime.

Club Information

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