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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 2218
 29 August
 2017

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Partners Night

Speaker: Kathryn McDonald
 Topic: My Life as a Professional Engineer
 Chairman: Brian Foley
 Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Carol Quayle
 Fellowship: Len Dawson
 Bulletin notes: Jill Brear



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello and welcome one and all to our ninth meeting for the 2017-2018 year. I trust everyone has had a good week and has found in some way each day to be their favorite day.

At our last meeting, were privileged to hear one of our own, PP David Brunt, talk to us on how important it is to engage with those in our community who are afflicted with addictions. The work that David and his wife Helen have done over the years is an admirable demonstration of how individuals can make a difference in the lives of others. And as Pooh reminded us last week making a difference each day can make that day our favorite day.

It was also a delight last week to have Mahendra Bulsara, a visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Bulsar, Gujarat, India, attend our meeting. I showed their club banner to my team member Raj Solanki and was greeted with the exclamation that that was where he hailed from and where his extended family still lives. Raj was very interested to hear how Rotary works and how Rotarians can engage with one another the world over. Maybe I have another Rotarian in the offing. Club members are reminded to use opportunities as they arise to spread the message of what Rotary does and how Rotary works. It is from this that future members will come.

For the footy tragics among us, the weekend just gone will have proven to be a very interesting one and we now know who will be playing who in the finals ahead of us. For the remainder of us who may follow in the footsteps of Keith Dunstan and have more of an anti-football league outlook on life, there is the weekend coming up where there is no football and offers a small respite from all hyperbole that goes with AFL football.

At my work we have the ability to place a caption at the end of our emails. Any of you that have had an email from me may have noticed mine, it says: *"Safety by choice not by chance."* I came across a similar message but one that has a wider application, from one of the AFL greats: *"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice."* This phrase came from Leigh Matthews. I am sure the many AFL coaches will have reminded the players of this approach in the lead up to last week's games and will continue to do so as the finals unfold.

And to finish on a very happy note, Kay Gordon has just sent an email (attached) announcing the safe arrival or her new granddaughter on Sunday morning in Dublin.

I thank all club members for what they do each day in ***Making a Difference.***

Yours in Rotary
 Paul

Club Meeting No 2217 – 22 August at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 16 members, 1 honorary member, 1 visiting Rotarian, 1 guest

Apologies: Damian West, Graeme Bruce, George Aivatoglou

Visiting Rotarian: PP Mahendra Bulsara (RC Bulsar, Gujarat, India), Brian Schauer

Guests: Helen Brunt

Make-Ups: David Brunt, Brian Foley (Kingston Service Clubs network)

Travellers: Carol had heard from Kay in Ireland where it is very cold. The latest news is that Kay's second granddaughter was born on Sunday morning (27 July). The elder granddaughter Clodagh is greatly improved although will need some further treatment. See message at end of this bulletin.

News from Jack and Kathy Pyziakos is that they are enjoying themselves somewhere in Europe.

President's Announcements

President Paul opened the meeting, welcomed all and visitors and gave the following announcements.

- The Rotary Foundation has recently sent thank you letters to members of the Centurion Club for their continuing support. Two recent short videos showing the Foundation's work were shown to the meeting. Further Centurion members are sought for a minimum donation of \$100 per year.
- This week's guest speaker is Kathryn McDonald, a former GSE team member to USA, who will speak about her career as a professional engineer. Invitations have been sent to Mentone Girls SC, Parkdale SC and Kilbreda College inviting students to attend the meeting.
- The first NYSF orientation day will be held on Saturday 2 September at Parkville. Some assistance from members is needed on the day.

Jack Cooper chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Carol Quayle (Secretary) advised that about half our members now have Working with Children Certificates. Please speak to Carol to register. Carol is also about to have more club business cards printed. Please advise Carol if you need some new ones.

Brian Foley advised that David Brunt and he had attended a recent meeting of the Kingston Service club network. Four Rotary Clubs and two Lions Clubs were represented Council officers can assist clubs with marketing initiatives and use of social media.

Brian also attended the youth exchange briefing for incoming students on 20 August along with Sarah and Felicity Steele.

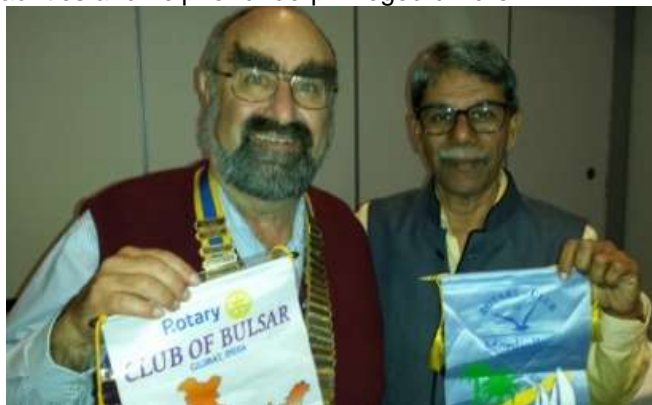
Carol referred to the packing day for the Birthing Kits project that will be held on Saturday 14 October. The event was published in the recent District *Highlights*. A good turnout of members is sought for this project.

Jack Cooper advised that the date and venue for the next Gnome and fairy Festival have been confirmed for Sunday 18 March 2018 at the George Woods Reserve in Governor Road Mordialloc. Jack also reminded that the next district conference will be held at Bendigo from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 March 2018.

Glenyse Cooper announced the visit to Latrobe Cottage has been altered to Thursday 12 October. The visit will be combined with a visit to Government House. Booking details will be available shortly and will need to be booked and paid two weeks ahead.

Brian Foley advised that the club website is being upgraded and contains some new features. It should be easier to use on smart phones and tablet computers.

Visiting Rotarian Mahendra Bulsara told us a little of his club RC Bulsar in Gujarat State on the west of India. The club is active in providing medical help and sanitation facilities and help for underprivileged children.



Club Banner Exchange – President Paul and Mahendra

Sergeant-at-Arms

A short session by Sergeant Cliff covering a range of subjects. Nick Kyrgios lost again and racehorse Winx has now won 18 races straight. Among recent deaths were singer Glen Campbell and former VFL umpire Harry Beitzel, Cliff continued on his history tour of Victoria taking in the Ballarat Begonia Festival and Kryal Castle. Carol was pleased that her daughter now has a permanent job and Paul's grandson survived his first game in the seconds back after injury.

Guest Speaker- David Brunt "Drugs in our Community"

David has had a long history with drug issues in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria dating back to the early 1970s. He highlighted some significant stages in the history of drug use and prevention in Australia.

In the late 1960s, American troops on R&R leave from Vietnam in Sydney were supplied with heroin leading to a heroin epidemic in that city.

In 1972, the hippie movement lead by Timothy Leary, magic mushrooms and music, enticed many young people into drugs particularly LSD.

In 1973 David established the first drug rehabilitation centre for young people in Queensland. Valium was the drug of choice for many young people in that State.

The drug ICE has been used for many years by truck drivers to stay awake although they now often use legally prescribed opiates.

In 1988 the NSW introduced a needle and syringe exchange program and it has worked. In the Kings Cross area there was a 90% decrease in drug deaths and overdoses.

Prisoners find it very easy to obtain drugs in prison. The evidence is clear that keeping young people out of prison, together with counselling and safe injecting rooms, should keep them alive.

Illicit drugs have now become a major crime statistic throughout the community. Statistics from 2015 show that while alcohol use and smoking are now decreasing, drug use is increasing with 15% of the population regular users and 42% having used drugs at some time in their lives. Heroin addiction has been replaced by morphine and some of this is delivered legally by GPs.

In the late 1980s, David studied the drug scene in London and, when questioning young people why they used drugs, the common answer was that it was the only fun they had.

David believes, along with many other specialists, that the traditional methods of drug rehabilitation have not worked and it is necessary to get politicians away from the “war on drugs” mentality. They also need to take some responsibility for what is happening. Supervised injecting rooms provide clean needles and clean drugs and ensure that the drug taking is as safe as possible. This is what has lead to the 90% reduction in drug overdoses in NSW. It has been achieved with no significant increase in crime.

The decriminalisation of drugs has had some success overseas, e.g. Norway. It is obviously a political issue. We also need to get addicts to accept responsibility for their situation rather than denial.

David responded to a number of members’ questions that explored further the matters raised in the talk.

Jeff Needham proposed the thanks

Other Announcements

Mordialloc Theatre Company
Thursday 14 September at 8 pm
“Equally Divided”

Tickets are still available @ \$25 each from Kathy Pyziakos by email to Kathy at:
jackpyziakos@optusnet.com.au

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.

14 Sept (Thurs)	Mordialloc Theatre Company play “Equally Divided” 8.00 pm Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale
20 Sept (Wed)	Board meeting, Taranto house 7.30 pm
12 Oct (Thurs)	Visit to Latrobe Cottage and Government House
14 October (Sat) TBC	Packing day for Birthing Kits Project, Sand belt Hotel, Moorabbin.
2 – 4 March 2018 (Fri–Sun)	District 9810 Conference, Bendigo
18 March 2018 (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc

Members on Leave

Jack Pyziakos – 25 July to 1 September
Barry Donaldson – 25 July to 12 September
Kay Gordon – 1 August to 28 September

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/>

Apologies for non- attendance

Apologies for meeting absences from the meetings on from 15 August until further notice, should be advised to **David Brunt**. These can be by telephone or text to **0418526140 no later than 1.00 pm on Monday before the meeting**. 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

Weekly Raffle Result

Last week’s raffle raised \$47 towards Australian Rotary Health. The winners were Jill Brear and Len Dawson

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next meeting.....

Date: 5 September
Speaker: Dr Netra Khadka
Topic: Diabetes Management
Chairman: Sylvio Tang
Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Don Van
Fellowship: Carol Quayle
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

And the next....

Date: 12 September
Speaker: John Botham
Topic: George Cole, an early Melbourne identity
Chairman: Glenyse Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, David Brunt
Fellowship: Kelly Banks
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

And the next....

Date: 19 September
Speaker: Peter Johnstone
Topic: Governance issues facing the Catholic Church – Why bother?
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Ernie Williams, Don Van
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

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?"

SUPPORT
YOUR LOCAL
TRAVEL AGENCY
WHO SUPPORTS
OUR LOCAL CLUB

DESTINATION HQ
TRAVEL DIFFERENT TRAVEL REDEFINED

Beaumaris
23 North Concourse
9589 3294

Mentone
Thrift Park Shopping Centre
9584 3833

Email Message received from Kay Gordon, 28 August

New arrival happy news

Hi to you all,

Just to let you all know at home that after 9 days overdue we welcomed a little girl into the Gordon family at 2 am Ireland time, both mum and baby are well, as yet unnamed weighing 8lb 11oz. She is beautiful. Everyone here very happy and excited, and relieved the waiting is over.

Since I last updated you we have seen a big improvement in Clodagh, she finishes the first lot of intense treatment, it was pushed out a little because of temperatures and other infections, but she has had drug changes and other things happen, she is now smiling again, and interacting with us, even the nurses are getting smiles. She is still in the Crumlin children's hospital and maybe here for a couple more weeks. We will find out this week what treatment plan Clodagh will be on next.

Eimear and Cameron were able to get a room in Ronald McDonald house here, I have moved in as well, which makes it easier than driving up from Navan. We will be able to have the new baby there as well. It's very comfortable with twin beds and a large bathroom. Cameron does the night shift with Clodagh. Corporate companies come into the house during the week and cook meals for the families, the families are very well looked after.

Last Thursday Cameron and I took some time out and went into Dublin for a few hours sightseeing, we did the hop on hop off bus, had lunch in an old Irish pub, I had Irish stew, did a little shopping and then came back to the hospital. It was lovely to have the break together.

We'll know more news I think the baby might be unnamed for a few days yet. The weather here has been surprisingly warm up to 22 degrees a bit humid, then of course showers to follow at night. They are sports mad here at the moment with Gaelic football finals, and of course the Irish boxer who fought in Las Vegas yesterday. It's been a long tiring day, very little sleep last night so I can see I will be in bed early.

Thanks for all your support very much appreciated,
Love to you all,
Kay xxx