



# ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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## A Message from the President

Cup Day is over and the Spring Racing Carnival has ended but the Rotary year is galloping on. November is here already and with November comes Rotary Foundation month. To all of you who tried to back a winner in the Cup race and lost, you would have been far surer of backing a winner if you had donated your money to the Rotary Foundation. To those of you who backed a winner you could have done this and helped others in the meantime by backing the Polio Eradication fund or by joining the Centurion Club- Every Rotarian Every Year- because the Rotary Foundation is a real winner. Your race money is soon gone but the work of the Foundation lives on. With an annual donation of \$100 you can become a Centurian and with a donation of \$10, possibly the amount of a small bet on a cup horse, ten children can be immunised against Polio.

In our last bulletin, Editor Peter reported in a very informative article on the Foundation Seminar and about some of the wonderful projects being undertaken by the Rotary Foundation worldwide. Many of our newer club members may not know much about the Foundation which was formed in 1917 by the then Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph to “render some great educational service to mankind”. He successfully proposed the creation of an “endowment fund for Rotary for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational and other avenues of community progress”. The first contribution of US\$26-50 was received in 1918 and by 1928 the fund had grown to US\$5739-07. The first grant of the Foundation was made in 1930 when US\$500 was granted to the International Society for Crippled Children. Although the Foundation, which at first was modest, fell into difficult times during the thirties it continued to persevere and thankfully has become the great organisation it is today. Without the vision and determination of people like Arch C. Klumph and the Rotarians of the past we would not have the wonderful programs of today - programs such as Polio Plus, Group Study Exchange (GSE), Rotary Scholarships, Ambassadorial Scholarships and Matching Grants.

Polio Plus is the number one program until Polio is eradicated throughout the world. Ambassadorial Scholarships provide students with a scholarship to study and serve overseas as ambassadors of good will to improve international understanding. Group Study Exchange (GSE) enables an exchange of teams of outstanding young business and professional non -Rotarians between countries. It provides the opportunity for observing another country and its people and promotes international understanding. Matching Grants provide matched funds to support international humanitarian service projects through a Rotary District in another country.

In February next year the six clubs in our Cluster, Whitehorse Cluster five, will be combining with the clubs in Cluster six which is the Manningham Cluster to host a dinner to welcome the incoming Group Study Exchange team from Turkey and to recognise the outgoing team to Turkey from our District. Please keep Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010 free for this important event.

The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.

Yours in Rotary,

*Tom Thorpe*

To start our reading after the Cup break, and to add a little lightheartedness into our lives, let me cite the following piece which was submitted to me by David Tolstrup.....Thanks David.

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. (American Association of Retired Persons). One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favorite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used:

*(Sing It!) - If you sing it, it's especially hysterical!!!*

**Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favorite things.**

**Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.**

**When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.**

**Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.**

**Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favorite things.**

**When the joints ache, When the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.**

**(Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.**

**That should put us all into the right frame of mind to read yet another Bulletin.**

### **LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

In opening last week's meeting, Sergeant Kath asked Clive Nicholson to lead with Rotary Grace and the Loyal Toast.

Kath then introduced President Tom who welcomed our Guest Speaker – Geoff Crawford, and those present for our meeting. Tom also invited members of the Membership Committee Joe Mardjetko, David Tolstrup of an up-coming meeting to be held at The Mulgrave Country Club on Friday, November 27 which has been arranged by District to discuss Membership. Other members of the Club who also wish to attend the meeting are welcome – please see Tom for details.

Tom also reminded members there is no meeting next Tuesday – Melbourne Cup Day, and the next Club meeting will be on Tuesday November 10, and there will be a Board Meeting which will follow the meeting.

President Tom then handed the conduct of the meeting over to Ray McLeod-Dryden who was Chairman for the evening.

Chairman Ray asked for Secretary's reports, and as there were none, he called on Committee Chairmen for reports.

### **Open Gardens Program – Robert Leach**

Robert reported on behalf of Geoff Iles the Open Garden week-end generated \$504 for the Club, and thanks were expressed to Geoff Iles for making his home available and to Joe and Melissa Mardjetko and the many Rotarians who assisted over the week-end.

### **Whitehorse Farmers Market – Colin Johnson**

Colin reminded members the next Farmers Market is being held on **Sunday – November 8**, and a roster was circulated to enlist the support of volunteers for the event.

### **Australian Rotary Health – Bruce McKenzie**

Bruce drew member's attention to last week's bulletin where the details of the Christmas Cards offered for sale by Australian Rotary Health could be found. All cards are priced at \$10 for 10 cards and envelopes. Supplies are now available from Bruce. Corporate buyers can also have the cards over-printed, if required. Talk with Bruce for the details.

### **District Conference – February 2010 at Geelong**

Bruce now has the registration forms and those members who indicated initial interest in going to the Conference, Bruce has brought forms for you this evening. Any other members wishing to go to The District Conference and learn about what Rotary is doing should see Bruce for an application form.

### **Geoff Swain – Christmas Puddings, Cakes and Shortbread Biscuits**

Geoff prepared Order forms for the various tables and asked members to order their requisites as soon as possible. Our Order will be processed through The Rotary Club of Nunawading (as usual).

Other items of interest to members are the Sale of Mince Pies – Rotary Club of MASH. A copy of their flyer is re-produced as an attachment to this bulletin.

On a completely different topic, is a letter received from the Secretary of The District Youth Exchange Committee – Stuart McDonald, which seeks expression of interest from Clubs to participate in the Youth Exchange Program – as hosts of incoming students, and in having our Club participate in having students travel overseas as part of the YE program. It is some years since our Club has participated in the YE program, and since our last exchange students were amongst us, we have recruited a number of new members and the time may be upon us when we should consider this great International Program.

We are fortunate to have in our Club Sue Bishop who has recently finished her 'tour of duty' on the Youth Exchange Committee for the District, and whilst not a current serving member of the District Committee this year, I am confident that Sue would be only too happy to discuss the pros and cons of becoming involved with the Youth Exchange Program.

Have a think about it, and then have a talk with Sue. Maybe the time is ripe again for Our Club to be involved with the YE program. The material from Stuart McDonald is attached to this bulletin.

We have also been circularized by the Rotary Club of MASH to support their sale of Mince Pies – see later in this bulletin for details.

### **Community Advice Bureau – Weekly Donations – Carol Pawsey**

Carol again asked members to make their \$2 weekly *donation* to the CAB using the Rotary Wheel at the Registration desk to do so. Carol also reminded members of the up-coming GIFTS FOR CAB patrons which will be finalized early in December. Please Note **GIFTS SHOULD NOT BE WRAPPED.**

### **Sergeant Kath Binns**

Chairman Ray then called on Sergeant Kath. First fines were levied on Ray McLeod Dryden and Vincent for the excellent work they did in arranging the recent Mental Health Forum in Box Hill. Next – all members who attended (and enjoyed) the evening to the musical South Pacific. Members going to the Melbourne Cup were also fined. Greg Paine – an overseas tax prior to his up-coming trip to Bali. (No Rupiah thanks Greg). Melissa Mardjetko as she found her Rabbit. Secretary Tim for his Haircut. (Don't worry Tim – there's only about 2 weeks between a bad one and a good one!). Newly anointed Grandfathers – Bruce McKenzie and Peter Cummins were fined. George McLean and David Tolstrup were fined for Partners' Birthdays. John Booth, Clive Nicholson and Geoff Swain for Club Induction Date fines.

## LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

In introducing Geoff Crawford from the Victoria Police to address the meeting on the work of Forensic Accountants in The Victoria Police Department, Chairman Ray McLeod Dryden briefly spoke of Geoff's background. Geoff lived in South Australia and was a member of The Rotary Club of Adelaide, before moving to Melbourne. Geoff is an accountant, and works with a talented team of professionals in reviewing crime from an accounting perspective.

Geoff opened his address by advising his role was to bring together materials which would assist the prosecution case in bring to justice those found to be working outside the law. His work was widely diversified, and the focus was to ensure that perpetrators of crime did not benefit from the proceeds of that crime. His work brought him into contact with several branches of the Police Force, not only the Fraud Squad, but other branches as well. His work looked into money laundering, and tracing the proceeds of organized crime, with the clear understanding that people who commit crime should not benefit from it. Criminals were getting smarter, even seeking advice from solicitors and accountants on the best ways to run their illegal businesses and to endeavour to reap the benefits derived from their illicit transactions, even if the offenders are subsequently caught, they endeavour to set up defences with the help of their specialist advisers to minimize their jail time.

It was the work Geoff was involved in which is aimed at thwarting criminals, and to track the money trail and to discover where the proceeds of crime have been stashed or spent. The work undertaken by Geoff's team was time consuming and sometimes tedious making sure that all evidence collected could be used in a positive way to support the prosecutor's case when the criminals were brought before the courts.

Geoff's team would often accompany police in a raid and whilst the police officers were arresting the criminals, Geoff's team would be gathering evidence from computers, files etc, all aimed at making the prosecution case. Having accumulated the evidence, Geoff and his team were often called on by the Courts to provide 'Expert Evidence' on the materials they had collected, and the detail of what their

investigations had uncovered. There was quite often a lengthy period of time would elapse between criminals being apprehended, and the case coming before the courts.

The recent article in The Age newspaper highlighting the percentage of the Charity Dollar being retained by the organizing agencies, highlighted another problem with raising money. Often people on the streets would not ask for a cash donation, but would ask for credit card details so a longer term giving program to the charity could be established. Geoff issued a warning at this stage, and it was NEVER give credit card, or banking details to ANYONE, unless one is CERTAIN of the bona fides of the transaction. Credit card skimming, where typically details of card and pin numbers are obtained, are then used to illegally access persons bank accounts, and/or be used to set up an identity fraud situation where a person's identity is 'stolen', unauthorized credit and/or bank transactions are undertaken, to the detriment of the original credit card holder. Recovery from Identity Fraud can take years to re-establish credit worthiness, and lines of credit.

It was recommended for those of us who use ATM's that one should keep an eye on the surrounding area whilst making transactions and take note of persons in the immediate vicinity to avoid being mugged and money stolen.

Geoff also said he had investigated a number of instances where Investment Advisors had ripped off elderly persons when dealing with their investment portfolios. Actions like dividends not being passed on, the diversion of expected funds from the sale of assets etc - these were all types of fraud, and we all should be alert when dealing with financial transactions.

One of the most unusual cases Geoff was involved in concerned an Arts Society at a University where an artist had prepared a mural using bank notes. At that time there was a statute on the books regarding the mutilation of the currency. The artist was cutting up the bank notes to make the mural. It was an offence then, but now the mural could be constructed without prosecution if the Attorney Generals permission had been sought to so mutilate the

currency. Another unusual case was the one investigated by the Fraud Squad, where a minister had continued to perform weddings, after his removal from the ministry. He 'Just liked performing wedding's' he is alleged to have said as his defence. He served 18 months in the Goulburn Jail for his offences.

In finishing his dissertation, Geoff pointed to the fact that homicides, extortion, white collar crime, whilst not entirely thought of as coming under the jurisdiction of his department, these were increasingly becoming of interest to his team. With the charter to 'follow the money trail', all types of crime were coming under notice.

The team in the Victoria Police were a very professional and proficient at what they did, and have been called upon to assist the Australian Taxation Office and The Australian Federal Police with investigations, but always with the view of discovering transactions, following the money trail, maintenance of

evidence, so that at the end of the day the prosecution case in any trial in which they are involved will be successful.



Chairman Ray McLeod-Dryden thanks Guest Speaker Geoff Crawford – Forensic Accountant.

In thanking Geoff, Ray presented him with a small gift as a memento of his visit with us.

Ray then asked the Fundraising Chairman – Joe Mardjetko to conduct the raffle, which was won this week by Peter Cummins, with 37.

Ray than asked President Tom to resume the chair. Tom thanked the Guest Speaker, Geoff, and reminded all Board Members of the meeting on November 10.

#### ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	26
Club Members:	25
Partners:	Nil
Visitors & Visiting Rotarians:	Nil
Guest Speaker:	1 – Geoff Crawford – Victoria Police
Apologies:	Sue Bishop, Lloyd Cranwell, Steve Dardamanis, David D'Silva Rae Harding, Geoff Iles, Clem Joyce, Ross McPhail, Mick Matthews, Ray Riehm, Geoff Weeks.
Leave of Absence:	Nil
Make ups:	Nil

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## NOTICEBOARD – MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

On the basis we all lead very busy lives, I have added a new page to The Bulletin. Members are welcome to send me details which involve their committees, activities, meetings or whatever, and we will publish them here. Call it Classified Adds if you like.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – FEB 2010  
See Bruce McKenzie for Details

CHRISTMAS CAKES, PUDDINGS &  
SHORTBREAD BISCUITS. See Geoff  
Swain to order your needs.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – CORPORATE  
OR PRIVATE. See Bruce McKenzie \$10  
per pack of 10 Cards. Stock available  
NOW.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AT MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB –  
Tuesday November 17 at 5a Hartnett  
Close, Mulgrave 7.30pm Start.

WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET  
on Sunday November 8. Great produce  
and a fundraiser for our Club.  
Neighbours and friends most welcome.

CHRISTMAS MINCE PIES ON  
SALE FROM MASH. See Geoff  
Swain to place your order. \$15 per  
dozen

EVOLVE Youth Program at TYPO  
STATION – AFTERNOON TEA  
WITH RAY MARTIN IN  
SHEPPARTON - \$25 per ticket from  
info@evolve.org.au

COMMUNITY EVENT –  
KOONUNG COMMUNITY HOUSE  
UPMARKET DAY – Nov 15 craft  
and paintings – See Geoff Swain for  
details.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH  
SEMINAR on Sunday November 29.  
Come along and find out more about  
this Australian Rotary Initiative.  
More details next week, but mark it  
in your diary as a date to LEARN  
something more about Rotary.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CAB CLIENTS – Due Early December – Talk with Carol Pawsey  
for details. Please note Gifts SHOULD NOT be wrapped.

If there are more events you want publicized, please let me know, and we will run an advert for you.

A Closing thought, per courtesy of Robert Leach. Enjoy!

These glorious insults are from an era when cleverness with words was still valued, before a great portion of the English language got boiled down to four-letter words, not to mention waving middle fingers.

The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor: She said, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison", and he said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it".

A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the Gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir", said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."



**Rotary Club of Box Hill  
CLUB PROGRAMME  
November 2009**



Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
November			
10 <sup>th</sup>	Box Hill Historical Society	Graeme Reynolds	Robert Leach
17 <sup>th</sup>	Kijabe Hospital Kenya	Senior Sergeant Luke Smeaton	Ray McLeod-Dryden
24 <sup>th</sup>	AGM	President Tom Thorpe	Tom Thorpe

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to fulfil the chair duty on your nominated evening, it would be greatly appreciated if you could arrange a suitable substitute. \*\***

**CLUB DUTY ROSTER**

Date	Desk	Greeter	Grace / Toast
November			
10 <sup>th</sup>	George McLean Rob Bishop	Ray Reihm	Carol Pawsey
17 <sup>th</sup>	Ross McPhail Lloyd Cranwell	Greg Paine	Charlie XU
24 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce McKenzie Clem Joyce	Mick Matthews	Ray Reihm

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to fulfill the allocated duty on the occasion, it would be helpful if you could arrange a "swap" with another person listed.**

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Date	Member	Event
November		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie XU	Induction Anniversary
13 <sup>th</sup>	Merv Agnew	Induction Anniversary
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mick Mathews	Members Birthday

