

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH

'Connect to the Community'

SignPost

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* Remember;
ATTENDANCE,
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ATTENDANCE before Each
Wednesday afternoon!!



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Welcome to this weeks edition of the SignPost

Dear Fellow Bendigo South Rotarians and Friends,

It was a pleasure to have as our guest speaker, Juana Van Leeuwen, President of Inner Wheel Bendigo South. Juana gave us an overview of where Inner Wheel started, how it came to Australia, and what they are currently up to. Juana is the sister-in-law of our very own David Lea, who had the honour of introducing her to our club. It has been a couple of years since we had a member of Inner Wheel as a guest speaker and Juana was able to fill in what they have been up to since then, including raising funds for the flood devastated Rochester and preparing respite gifts for the women of Rochester. These gifts included sewing implements and personal items, the sort of things that they wouldn't have bought themselves because the rest of the family were still in need of 'stuff'. Juana was also very proud of their effort in raising funds for a park bench seat in Rochester.

All in all, a very good night with the question, 'Why don't we communicate with each other more often?' asked more than once.

Inner Wheel is an organisation with the same ideals as Rotary and we should make a concerted effort to bring the clubs closer (again). It would have been easier in the days when the members of Inner Wheel were the wives/partners of Rotarians, news would have flowed both ways between the clubs. Now that is not necessarily the case. You do not need any connection to Rotary to join Inner Wheel, and nothing has been put into place to keep those lines of communication open. Until now.....

I was also very pleased to see that Tanya Lea and Marta Birrell came along to support Juana. We also had a couple of guests along too; Simon Basha invited by Sam and Russell McGibbon invited by Tony. And of course, Pierre!

Peace through Service,

WENDY LEARMOUNT

PRESIDENT of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South



KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY: Inner Wheel's Juana Van Leeuwen and our very own, David Lea.

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH -

Calendar of Events

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
February	World Understanding	
Thursday 28	Guest Speaker – Bronwyn Stephens – World of Difference	Foundry Complex
March	Literacy Month	
Sunday 3	Mystery Winery Tour	– CANCELLED –
Thursday 7	Club Vision Presentation by ADG Rick Reid, Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Thursday 14	* Normal Meeting for those not attending D9800 Conference. * DISTRICT 9800 Conference begins in Albury.	ALBURY, NSW Or, the Foundry for those not attending the conference.
Saturday 16	District 9500 Conference Begins, D9800 Conference Concludes	All Seasons Bendigo Li Cunxin (Mao's Last Dancer)
Thursday 21	Vocational Visit to Bendigo Tramways Depot	1 TRAMWAYS AVENUE.
Thursday 28	Guest Speaker– AM Easter Meeting	Venue to be confirmed
Friday 29	Good Friday BBQ– Sidney Myer Place	Volunteers required
Saturday 30	Relay for Life Plant Sale	** POSTPONED!! **
April	Magazine Month	
Thursday 4	Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Thursday 11	Guest Speaker – Dr Daniel Lavery from Interplast	Foundry Complex
Thursday 18	White Ribbon – Margaret Singe (Sergeant) Family Violence Advisor	Foundry Complex (PARTNER NIGHT)
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

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Calendar of Events Continued...

May	Rotary Health	
Date to be set	Bus Shopping Trip to Melbourne	
Thursday 2	Club Committee Forum Board Meeting	Foundry Hotel Complex
Friday 3 & Saturday 4	Relay for Life	
Thursday 9	Guest Speaker – Jerry Phillips – Romac Joint Meeting w. Bendigo Strathdale	Foundry Hotel Complex
Thursday 16	Scholarship Night	Foundry Hotel Complex
Monday 20	Joint with Kangaroo Flat – Birthday Celebrations	Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club (FAMILY NIGHT)
Thursday 30	Guest Speaker – FOUNDATION	Foundry Hotel Complex
June	Rotary Fellowship	
Thursday 6	Joint Board Meeting	Foundry Hotel Complex
Thursday 13	Changeover Dinner	FOUNDRY HOTEL COMPLEX
Thursday 20	Vocational Visit– Discovery Science & Technology Centre	Discovery Centre, Between Marketplace & train station
Sun 23 – Wed 26	RI Conference	Lisbon– Portugal http://www.riconvention.org
Thursday 27	Presentation of next years business plan	Foundry Hotel Complex

CALENDAR KEY:

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



“I’m thinking of attending an Inner Wheel meeting next month...

Juana made them sound like so much fun...

That seat in Rochester looked pretty comfy!”

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

25th Feb- Ken Briggs

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil Anniversaries



DONATIONS IN KIND - Final Reminder!!

MARCH IS CONFERENCE MONTH and WORLD LITERACY MONTH so please help us implement our first **District 9800 Basic Education and Literacy Project**

Purchase and or collect new picture story books, easy fiction and non-fiction books for children 0-12 years and bring them along to the Literacy Stall in the Albury Conference Market Place. We will add a sticker to indicate that they have been given by your club and at the conclusion of the Conference they will be donated to the

ABORIGINAL LITERACY FOUNDATION.

It would be a wonderful show of our commitment to **"Literacy for All"** if every club made a contribution; and it would certainly help to address the problems faced by 80% of aboriginal children in regional and remote communities whose National Literacy Testing results placed them in the bottom 5% of all Australian children.

DIK is also in need of Basic Educational materials, especially exercise books and pencils so if you can bring some of these along, it would be fantastic, too! **Bronwen Scarffe** - District 9800 Basic Education and Literacy Chair.

For further details contact bronwenscarffe@harboursat.com.au

* And, if your not going to the D9800 Conference in Albury, please bring your books along to a regular club meeting for distribution to the above foundation.



MEETING INFORMATION

Inner Wheel Presentation

Date:

Thursday 21st February

Total Attendance:	32	Fines: \$45.35
Members:	26	Raffle: \$35
Chocolates:	Guests:	Echidna:
\$50	Juana Vanleeuwen, Simon Basha, Russell McGibbon, Pierre-Louis Nottellot.	\$5.35
Hats & Shirts:		
\$55		

BBQ NEWS

Easter is still a few weeks away, but we have a big commitment for a BBQ on Good Friday as part of the COGB Festival. So, I am asking all Members and Friends to start thinking about their availability. I will have rosters prepared to commence circulating from next weeks meeting. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to help, you might let me know with a phone call or email.

Our BBQ is in conjunction with Hazeldenes, who are the major sponsor of the Good Friday Family Day. We have the prime spot in a Food Court, which will take up all of Sydney Myer Place. Council estimate there may be 15,000 people in the area for various activities, which will include the Vision Australia Easter Egg Hunt in Rosalind Park. We need to be providing food (which will include Hazeldene's chicken products, as well as our normal lines) from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

To do this, I estimate we will need at least 10 volunteers per shift, working on either 2 or 3 shifts. This may well mean getting help from people outside our membership – which could include partners, family members and friends – but if necessary, we could also extend to other community groups as well. If we have to approach other groups, we need to do so in reasonable time before Easter, so it is important to first have a good idea of how many we are likely to have from our own membership/partners/friends/family etc.

Please give this some priority over the coming week, to think about what commitment you will be able to give.

*Terry Dalwood
Community Service Director*

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EAST LODDON P-12 COLLEGE MENTORING PROGRAM

At our last meeting, Tony Plant spoke about the introduction of a mentoring program at East Loddon P-12 College for 2013.

Currently, Tony is hoping to match students with interested workplaces and career mentors.

The following East Loddon students are seeking mentors in their nominated fields:

- ✓ Sara Collins- Vet nurse or assistant
- ✓ Kate Jackson- Vet nurse or assistant
- ✓ Emma Leech- Unsure
- ✓ Braydon Welsh- Building/ electrician
- ✓ Ben Baker- Accounting/ finance
- ✓ Bronwyn Young- Nursing
- ✓ Chebbie Chuhaj- Chef
- ✓ Jenny Webb- Science/ biology
- ✓ Maraide Cumming- Science related/ medical research
- ✓ Joel Roberts- Plumbing/ electrician
- ✓ Keely Botheras- Pathology
- ✓ Caitlin Columbus- Early childhood education

If you, or anyone that you know is interested in being a part of the East Loddon mentoring program, please let Tony Plant know at your earliest convenience.

Contact: plantab@impulse.net.au

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH MERCHANDISE



On sale now are Rotary Club of Bendigo South jackets.

The jackets are in traditional Rotary colours of navy blue & gold, with the Rotary Wheel on the front left chest area, surrounded by the words, 'Rotary Club of Bendigo South.'

These retail for \$50, but for \$10 extra, you can have the Rotary wheel logo and club name printed on the reverse (back of jacket).

Club hats are still available for ordering.

Please contact President Wendy to place your order.

CLUB DUTY ROSTER -

March is 'Literacy' month on the Rotary International Calendar

DATE	28th February	7th March	14th March
ACTIVITY	Guest Speaker- Bronwyn Stephens from 'World of Difference.'	Club Vision Presentation with ADG Rick Reid, BOARD MEETING	Normal Meeting (Conference)
CHAIRMAN	Ros Chenery	Greg Noonan	Rod Spitty
CASHIERS	Matthew Scott & Andrew Palmer	Ros Chenery & Matthew Scott	Bill Ashman & Greg Noonan
REGALIA	-	VACANT	VACANT
FELLOWSHIP	Ruth O'Connell	Peter Ryall	Ros Chenery
RAFFLE	Ian Hanger	Ruth O'Connell	Cora Fuentes
SERGEANT	David Cotton	Gary Pinner	Lindsay Jackson

DATE	21st March	28th March
ACTIVITY	Vocational Visit- Tramways	AM Easter Meeting
CHAIRMAN	Wendy Learmount	Fellowship
CASHIERS	Cora Fuentes & Tony Plant	Peter Ryall & Bill Ashman
REGALIA	Rod Spitty	Ros Chenery
FELLOWSHIP	N/A	N/A
RAFFLE	N/A	N/A
SERGEANT	N/A	N/A

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?