



ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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A Message from the President

The Annual General Meeting has been and gone for another year and the financial report shows that the club is in a good position to carry out another successful year of Rotary work.

Our club was one of the District clubs which achieved its Polio giving goal and a recent letter of thanks came from the District Foundation Chairman Denis Hyland. Denis wrote –
“107,472 children say thank you to the Rotary clubs of District 9810 for their contribution to the eradication of Polio. Your club is one of the thirty-one clubs in our District that took up the challenge to achieve or exceed their Polio giving goal by the 31st October 2009. So far US\$73,194 has been contributed to the Bill and Melinda Gates polio challenge this year.

This figure has been made up from personal and club giving as well as your support of Jenny Forster's polio project. Added to this is the District Designated Funds \$500 match as well as the Rotary Foundation's 50 cents in the dollar match which equates to an extra US\$750 being credited against your clubs' polio giving.”

Denis thanks us for our support. We can all be proud of this result and proud to be helping eradicate Polio in the world.

As well as the “Shine On Awards”, the G.S.E. Team Welcome Dinner and the District Conference, which are all coming up very quickly, notification has been received of the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA). Although like the “Shine On Awards” MUNA will not be held until May 2010 the closing date for team applications is March 12 and with the break over Christmas and New Year that does not leave a lot of time to seek team members. We need to get busy on both of these events.

Members of long standing will remember that in previous years our club has been successful in providing a team to take part in MUNA. Newer members will no doubt wonder what MUNA is all about. For our newer members' information MUNA is the Model United Nations Assembly and is part of our District's continuing commitment to Youth Development.

MUNA is building good will for world peace and understanding in our young people. It simulates the workings of the United Nations and has teams of two year eleven students represent member UN countries and engage in debate on matters of world concern. It allows young people to express their views on matters being debated in the United Nations Assembly. MUNA also provides students with an opportunity to develop their public speaking and debating skills. It also helps them to foster friendship with students from other schools.

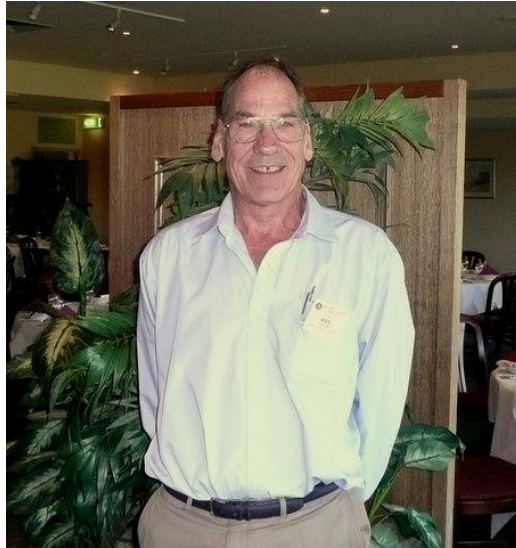
MUNA is good fun for the students as well as those who attend to listen to the debates that take place. Participating students are required to dress in the national costume of the country they represent adding colour to the weekend's activities. We as a club should get started on finding suitable participants as soon as possible bearing in mind the school break over Christmas and our busy start to the new year and remembering also that applications close on March 12. Time has a habit of slipping away.

Yours in Rotary,

Tom Thorpe

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Kath requested Ray Riehm to recite the Rotary Grace and the Loyal Toast, before handing the meeting over to President Tom Thorpe.



The smiling Assassin – Hole In One – Ray Riehm

Tom welcomed members and guests to our Club meeting, with a special welcome to Joshua Cheng, guest of Charlie Xu. This week is our Annual General Meeting, but before dealing with those matters, Tom asked for the Secretary's Report, to be followed by Committee Chairmen to report progress within their sphere of influence. The Sergeant would follow the committee reports.

Secretary's Report – Tim Lynn.

Tim drew attention to the correspondence folder being circulated and in particular the Blood Donations program. Several make-ups were recorded (refer attendance section for details). Tim also reminded members that Nominations for the Club Elections close at next week's meeting.

Australian Rotary Health Seminar – Robert Leach.

Robert again asked members to consider their attendance at the Seminar being held next Sunday at the Waverley RSL, commencing at 9.00am. Members were asked to indicate to Robert their intention to attend.

Australian Rotary Health, and District Conference – Bruce McKenzie.

Bruce still has Christmas Cards for Sale - \$10 per pack of 10 cards. Members wanting cards should see Bruce. Regarding the District Conference in Geelong, a number of members are yet to return their registration forms to the District Conference Registrar - Pam Trevan. Any member who did not have a registration form should see Bruce. Accommodation has been pre-booked at The Mecure Hotel in Geelong.



Christmas Dinner – December 15 – Geoff Swain.

Geoff highlighted the fact he will bring along to next week's meeting some Christmas adornments which members may wish to purchase at \$5 per item, Our model – PDG Mick Mathews at a previous conference showing the trinkets available from Geoff, next week. It is envisaged members would wear the items at our Christmas Dinner on December 15. Members can still order Christmas Puddings, Cakes and Mince Pies from Geoff, and have delivery made before Christmas.

Sergeant – Kath Binns

The Sergeant seemed flustered that President Tom had stolen two of her fines, so retribution was at hand, and the President was fined for the two indiscretions. Ray McLeod Dryden fined for knowing so many influential people to fill the roles as guest speakers. Rob Bishop for his good work with the camera each week for photos in the bulletin. Cross fines were levied by Robert Leach to the Sergeant for firstly breaking her chair, and then repairing same without assistance. Carol Pawsey fined Ray Riehm for his hole in one, and suggested the fine should be a hefty one. Carol also wished to fine The Bali Three – Paul Wheelton, David D'Silva and Clive Nicholson for their make-ups in Bali. Geoff Swain was fined for wearing two belts (it was later disclosed one was a money belt!), but the fine stood. Geoff Iles was fined for spreading his humorous e-mails, much to the delight of the recipients. A special fine was levied on PDG Mick Matthews on the occasion of his 80th Birthday.



Happy 80th Birthday to PDG Mick Matthews – now without glasses

President Elect – Peter Cummins

Peter distributed to each table copies of the nomination forms for the Club elections, the nominations for which close at next week's meeting. Peter suggested to members that it was their Club, and the membership should decide who should be nominated for the Board Positions. The Club has a very proud history of its achievements over the past 50+ years, and the members should discuss on each table their nominees for the up-coming elections. Each member was also given an invitation to join The Centurions, together with an application form. Members should note their "Rotary International Membership Number" is obtainable from the Secretary Tim Lynn. The intention of the offer was to increase membership of The Centurions, and make a positive contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

President Tom asked the Treasurer to present the as yet unaudited Financial Books of Account for the Operating Account, Charity Account, Art Show Accounts and the Op-Shop Accounts for the financial year ended June 30, 2009. After brief discussion, the accounts were approved, subject to meeting audit provisions, by the members. The audited accounts will be presented at a subsequent meeting of the club, on a date to be fixed. The proposal for the re-structure of the Board was opened for discussion,

with Tom providing a background for the proposed changes, and after brief discussion the proposal was carried.

President Tom then asked members to assemble for the Club Photo which will be used at the District Conference in February, at Geelong, in 2010.



What a sober lot – Only 1 beer between the lot of them !

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Tom then asked the fundraising chairman to conduct the raffle which was won by Mick Matthews with number 22.

President Tom in closing the meeting, reminded members that next week's meeting is a Partners Night, and the presents for the CAB are to be delivered to the meeting next week (December 1). The Presents **SHOULD NOT BE WRAPPED**. Tom also reminded the 4 members who were attending the Australian Rotary Health Seminar next Sunday that the meeting started at 9.00am.

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Ed's Wisdom.

Over the past 20 weeks, Ed has been encouraging all members to assess their colleagues for Membership of our Rotary Club, for all the good reasons mentioned in this segment.

Well, the ball's now in YOUR court.

Ed is now asking members to write a short piece about membership, how to recruit members, sources of members, etc etc. You get the drift.....ED wants you to do something.....sound familiar ? Ed hopes you recognize the phrase, so as Ed said in opening this piece, the Ball's now definitely in YOUR court.

Your entries can be sent to President Tom, or to our Secretary.....ED's waiting.....

ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	31
Club Members:	30
Partners:	NIL
Visitors & Visiting Rotarians:	1 – Mr Joshua Cheng
Guest Speaker:	NIL - AGM
Apologies:	Colin Johnson, Vincent Li.
Leave of Absence:	Greg Paine, Geoff Weeks
Make ups:	Tom Thorpe, Carol Pawsey, Peter Cummins, Sue Bishop, David D'Silva, Clive Nicholson, Paul Wheelton, Geoff Weeks.

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Members Corner.

The following is a great piece submitted to the bulletin editor from Carol Pawsey.....Thanks Carol.

Shown below, is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by an 86 year old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters, -- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offence under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact form which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone banking service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further.

When you call me, please use the following button sequence:

IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALING, PRESS THE STAR (*) BUTTON FOR ENGLISH

#1. To make an appointment to see me

#2. To query a missing payment.

#3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.

#4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping

#5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.

#6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home

#7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. The Password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorized Contact mentioned earlier.

#8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7.

#9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.

#10. This is a second reminder to press* for English.. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

(Remember: This was written by an 86 year old woman -'YA JUST GOTTA LOVE " US SENIORS" !!!!!)

And further: Don't make old People mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to set us off.

Many thanks Carol for this humorous contribution, or should that be re-classified as Sad but True ? ? ?

Now for some additional light hearted moments from Robert Leach's.....'When Insults have Class' series.

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?" - Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." - Abraham Lincoln

Many thanks Robert.

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- NOTICES FOR YOUR FRIDGE -

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.
Registration Forms NOW available.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, PUDDINGS &
MINCE PIES - See Geoff Swain to order
your needs.

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

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CAB
CLIENTS – Due December 1st – Talk
with Carol Pawsey for details. Please
note Gifts **SHOULD NOT** be wrapped.
Also PLEASE DO NOT FORGET
YOUR \$2 WEEKLY DONATION AT
THE REGISTRATION DESK.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING –
All members should be advised the
Club's Christmas Dinner meeting will be
held on TUESDAY DECEMBER 15.
Special Christmas Menu but the Price is
Unchanged. We need to confirm numbers
with the Golf Club. Time 6.00pm for
6.30pm

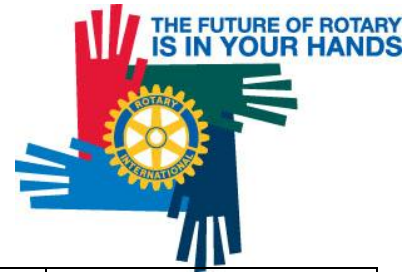
TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS
BREAKFAST MEETING –
DECEMBER 22. All members are
advised of our Traditional Breakfast
meeting on this day. A Cooked
Breakfast will be offered for \$21.
Time 7.00am for 7.15am

GSE DINNER – Welcome the Team
from Turkey and See our Australian
Team in Action..... WHEN –
WEDNESDAY February 3 2010 at
Monte Carlo Restaurant, Jackson
Court, Doncaster East – Price \$35 per
head – that's just \$8 per head more
that out club meal price, a small
premium to see the GSE Talent.
Bruce McKenzie will take your
booking – tables of 10.

Nominations Close on December 1
for the positions of President
(2011/12), for Treasurer (2010/11),
and for 4 Directors for 2010/2012.
Nomination forms have been
distributed by Secretary Tim Lynn,
and completed nomination forms
should be lodged with The Secretary
by December 1.



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



Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
December			
1 st	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Paul Mathewson	Sue Bishop
8 th	Small Business	Barry Henwood	Colin Johnson

**** 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
December			
1 st	Rob Bishop Rob Fenton	Colin Johnson	Robert Leach
8 th	David D'Silva Geoff Swain	Merv Agnew	Bruce McKenzie

**** 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
December		
4 th	Val Johnson	Partners Birthday
7 th	Mick Matthews	Anniversary
8 th	Bruce McKenzie	Birthday & Induction Anniversary
11 th	John Booth	Induction Anniversary
15 th	Rob Bishop	Induction anniversary
16 th	Mick Matthews	Induction anniversary
22 nd	Merv Agnew	Birthday
26 th	Melissa Mardjetko	Birthday
28 th	Geoff Swain	Birthday

