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Welcome to this weeks edition of the SignPost...

What a great meeting we had last Thursday, with guest speaker President Peter Gray, from the Rotary Club Phnom Penh, in his role as President of the Australian Cambodian Children's Taskforce Inc. Peter spoke to us about his role as a member of ACCT, based in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Some of our Club members may have heard Pres. Peter speak previously, when the combined Goldfield's Cluster attended a fund raising evening at the Beechworth Bakery, Bendigo. A Pie Night was held to raise funds for the construction of a new classroom at the Orphanage. \$6000 was raised at that event, and we were able to view the completed classroom during Peter's presentation, along with other photos enlightening us all to the wonderful programs that are implemented at the Orphanage, including education in English language, computer skills, Cultural awareness, Vocational training, and sponsorship to attend University. The Orphanage has children aged from between two to 17-19 years of age and includes a 2/3rd female to 1/3rd male population of around 50 children, with an anticipated increase of a further 15 young girls in the not too distant future when the facility completes further extensions. The Orphanage, under the funding of ACCT, cares for children who have suffered severe abuse or have been orphaned. Many of the orphanage children were living in the slums associated with the city's refuge center, and were enslaved to make meager amounts of money to take home to support their families or 'carers'. These children were exposed to many life threatening situations, including infection and diseases, physical harm through beatings and injurious materials such as medical waste.

Pres. Peter also spoke about the history of Cambodia and how impoverished the country is today, being reliant on Foreign Aid. Peter informed the members that ACCT is registered under RAWCS, and all donations are tax deductible. If any member is interested in supporting ACCT, please contact me and I will pass your contact details on to Pres. Peter.

There were numerous announcements of reminder and interest from various Club members.

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CALENDAR KEY:

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

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
March	World Literacy	
Thursday 6	Guest Speaker (Lochie Twigg) & Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Thursday 13	Rotary Club of Berwick Visits	Foundry Complex
Thursday 20	Kieran Rogers from Affirm Press	Foundry Complex
Saturday 22	Multicultural Dinner Dance	More Details Attached
Thursday 27	"Guest Speaker" – Rotarian, Mark Mott	Foundry Complex
April	Magazine Month	
Thursday 3	Guest Speaker (Bev Hanson– Soldiers Memorials) & Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Friday 4 & Saturday 5	Relay for Life	LUBAC – La Trobe Aths. Centre, SPRING GULLY
Thursday 10	Vocational Visit– New Bendigo Library	–Visit begins 6pm SHARP, – Dinner @ Golden Star Chinese
Thursday 17	AM Meeting – Easter	Details to Come
Thursday 24	ANZAC Remembrance Meeting (TBC)	Family/ Partner Night
25 – 27 April	Working Bee @ Camp Getaway	In Partnership with RC Keilor East

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Continued...

Firstly: a reminder that there will be a Fellowship luncheon in Daylesford, Sunday 16th March, with a presentation of Honorary Membership to our now retired member, Eddie Beer, who is living in Daylesford. A bus will be organised for those who wish to attend, so please contact Secretary Tony to indicate your attendance.

Secondly: PP Ian Ellis spoke about our Club's involvement in 'Relay for Life', to be held April 4th – 5th at the Flora Hill Sports Complex. Club member, Elaine Harrington, Chair of the committee, would like to have all members involved, either as participants or through donation. To register, cost is \$20 and includes a 'Relay for Life' Polo shirt, and can be completed on-line at the Cancer Council Australia website: www.relayforlife.org.au
Also, a reminder that 'Friend of Rotary', Kathy Miller, has shaved her hair to raise funds to support our Club Team, so please support her in her amazing effort.

Thirdly: Ros Chenery reminded us all about the LCMS Multicultural Dinner Dance, Saturday 22nd March, and the Cultural Awareness week to be held from 17th – 23rd March 2014. Please consider attending the various events, especially our own, being the Dinner Dance.

Past Pres. Greg Noonan, spoke about the District Membership development incentive, being a possible grant for \$500, to be matched by the Club, giving a total of \$1000 to be utilized in the area of Membership development and promotion. Further information will be distributed with the progress from the Club Membership committee.

Club member, David Lea, spoke about his participation in the District Dinner to welcome the incoming Group Study Exchange Team from Germany. David also indicated that the GSE Team will be hosted by Rotary Clubs' Bendigo and Bendigo/Strathdale, arriving Thursday 13th March. If anyone is interested in attending any of the organized programs, please contact me.

Well, see you all this coming Thursday. For the Board members: a gentle reminder that there will be a Board Meeting following the dinner meeting this week, March 6th. Please ensure that you have completed and emailed your reports prior to the meeting, to enable a smooth and time efficient meeting.

Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

Helene Brown (President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South)

CLUB DUTY ROSTER - March (World Literacy Month)

DATE	6th March	13th March
ACTIVITY	Guest Speaker- Lochie Twigg (National Youth Science Forum) Board meeting	Guest Speaker- Keiran Rogers (Affirm Press) RC Berwick
CHAIRMAN	VACANT	VACANT
CASHIERS	Mark Mott & Matthew Scott	Peter Ryall & Bill Ashman
REGALIA	VACANT	VACANT
FELLOWSHIP	VACANT	Ros Chenery
RAFFLE	Geoff McKinna	Rod Spitty
SERGEANT	VACANT	Jim Boyer

Something that I noticed in a recent Church bulletin in Bendigo:

After a very long and dry homily and dull hymns, the priest announced that the church board will meet after mass. However, the first to arrive was a total stranger. The priest said, "Sorry, you misunderstood my announcement. This is a meeting of the board."

"I know," he said, "but if there is anyone here more bored than I am, I'd like to meet him."

Surely this wouldn't apply to our Bendigo South board meetings??

PHOTOS



At last weeks club meeting, Peter Gray was guest speaker. Here Peter is pictured with President, Helene Brown.

UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS



Invitation

MULTICULTURAL DINNER DANCE

Rotary Club of Bendigo South
Presents a Fun Filled Night of Dinner & Dance

SATURDAY 22ND MARCH
7pm - 11pm

Platinum Room
The Foundry Hotel
High St. Golden Square, Bendigo

2 COURSE DINNER

Cost \$40 Per Adult
\$15 Per Child

7pm - 11pm
Band "Audio Catz"

Purchase tickets Online at
www.lcms.org.au using PayPal

At LCMS
120 McCrae St, Bendigo

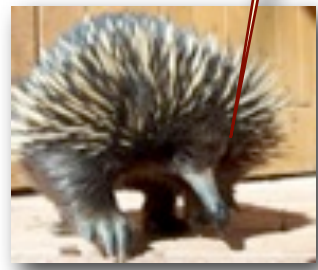
Or contact
Ros Chenery 0407 802 801
from RCBS or Call 5441 6644

Tickets on Sale
Until the 17th March



*"Unfortunately I
wasn't able to attend last
weeks meeting, I was in
Melbourne...

Hope you all had a great
meeting without me!"*



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FESTIVAL OF CULTURES VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers with a ute needed:

- Friday 21/3 to assist erection & dismantling of marquee at Hargreaves Mall – 9.30am and 3pm
- Sun 23/3 to assist in same at Sidney Myer Place – 8am and 2pm

Please phone Cora Fuentes - Mahnic on 0401 757 072 to offer your assistance.

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH INFORMATION

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- Ron D. Burton

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR- Ross Butterworth

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR (GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER)-

Grant Hocking

PRESIDENT- Helene Brown

PRESIDENT ELECT (Club Service)- Rod Spitty

HON. SECRETARY (Club Protection Officer)- Tony Plant

HON. TREASURER- Jim Boyer

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ P.R.- Andrew Palmer

COMMUNITY SERVICE- Ian Ellis

ROTARY FOUNDATION & FELLOWSHIP- Wendy Learmount

VOCATION- Geoff McKinna

NEW GENERATIONS- Tony Plant

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE- Ros Chenery

PROGRAM COORDINATOR- Anne Peace

DIRECTOR OF CLUB COMMUNICATIONS-

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

BENDIGO NEXT GENERATION- Wednesday 7pm, The Exchange (Beneath Bendigo Bank)

ECHUCA MOAMA- Tuesday 6pm, Border Inn Moama

BENDIGO SANDHURST- Wednesday 7am, BRIT Restaurant

EAGLEHAWK- Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

ROCHESTER- Thursday 6pm, Shamrock Hotel function room.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH ATTENDANCE OFFICER

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THE FOURWAYTEST

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?