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Welcome to this weeks edition of the SignPost

Dear Fellow Bendigo South Rotarians and Friends,

I write my second last bulletin piece for this year, while enjoying the sights and sounds of beautiful Lakes Entrance.

Well, wasn't Paul Tangey's presentation last Thursday evening very informative! It was a good opportunity to have Paul come and speak to the Rotary club, as we enter the warmer months of the year. The summer months are a great opportunity to enjoy the warmer weather that Australia has to offer, however, we also need to be aware of the ever present fire dangers that can also come about with the warmer weather.

I think Paul's most pertinent piece of advice would be to ensure that you have an up to date fire plan. Even if you live in the CBD areas of Bendigo, you still need to have a fire plan. It may not be as detailed a plan as those who live in bush areas, **but everyone still needs to have a fire plan!**

My fire plan is to grab my handbag, complete with a USB with all of my photos on it, and drive out of my street as quick as I can! Paul agreed that my fire plan was valid, and suggested that we all practice our fire plans at least every six months to ensure that we are familiar with all of the details on our fire plan.

Paul gave away quite a lot of important brochures and leaflets for members to familiarise themselves with, as well as specialised information for members who live in the outer suburbs of Bendigo.

On another matter, Christmas Cake and Pudding King, Terry Dalwood gave us the great news that the club had almost sold out of its stock of Christmas cakes and puddings.

Well done Bendigo South!

It was also with pleasure that I presented Rotary Leadership Institute graduates, Matthew Scott and Ros Chenery, with their graduation certificates. Well done Matt and Ros for completing the RLI course! Your certificates are now valid, as I have now remembered to sign them!

Please keep in mind that we are meeting at the Bendigo Club this week, for our big Christmas get-together. All times etc remain the same, just a different venue, and the dinner cost will be **\$25**. Please forward all numbers and guests attending our Christmas dinner to Matthew ASAP.

And, as Paul Tangey stated during his talk last Thursday night, the VICTORIAN Bushfire Information line is 1800 240 667, should you need bushfire information during this bushfire season. See you Thursday evening at the Bendigo Club.

Peace through Service,

WENDY LEARMOUNT (PRESIDENT)



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ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH -

Calendar of Events



WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
December	Rotary Family	
Thursday 20	Christmas Dinner	Bendigo Club, Park Street
Thursday 27	Christmas Break NO MEETING	
2013	Rotary Awareness	
January		
Thursday 3	Christmas Break NO MEETING	
Monday 7	Membership Committee Meeting	7:30pm at Greg Noonan's
Thursday 10	Fun, Fellowship and Frivolity	BBQ at Gary's
Thursday 17	Guest Speaker- Our Youth Exchange Student Pierre	Foundry Complex
Thursday 24		
Thursday 31		
February	World Understanding	
Thursday 7	Connect to the Community Dinner David Vincent	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	Rosalind Park 12 Noon
Thursday 21		
Thursday 28	Guest Speaker - Bronwyn Stephens - World of Difference	Venue to be confirmed
March	Literacy Month	
Sunday 3	Mystery Winery Tour	Heathcote Great Escape Tours
Thursday 7	Club Committee Forum Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Thursday 14	DISTRICT 9800 Conference	ALBURY, NSW
Saturday 16	District 9500 Conference Begins, D9800 Conference Concludes	All Seasons Bendigo Li Cunxin (Mao's Last Dancer)
Thursday 21		
Thursday 28	Guest Speaker AM Easter Meeting	Venue to be confirmed
Saturday 30	Relay for Life Plant Sale	Elaine Harrington's- MANDURANG
April	Magazine Month	
Thursday 4	Club Committee Forum Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Thursday 11	Guest Speaker - Dr Daniel Lavery from Interplast	Foundry Complex
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



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	TBC- Scholarship Night	Foundry Hotel Complex
Thursday 23	TBC- Scholarship Night	Foundry Hotel Complex
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:

Some of these dates have now been altered!!

It is the responsibility of individual members to keep an eye each week on above dates and venues, as has been indicated, they are subject to change and confirmation.



“Don’t forget your favourite four- legged native friend this Christmas...”

Look at some of the presents I’ve already received!!”

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

19th Dec - Tanya Lea

23rd Dec - Elaine Harrington

25th Dec - Bill Ashman

- Alwyn Roberts

28th Dec - Greg Noonan

ANNIVERSARIES

18th Dec - Rod Spitty



CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDINGS

Sales have gone very well this year with support from many members, ex-members and supporters. We should be close to sold out by Christmas. Thanks one and all!!

There may be a few items left for sale at this week's meeting if anyone has been leaving it to the last minute to purchase, including a few panfortes if you haven't tried them yet.

I will be out of town from Saturday 22nd Dec, so would like to wrap up this week. Would members with stock and/or money still outstanding please return to me before then.

Members were very generous in supporting the appeal to contribute to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper distribution. A donation of 39 large puddings was delivered on Monday 17th Dec. Would members yet to pay, please do so this week, either through Treasurer Philip or myself.

Many Thanks,
Terry Dalwood



MEETING INFORMATION

CFA - Fire Ready Presentation

Date:

Thursday 13th December

2012

Total Attendance:

28

Fines: \$53.30

Members:

24

Raffle: \$27.50

Foundation:

\$74.00

Guests:

Paul Tangey,
Piere- Louis Nottellet,
Cora Fuentes- Mahnic,
George Ellis.

Echidna: Hungry!!

Chocolates:

\$81.20

CLUB DUTY ROSTER - December 2012 & January 2013

DATE	20th December	10th January	17th January	24th January
ACTIVITY	Christmas @ the Bendigo Club	Fun, Fellowship and Frivolity. BBQ @ Gary's	Pierre-Louis Nottelette Exchange Student	No Meeting- Australia Day BBQ (In Lieu)
CHAIRMAN	Ruth O'Connell	Wendy Learmount	Gary Pinner	-
CASHIERS	Geoff McKinna & Matthew Scott	Matthew Scott & Peter Ryall	Sam Tayeh & Bill Ashman	-
REGALIA	Peter Ryall	Elaine Harrington	Helene Brown	-
FELLOWSHIP	Helene Brown	Anne Peace	Elaine Harrington	-
RAFFLE	Elaine Harrington	Ian Ellis	Ruth O'Connell	-
SERGEANT	N/A	Andrew Palmer	Ros Chenery	-

20th ANNUAL PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST

The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunrise has hosted the Annual Paul Harris breakfast every year within D9800 since 1992.

Always held in November, Rotary Foundation month, it is the only formal celebratory event that seeks to recognise the generous contributions or voluntary efforts of the more than 1,500 Paul Harris Fellows currently serving as Rotarians in D9800.

It is their dedication and concerns for the disadvantaged within the local or international community that has enhanced the ideals and principles of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

This function, and other donations, has enabled us to contribute over US \$195,000 to the Rotary Foundation over the past 25 years.

- From Rotarian Anne Peace, who attended the Paul Harris breakfast.

MY FIRST MONTH IN AUSTRALIA



I arrived in Australia on Tuesday 24th of October, three months late due to problems with insurance, but now everything is good. So my first day in Australia was very good! When I arrived at the airport of Melbourne Terminal T2, my host family, Chris and Mary, and some exchange students were there to welcome me. I was very happy about it. Afterwards, I discovered my future life here: the house, a little part of Bendigo and of course my host family, who are very nice (Gary, Sharon and the dog, Amber). During the first week, I helped my host mother to do something in the house, and in the garden. She taught me some Australian language and included me in the conversation to improve my English. It was a very good moment! Afterwards, I discovered Girton, my school. We met with Gary and Sharon, and the headmaster of Girton, who was very nice to me. On Thursday night, it was my first meeting with Bendigo South. Every Rotarian welcomed me and I was happy. For my first weekend, on Saturday I stayed with William, my host brother, to know him better. And I met some of his friends. The Saturday night was my first bonfire of my life. It was very good. I met one son of Gary's and some family's friends.

The second week, I went to school to finish Year 11. The first day I met my friends, they are very funny. I tried to concentrate during school hours but it was very difficult, this is why I was very, very tired. After Turkish visitors were here during four days in Bendigo, we visited an art museum, a Chinese temple and an old goldmine. It was very interesting to see a part of life of Bendigo. Last weekend, I was at Anglesea camp with the Rotex, the exchange students (inbound and outbound), and Chris and Mary. I met all students. It's very funny and very interesting to speak with people in the same situation like me. We went to the beach and had a Hawaiian party. We were all the time together; it's why it was very interesting. We shared our moments together and laughed together. Between this period I was in school, and started Year 12. I found some new friends to spend more time with. I haven't felt homesick at all, but my family in France miss me. I speak with them once a week on Sunday via Facebook. My life here is good, a good life, my host family is very nice with me, my understanding and speaking is getting better each day.

Girton is a good school, and I have a lot of friends.

- By Pierre Louis Nottellet

(Bendigo South's inbound exchange student from France).



BENDIGO SOUTH PHOTO BOARD



GETTING TO KNOW OUR FIRE BAN DISTRICT:

Ian Ellis (Meeting Chairman), Paul Tangey (CFA Education Officer) and President Wendy Learmount.



TOP OF THE CLASS:

RLI graduates Ros Chenery and Matthew Scott with President Wendy, and their new graduation certificates.

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?