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A Word From The President

On to Conference

Great company, great speakers, great fun, that's what Conference 2007 is all about and I encourage everyone to come to Bright for our District Conference commencing Friday 23 March to Sunday 25 March. For sports lovers golf, bowls and a variety of activities have been organised for Thursday 22 March.

Details of the entire Conference program can be located on the District 9790 website. I have booked out the Bright Avenue Motel which has 13 units but it will be a case of first in best dressed. Registration forms will be available at today's meeting or can be downloaded from the District website. Please return them to me no later than the 12 February.

Past President Gordon normally organises dinner out on Friday night and perhaps we can have a bar b cue at the motel on the Saturday night if participants wish.

If you have never been to Conference let me assure you it is not to be missed. If you have never been to Bright in Autumn then you have never lived. Come and join us and Lead the Way!

Lead The Way
President Geoff

Board Meeting

Club Directors are advised that our monthly board meeting will take place at School House, Ivanhoe Grammar School on
Tuesday 13th February at 6:00 p.m.

On the sick list

I am sorry to report that Yvonne Mee has broken her pelvis and is recovering at home being capably (I hope!) looked after by Russ. Get well soon Yvonne!

February is World Understanding Month Club Calendar

- Jan 15 BBQ in the Park**
Venue: Ivanhoe Park, East Ivanhoe
Chair: Neil Wilson
Welcoming: Geoff Cook / Peter Dalton
- Jan 22 Annual General Meeting**
Chair: Brian Chambers
Welcoming: Wayne Dunstan / Liz Evans
- Jan 29 Rotarian Behind The Badge**
Speaker: Kathlyn Burgess
Chair: Bruce Nichols
Welcoming: Simon Goodison / Boris Grego
- Feb 05 Current Issues
- Criminal Justice System**
Speaker: David Jones
Chair: Chandra Krishnamurthi
Welcoming: Mike Haworth / Hans Heshusius
- Feb 12 Rotarian Behind The Badge (Part 2)**
Speaker: Russell Mee
Chair: Bruce Nichols
Welcoming: Don Johnson / Chandra Krishnamurthi
- Feb 20 Partners' Night (Tuesday Night)
Kel Carr Oration**
Speaker: Helen Williams
HR Manager Australian Ballet
Chair: Liz Evans
Venue: McCubbin Room
7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start
Welcoming: Ern Lee / Margaret Little

Celebrations

Birthdays

Feb 05 Elaine Chester
Feb 05 Penny Purvis

Wedding Anniversaries

Feb 05 Don & Margaret Johnson
Feb 06 Brad & Penny Purvis
Feb 10 Chandra & Raj Krishnamurthi

Rotary Birthdays

Feb 01, 1981 Ian Vassie
Feb 01, 1984 Ken Norman
Feb 04, 2002 Geoff Brown

Attendance last meeting

Visiting Rotarians

None last week

Apologies

Ern Lee
Brian Chambers
Geoff Cook
Mike Stansbury
Hans Heshusius
Gordon Chan
Russ Mee
Peter Dalton
Rob Smith
Leigh Aitken



Picnic in the Park – 15 January



Many thanks to Marie and Neil Wilson for organising our opening picnic lunch at Ivanhoe Park on 15 January. Showing great initiative, rather than the traditional bar b cue in 40 degree heat, Marie and Neil provided delicious rolls and fruit platters for the hungry throng which consisted of 17 Rotarians and 10 guests.



An interesting excerpt from a NSW newspaper

A real precedence in judiciary has been set in Australian law.

A seven-year-old boy was at the centre of a Parramatta, NSW courtroom drama yesterday when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of him.

The boy has a history of being beaten by his parents and the judge initially awarded custody to his aunt, in keeping with child custody law and regulations requiring that family unity be maintained to the degree possible.

The boy surprised the court when he proclaimed that his aunt beat him more than his parents and he adamantly refused to live with her. When the judge then suggested that he live with his grandparents, the boy cried out that they also beat him.

After considering the remainder of the immediate family and learning that domestic violence was apparently a way of life among them, the judge took the unprecedented step of allowing the boy to propose who should have custody of him.

After two recesses to check legal references and confer with child welfare officials, the judge granted temporary custody to the English Cricket Team, whom the boy firmly believes are not capable of beating anyone.

Rotarian Behind The Badge Kathlyn Burgess

Guest speaker 29th January

Our speaker last Monday was our own Kathlyn Burgess who spoke about her chosen profession of Podiatry and covered her career which is now in excess of 40 years experience.

From a trainee, to the Myer Chiropody Department to her own business Kathlyn's feet have certainly been made for workin' as she explained how podiatry has changed from a 'cosmetic' treatment to an exact science.

Fielding questions from members, particularly regarding Max Chester's fetish for high heels, Kathlyn's talk was most entertaining and enjoyed by those present. A different venue and no camera means no photo of Kathlyn this week or a Rotary pen for her efforts but I will certainly make sure she receives the latter.

My Life In Parliament Hon Bill Forwood MLC

Guest Speaker 11th December



The Hon Bill Forwood MLC (centre) flanked by Tom Payne (left) and Max Chester

Our guest speaker on Monday 11th December was The Hon Bill Forwood MLC who spoke on his life as a politician over the past 12 years. Bill recently retired and has already moved down to Black Rock and is enjoying life as a 'consultant'.

He recounted several anecdotes about life in Parliament and then took questions from members. Whilst Bill primarily took a partisan approach there was a glimmer of bias in his answers but his talk was well received and appreciated by those present.

One Rotarian Can Make A Difference !

Taipei - October 2006



Taipei Harvest Rotary club Service Director elect, Kuei Hwa (Maria) Huang was so moved when she read a printout of Francis Walton's activities in Pakistan handed to her by Ray Thomas and after Ray said we

were looking for AU\$5,000 from participating clubs to join the project she immediately contacted the club PP (and current ADG) and the club International Service Director and arranged to meet at lunch that day.

Her two colleagues were sympathetic but informed Maria that the budget for the year was already allocated, but if she wanted to try they would support her if she took the project directly to the members and each pledged a generous donation.

Maria spent the following weekend canvassing Taipei Harvest members individually by telephone and within two days Maria had pledges to cover the AU\$5,000 with every member of the club contributing. The money was immediately remitted to Heidelberg Rotary Club. The picture of Maria was taken at the subsequent club meeting where Maria addressed the club about her understanding of the Pakistan project and the paid Guest Speaker was also moved to donate his fee to the fund.

Ray's approach to the Rotary Club of Taipei (an English speaking club) yielded a further AU\$2,000.

Francis and International Chairman John Walton's Pakistan Project has truly become an International Project with two Taiwan Rotary Clubs joining with us.

AGM – 22nd January

Thanks to Brian Chambers for standing in and running our AGM meeting on 22 January. From all reports it was a successful meeting.

Rotary Grace

**O Lord and giver of all good
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days**

Joker Competition



The **Rev Don Johnson** drew the six of hearts on the 11th December last year and looked like he was getting ready for the Christmas spirit.

Last week John Walton won the bottle – which was of much better quality from Boris than we ever received from John!

Rotarian Behind The Badge Russell Mee

Guest speaker 18th December



Russell Mee pictured with Chair for the day Bruce Nichols

Russell Mee was our Guest Speaker on December 18th last year the last meeting before Christmas. I've been informed that there was insufficient time for Russell to tell his story and that he has requested to continue the saga in Part 2 which members can experience at next Monday's meeting (Feb 12).