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Club meets at Woodlands Golf Club
109 White Street Mordialloc
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Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting 2156
10 May 2016

District Governor 2015-16: David Tolstrup

Assistant Governor: Claire Button

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: Bob and Jill Richards
Topic: Rotary Polio Program in India
Chairman: Paul Taranto
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Barry Donaldson
Fellowship: Graeme Bruce
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper



RI theme 2015-16

Message from President Brian

Last week's guest speaker, Professor Seong-Seng Tan gave our large audience a fascinating account entitled "Why can't a woman be like a man" based on his extensive neuroscience research work at the Florey Institute and similar organisations. Apart from being a specialist medical researcher, Professor Tan is person with many varied interests. He conveyed some very complex issues concerning the human brain in an understandable way for a non-specialist audience. Thanks Sylvio for bringing his friend to speak to us and for chairing the meeting.

This week we welcome Past Governor Bob Richards and wife Jill who will tell us about the Rotary Polio Eradication Program in India that they have both been involved with for several years. Bob is currently chairman of the District 9810 Rotary Foundation Committee. Those members who attended the district conference in Bendigo a couple of years ago will remember the excellent presentation by Jill and the wives of several other Rotarians who visited the Moradabad area of India to participate in a National Polio Immunisation Day. Since then they have returned several times. It is a great story of how Rotarians and partners are helping in the fight to eradicate polio.

As we get towards the end of the Rotary year, some reminders of coming events for your diary:

Sunday 22 May, 8.45 am to 12 noon. District Assembly, Deakin University, Burwood Highway East. This is the main Rotary training day for incoming club officers for next Rotary year. Please get behind President Elect David and come to the Assembly to hear about programs for the coming year.

Friday 27 June. Vocational visit to Qenos Petrochemical Refinery. More details are on Page 3

Sunday 19 June. Farewell lunch for Ian and Juliet Riseley prior to departure for Chicago.

Saturday 25. District 9810 Changeover Dinner.

Tuesday 28 June. Club Changeover, Woodlands.

It is most important that members notify apologies and details of guests each week. We are required to pay for the actual number of meals ordered.

Have a good week and remember our Rotary theme for 2015-16: *"Be a gift to the world"*

Brian

Meeting No 2155 – 3 May, Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 18 members, 11 guests

Apologies: Jill Brear, Jill Van, Drew Libbis, Bob Travers (on leave), Graeme Bruce

Guests: Prof. Seong Tan (speaker), Christine Tang, Elisabeth Morgan, Martin Groenwoud, Kevin and Suzanne Stewart, Helen Brunt, Helen Foley, Kathy Pyziakos, Margaret Aivatoglou

President's announcements

President Brian opened the meeting and gave the following announcements:

- Thanks to organiser Jack Pyziakos and the helpers at the Bunnings sausage sizzle on 2 May. We raised \$645
- Reminder for student interviews at Mordialloc Secondary College the following day
- Request from Parktone Primary School to run a barbeque on Sunday 15 May, 9 am to 1 pm. Jack and Kathy and Brian Schauer and Margaret offer to help.
- The District Training Assembly is at Deakin University, Burwood Highway, East Burwood, on Sunday 22 May from 9 am to 1 pm
- The Model United Nations Assembly was held at Parliament House over the weekend 30 April/1 May. It was successful and enjoyable. It is planned to have students speak at a club meeting shortly.
- A vocational visit to Qenos petrochemical facility at Altona is planned for Friday 27 May.
- The Annual Art Show is cancelled this year

Sylvio Tang chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Director and member announcements

Secretary *Carol Quayle* read a letter of thanks from Rhianne Manners for our sponsorship for her to attend the "Ocean Youth Face to Face" program

Jack Pyziakos reported a profit of \$105 for the recent theatre night.

Paul Taranto reminded that online applications for students wishing to attend the 2017 NYSF seminar close on 31 May. Response to date has been lower than expected and we should remind the schools.

Carol Quayle reported on the seminar on domestic violence conducted by Rotary Club of Noble Park. There were moving personal stories and presentations from police at Dandenong, Casey and Pakenham.

Cliff Riley reminded that May is Rotary bowel cancer month and updated test kits are now available at local pharmacies at a cost of \$15. Cliff outlined the history of the Bowelscan program over 30 years and the number of positive results that had detected early signs of cancer.

Paul Taranto outlined the program for a visit to the Qenos petrochemical facility on Friday 27 May. There will be separate visits to different areas in the morning and afternoon with lunch in Altona. The group will travel by bus to and from Altona as private vehicles cannot tour around the works. Further details are on Page 3

Paul also ran his weekly raffle and also called for donation of prizes for the Changeover night raffle

Glenyse Cooper read a message from Jill and Len Brear travelling in Norway.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant Jack Pyziakos ran his regular quiz with a geography question to Central Australia (The Olgas are higher than Uluru). Footy winners were fined. We celebrated George Aivatoglou by singing Happy Birthday!

Speaker: Professor Seong-Seng Tan – "Why can't a woman be like a man"

Professor Tan was introduced by Chairman Sylvio Tang who first met him in 1982. Professor Tan came originally from Malaysia and practised in Cheltenham as an orthodontist. Later he lived in England while studying for a PhD in neuroscience at Oxford. He now works at the Florey Institute and also has had appointments to the University of Queensland Brain Institute and the Rockefeller Institute in New York. He is a keen swimmer (a Brighton Iceberg), golfer and plays cello).

Professor Tan's work is now concentrated on understanding of how human brain cells work and the different responses in the case of brain injuries, normal aging, brain tumours and patients with Parkinson's disease or Alzheimer's disease.

The brains of women and men are essentially different due to the complex mix of X chromosomes (female) and Y chromosomes (male). Passage of hereditary diseases such as colour blindness and haemophilia to descendants is related directly to the mix of gene chromosomes in the mother and father. Reduction of the normal X chromosome in a female or addition of a Y chromosome in a male can result in various mental and physical disturbances and disabilities.

In regard to changes in the brain with aging, Professor Tan pointed out that numerous studies suggest that undertaking physical and mental exercise and maintaining social networks are essential to prolong brain function. He said that we should aim for five cumulative hours of physical exercise per week.

In other areas of study, Professor Tan mentioned Rett Syndrome, a severe form of autism that only affects girls. Research into Parkinson's Disease is going well and is leading to various lines of effective treatment.

Paul Taranto proposed the vote of thanks

Other Announcements

Apologies for non- attendance

Apologies for meeting absences should be directed to **David Brunt** by **telephone or text** to 0418526140 **no later than 2.00 pm on Monday**. Names of any guests can also be advised at this time.

Wheelchairs for Kids

Please remember to put \$2 in the box on each table each week to go to the "Wheelchairs for Kids" program. Every \$150 contributed gives one child the freedom of mobility and also liberates a carer.

**Proposed Vocational Tour
Qenos Petrochemical Refinery
Friday 27 May**

Program outline from Jeff Needham:

Friday was selected to maximise the amount of machinery that will be in operation. The trip will be split between two centres with lunch in between.

For OH&S reasons long trousers and long sleeve shirts must be worn.

9.00 am Bus leaves from Woodlands Golf Club*

10.00 am Paul Taranto - welcome to Qenos

Escort to Resins Technical Centre

10.10 to 12.00. Escorted tour of Technical Centre

12 noon to 1.15 pm Travel to Altona to RSL Club for Lunch

1-30 pm to 2-00 pm Arrive at Olefins training Centre
Paul to introduce to Qenos/Olefins

2-00 to 3-00 pm Bus travels through Olefins.

3.00 pm- 4.00 pm Return to Woodlands*

*Note departure/arrival at Woodlands GC to be confirmed

Change of Email Address – Brian Schauer

Brian Schauer's new email is: schauerb78@gmail.com

SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

Please note the following dates and events in your diary. It is important that all members support the club in these activities.

22 May (Sun)	District Training Assembly Deakin University, Burwood Highway, East Burwood 8.45 am to 12 noon.
27 May (Fri)	Vocational Visit to Qenos Petro Chemical facility, Altona.
13 June (Mon-Queens B'day)	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Mentone 8 am to 4 pm
19 June (Sun)	Riseley farewell lunch. The Whitehorse Club, East Burwood
25 June (Sat)	District 9810 Changeover Dinner, Karalyka Centre, Ringwood.
28 June (Tues)	Annual Club Changeover Night. Woodlands Golf Club.
12 July (Tues)	District Governor's Official Club Visit
20 Nov (Sun)	Classic Car Show, Moorabbin Airport. Tentative date. Details to come

Members on Leave

Bob Travers – 20 April to 30 June

Jill Brear – 5 April to 24 May

Jill Van – 21 March to 30 June

Drew Libbis – 1 May to 30 June

If you plan to be absent for three weeks or longer, please request leave of absence through the secretary.

Bayside Kingston Prostate Cancer Support Group

WHEN: First Monday of each month

TIME: 9.30 to 11.30am

WHERE: Mentone RSL
Palermo Street, Mentone
Melways Map 87 A8

Wives and Partners welcome, bookings not required

For further information contact Bob Wilson 9589 4282

Where Other Clubs Meet

This information is available via the club website via the following link:

<http://mordiallocrotary.org.au/about-rotary/where-other-clubs-meet/>

Club Committees

The list of current committee membership is available on the club website at the link:

<http://mordiallocrotary.org.au/about-rotary/club-committees-2/>

Coin Collection for UNICEF

Please bring any spare foreign currency and place in the jar at the registration desk. Notes and coin for all countries are welcome including superseded ones.

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next meeting.....

Date: 17 May
Speakers: Tim Richardson MP, Member for Mordialloc
Topic: The State budget and affect on the local economy
Chairman: Cliff Riley
Desk & Regalia: Brian Schauer, Len Dawson
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

And the next.... Partners Night

Date: 24 May
Speaker: Dr Daniel Felman
Topic: Richard 111
Chairman: Sylvio Tang
Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Barry Donaldson
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

And the next....

Date: 31 May
Speaker: Marty Hook
Topic: Kokoda Tribute
Chairman: Len Dawson
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Don Butler
Fellowship: David Brunt
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

TOASTS

Australia:

Please charge your glasses and assist me in toasting our Great country, Australia. (Pause) to our country: Australia.

Rotary International:

Please drink a toast to our organisation: Rotary International, (pause) Rotary International.

ROTARY INVOCATION:

For good food, for good fellowship and the opportunity for service through Rotary, We give thanks.

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.

The Rotary 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?"

