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* Remember, attendance information is now to be directed to Matthew Scott before each Wednesday.

Welcome to this weeks edition of the SignPost Bulletin...

Since our club started on the journey to bring it into the 21st century, in order to attract new members, the facts are:

- During the 2011/12 Rotary year, seven new members were inducted,
- In the same year, seven people became Friends of Rotary,
- In the current year, three people have become Friends of Rotary with one more person 'waiting in the wings' to become a Friend of Rotary,
- Two new members are to be inducted as Rotarians in the current year.

In summary, nine new members have been inducted so far over the past two years, with 11 people becoming Friends of Rotary. A positive situation!

As stated during the Q&A session at last weeks' meeting, the responsibility for membership does not rest only with the membership committee – it is the responsibility of ALL members.

The strategy of the Membership Committee is to make the contact with people, and educate and make them aware of the awesome power of Rotary. Some members have commented that they are retired and do not have contact with people. We meet people everyday whom we could invite to a meeting, for example your doctor, chemist, physiotherapist, accountant, newsagent, car mechanic, home helper, optometrist, children, grand-children, bus driver, just to name a few.

The purpose of Friends of Rotary is to get people involved in Rotary in a semi-formal way and if they are made to feel welcome, communicated with and involved in the club they may take the next step and become members.

There was a comment at last weeks meeting about the special dinners that have been conducted and other special nights. The purpose of the community dinners are for inviting prospective Rotarians! And what better way to showcase Rotary and what we do, than invite people along to a night where they get to meet Rotarians from other local and overseas clubs! Regarding the timing of the community dinners, it is our goal to conduct these on a quarterly basis. The next one is planned to be held in February, 2013 with the following one on 18th April 2013 being a White Ribbon Dinner – Margaret Singe (Sergeant) – Family Violence Advisor. To the community, this is an important issue. We try to engage interesting and quality speakers and we have to work around their availability, not the other way around.

The other concern that was raised was the fact we are investigating the possibility of chartering a new club for the younger person. I cannot say strongly enough that this is not to the detriment of our club. It is a completely different issue to increasing membership with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South. This is so that we can harness the passion and drive that is the 20 to 40 year olds, who want to be able to volunteer, but do not feel comfortable with the current structure we have. Why not let them have their own brand of Rotary? Why not encourage them to go forward and continue with the fantastic work that we and those before us have started? Why not try and keep Rotary going for the future generations? To paraphrase one of my favourite songs – Its Rotary Jim, but not as we know it, not as we know it. Its Rotary Jim, but not as we know it! (Star Trekkin by the Firm).

It is pleasing that the majority of members are supportive of the enormous effort put in by the Membership Committee in ensuring OUR club and OUR service organisation will survive in our changed and changing world.

I will now get off my soap box and say that I have taken on board the concerns raised at our Q & A night. The first issue that can be easily remedied is the need for the calendar to be in the Signpost so everyone can plan ahead for special events, and see the who, what and where for our meetings. So, you will find the calendar now in the bulletin, but please make sure **you keep up to date with it as it can change without much notice** due to availability of guest speakers, venues etc. The calendar includes all events, not just our Thursday nights. I am working on the other issues.

See you all next Thursday for our bowling night, **please let Matthew know if you are going and if you are bringing anyone so that the catering can be organised.**

Peace through Service,

WENDY LEARMOUNT (PRESIDENT)



ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH -

Calendar of Events

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
Thursday 29	Ten Pin Bowling	Dragon City Lanes 159 Hargreaves St
December	Rotary Family	
Thursday 6	Club Anniversary Joint meeting with Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat	Rotary Gateway Park, Kangaroo Flat. Please let Matthew know if you are coming and if you are bringing someone.
Thursday 13	Guest Speaker - Paul Tangey - CFA Fire Ready Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Thursday 20	Christmas Dinner	Bendigo Club, Park Street
Thursday 27	Christmas Break NO MEETING	
2013	Rotary Awareness	
January		
Thursday 3	Christmas Break NO MEETING	
Thursday 10	Fun, Fellowship and Frivolity	BBQ at Gary's
Thursday 17		
Thursday 24	Guest Speaker - Dr Daniel Lavery - Interplast	Foundry Complex
Thursday 31		
February	World Understanding	
Thursday 7	Connect to the Community Dinner David Vincent - TBC	Platinum Room
Wednesday 13	Joint Cluster Dinner	Venue to be confirmed
Thursday 14	Board Meeting	At Wendy's, Directions will be provided
Sunday 17	Picnic in the Park	Roslyn Park 12 Noon
Thursday 21		
Thursday 28	Guest Speaker - Bronwyn Stephens - World of Difference	Venue to be confirmed
March		
Sunday 3	Mystery Winery Tour	Heathcote Great Escape Tours
Thursday 7	Club Committee Forum Board Meeting	
Thursday 14		
Saturday 16	District 9500 Conference	All Seasons Bendigo Li Cunxin (Mao's Last Dancer)
Thursday 21		
Friday 22	District 9800 Conference	Albury, NSW
Thursday 28	Guest Speaker AM Easter Meeting	Venue to be confirmed
April	Magazine Month	
Thursday 4	Club Committee Forum Board Meeting	
Thursday 11		
Thursday 18		
Sunday 21	Rotary at Work - National Program	Event to be confirmed by Cluster
Thursday 25	6am Dawn Service in lieu of dinner meeting	Breakfast with family Venue to be confirmed

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH -

Calendar of Events Continued...

May	Rotary Health	
Date to be set	Bus Shopping Trip to Melbourne	
Thursday 2	Club Committee Forum Board Meeting	
Friday 3 & Saturday 4	Relay for Life	
Thursday 9		
Thursday 16		
Thursday 23		
Thursday 30	Fun, Fellowship and Frivolity	
June	Rotary Fellowship	
Thursday 6	Club Committee Forum Joint Board Meeting	
Thursday 13		
Thursday 20	Changeover Dinner	
Sun 23 - Wed 26	RI Conference	Lisbon- Portugal http://www.riconvention.org
Thursday 27		

CALENDAR KEY:

- Family/ Social Events
- Guest Speakers
- Connect to Community Events
- Other Events

Please Note:

The members have spoken, and there is now a more detailed calendar of club events being published each week in the SignPost.

It is however the responsibility of all members to keep an eye each week on dates and venues, as these published details are subject to change.

MEETING INFORMATION

Club AGM and Q&A session	Date:	Thursday 22nd October
Total Attendance:	30	Fines: None Taken
Members:	25	Raffle: \$33.50
	Guests:	Echidna: \$12.95
	Kathy Noonan, Kathy Milner, Shane Milner, Cora Mahnic, George Ellis.	Chocolate Sales: \$200
		Cakes & Puddings: \$2,751

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

3rd Dec - Irene McKinna

5th Dec - Erma Hoare

11th Dec - Helene Brown

19th Dec - Tanya Lea

23rd Dec - Elaine Harrington

25th Dec - Bill Ashman

28th Dec - Greg Noonan,

Alwyn Roberts.

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Dec -

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South,
Bill Ashman

15th Dec - Elaine Harrington

18th Dec - Rod Spitty



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN...

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South will be celebrating Christmas at the Bendigo Club this festive season, on Thursday 20th December.

The dinner will begin at the usual time, 6pm for 6:30pm, and will be \$25 per person.

Everyone is most welcome to attend; family, friends, children, next door neighbour, and even your former primary school class mate that you haven't seen since 1962!!

Entertainment will be provided on the night, and numbers of those attending will need to be finalised the week before the event.

Please send your attendance to either Matthew, or mark your name/ guest names off on the attendance sheet which will be passed around at our next few weekly meetings.

Hoping to see everyone on the 20th December for a night of festive fun,

*Ruth O'Connell
Event Organiser*



EXCHANGE STUDENT NEWS

Currently, the Rotary Club of Bendigo South has two exchange students. Pierre-Louis Nottelette is the club's incoming exchange student from France, and Sharli McKenzie is our outgoing exchange student who is jetting off to Sweden.

This weekend, the two exchange students attended a camp in Anglesea to learn about all things Rotary, and to meet fellow exchange students.

Some important dates to keep in mind regarding our club's exchange students are:

- *Sunday 2nd December- Jacket presentation and Dinner at International House,*
- *Thursday 10th January- Farewell presentation for Sharli,*
- *Friday 18th January- Sharli departs for Sweden.*



“Well, wasn’t last week’s Q&A session quite lively, as well as informative!”

I think Mr Bony Tabbot may have been onto something with his Twitter text that came in part way through the discussion.”

ROTARY CLUB Q & A SESSION



Members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South's Membership Committee run an ABC style Q & A session, which was beamed live across the Sterling Room at the Foundry Hotel last Thursday evening.

Pictured L-R are Jim Boyer, Wendy Learmount, Sam Tayeh (doing a better job at impersonating Tony Jones, than Tony Jones himself!), Greg Noonan and Gary Pinner.

Some tough questions were answered on the night!

ROTARY AROUND AUSTRALIA

Qantas Jumbo Joy Flight in association with the Rotary Club of Turramurra, NSW

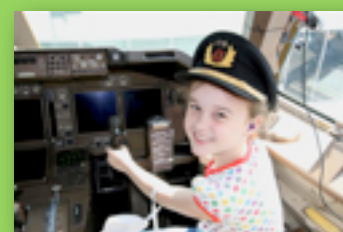
The Jumbo Joy Flight first took to the skies in the 1970's. Over the following years thousands of disabled, disadvantaged and ill children - along with parents and carers - have enjoyed a 90 minute flight at low level over Sydney.

On the flight the atmosphere is amazing. Most of the children, and many of their parents and carers, have never flown before. The time in the air passes very quickly. The joy of the children is irrepressible. A day to remember.

It is also a day to remember for the Cabin Crew, Pilots, Ground Staff, Customs and Quarantine, airport personnel from so many areas, Rotarians and Pathfinders' members. All volunteer their time to get the flight up up and away. Qantas provides the 747-400 aircraft and all airport and landing fees are waived. To join the flight the children are sponsored through the Rotary Club of Turramurra.

Fellow Rotarians, I hope that you found this article as interesting as I did.

Matthew (Bulletin Editor)



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST.

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND.

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD.

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH.

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT- Sakuji Tanaka (Kyoko)

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR- Dennis Shore

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR (GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER)-

Rick Reid

PRESIDENT- Wendy Learmount

VICE PRESIDENT (Club Protection Officer)- Ruth O'Connell

HON. SECRETARY- Gary Pinner

HON. TREASURER- Philip Jan

CLUB SERVICE- Helene Brown (President Elect)

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ P.R.- Jim Boyer

COMMUNITY SERVICE- Terry Dalwood

ROTARY FOUNDATION & VOCATIONAL SERVICE-

Sam Tayeh

NEW GENERATIONS- Rod Spitty

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE- Ros Chenery

SIGNPOST EDITOR- Matthew Scott- mattgscott@telstra.com

ATTENDANCE & MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

KANGAROO FLAT- Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

BENDIGO- Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club
BENDIGO STRATHDALE- Tuesday 6pm, All Seasons

ECHUCA MOAMA- Tuesday 6pm, Border Inn Moama

BENDIGO SANDHURST- Wednesday 7am, BRIT Restaurant

EAGLEHAWK- Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

ROCHESTER- Thursday 6pm, Commercial Wine Tavern

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH ATTENDANCE OFFICER

MATTHEW SCOTT- mattgscott@telstra.com

Please email your attendance to Matthew before each Wednesday.

To telephone through your attendance, please do so on Matthew's mobile phone number.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?