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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 2244
 27 March
 2018

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: Mike Brooks
 Topic: A Hockey Tragic
 Chairman: Jack Pyziakos
 Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, David Brunt
 Fellowship: Jeff Needham
 Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Welcome everyone to our thirty fifth meeting for the 2017-2018 year. Easter is almost upon us and the general population can look forward to the last very long weekend before winter sets in on us. AFL football has returned (and for Club Legend Jack so has the NRL). Last week we heard about the life and work of Peter Degorski. This got me thinking about cycles and progress.

Cycles are part of life in so many ways. The yearly cycle of the earth around the sun leads to the cycle of the seasons. At the moment the nominating committee is preparing to select our District Governor for 2020/21, this is part of the Rotary cycle. Our club is preparing for our next year with President Elect Jack Pyziakos assembling his board and committee chairs for the new year. The various faiths celebrate their special events on an annual basis. With all this cyclical activity does it mean that we just keep going around in circles and not progress. The answer of course is obviously not.

Peter's talk last week illustrated just how much we are progressing and how human co-operation, inquisitiveness and inventiveness is improving the human condition. The interplay between mathematics, biology and computer science is helping us unlock what is behind some of the most debilitating conditions that people suffer.

Peter is a good example of how the cycle of Rotary Clubs selecting students to attend the NYSF, the holding of the NYSF programs each January, the students going on and finding the branch of science fascinates them, all leads to progress.

This brings me back to Easter. For those of the Christian tradition, Easter commemorates a victory of life over death, of a joyous future. The Christian tradition was built on what was already celebrated by several societies, a new season of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the new life and harvests that came with that. It could be said that the underlying themes are ones of continuation and renewal. Cycles, like bicycles, help all of us move forward.

I would like to touch on a more mundane matter but one important to our club and that is the matter of apologies for the weekly meeting. The club is obliged to nominate how many meals are required to Woodlands. If the number of members attending and having a meal is below the nominated number the club still has to pay for the nominated number of meals. A shortfall of just 1 meal per week means the Club is paying over \$1000 in year for unwanted meals rather than directing those funds to worthwhile projects. I ask all members to contact PP David Brunt **by midday Monday** each week and notify him if they will be an apology. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

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I wish all Club members and their families a happy Easter.



Thank you to club members for what they have done and continue to do each day in **Making a Difference**.

Yours in Rotary

Paul

Club Meeting No 2243 – 20 March at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 17 members, 1 visiting Rotarian, 2 guests

Apologies: Rob Goode, Damian West, George Aivatoglou, Barry Donaldson.

Visiting Rotarian: Diana Townsend (RC Shrewsbury Darwin UK).

Guests: Peter Degorski (guest speaker), Sarah Wich, exchange student,

Make-Ups: All members who participated in the Gnome and Fairy Festival. Jack and Glenyse Cooper and Brian Foley (RC Melbourne), Jack Cooper, Brian Foley, Kay Gordon and Don Butler (Government House reception for RI President Ian Riseley)

Illness: Rob Goode is home from hospital and likely to return to Rotary soon.

Geoff Hillard is continuing to improve after recent bowel surgery and is out of intensive care. Kay reports that he is recovering and is cheerful.

Traveller: Carol Quayle has returned home from the nursing project in Vietnam.

President Announcements

President Paul Taranto welcomed members and guests and gave the following announcements:

- Paul commented on last week's speaker Cliff Riley telling his life history. He suggested that Cliff's integrity in his professional life was a good reflection of the Rotary Four-Way Test

- Thanks to all members, family and friends who assisted with this year's Gnome and Fairy Festival both in the lead up and last Sunday. It was a great shame that the wind and rain forced an early conclusion on safety grounds.
- Paul asked Jeff Needham to comment on the financial position. Jeff replied that, after allowing for the stock of gnomes and raffle prizes still on hand, the overall loss could be around \$1000. Still being reviewed.
- A meeting of the project committee would be held to assess the outcomes and the future outcome.
- The board would meet the following evening
- The first rehearsal for Kathleen McGuire's Purple Choir would take place on 26 March. Paul will send details to those interested.

Brian Foley chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Brian Foley, acting secretary in Carol's absence, advised that he distributed mail and incoming to various members for attention. When Brian returned home from the Gnome and Fairy festival on Sunday afternoon, there was an email message from a lady asking when the festival would be re-scheduled. The message was sent at 10.36 am and at that time the festival had not been called off! A non-committal reply was sent to her. Paul had also received calls during the day

Brian also reported on his visit to Doveton Secondary College that day to see progress on the student project to build a shelter shed. The shed is now almost complete and is of good standard. The students did most of the work and were supervised by volunteer tradesmen. Brian also met with college principal Greg McMahan and discussed a range of Rotary related issues. Greg is prepared to speak to the club on education programs for students from disadvantaged communities.

Jeff Needham (youth) advised that Mentone Girls Secondary College had been approached to enter a team for this year's Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA). Registration is due immediately.

Jack Cooper (projects) thanked all members, family and friends who helped at the festival. Some stallholders left early but others stayed on well into the day.

Brian Foley announced that John Adams of Rotary Club of Cheltenham died recently. His funeral was last Friday.

The weekly raffle raised \$26 with the winners being Jack Pyziakos and visiting Rotarian Diana.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant Cliff ran a short fines session focussed mainly on the busy sporting season. The start of the AFL season, rugby (already started), St George winning two matches, the Grand Prix, cricket, Roger Federer finally losing a match and St Kilda moving back to Moorabbin all were mentioned. Keith Carpenter is officially a cricket legend.

Speaker: Peter Degorski: “Why are brains and thunderstorms the same but a little different?”

Peter Degorski has been known to President Paul since he attended the national Youth Science Forum in 2010. Subsequently, Peter studied science at Melbourne University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree followed by a Masters Degree in Science majoring in atmospheric physics.

After graduation, Peter worked for some two years with the Bureau of Meteorology studying the behaviour of clouds and thunderstorms and applying advanced computer analysis to identify patterns and thus predict future storm behaviour.

Peter then moved on to work at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute that engages in high level medical research on a wide range of medical conditions and diseases. As an example, Peter referred to the use of powerful computers that are used to process and analyse the enormous volumes of data required to detect and identify abnormalities in DNA sequences that affect brain function. He described this process often as searching for a needle in a haystack situation, but with the resources now available, it is possible to carry out the studies.

Although Peter is trained in atmospheric physics, which seems a long way from medical research, there are similarities in the process between medical and atmospheric research. For example, both the human brain and storm clouds emit electrical impulses that can be examined to detect patterns and changes. There are also differences between the brain and clouds such as the density of matter, function and moisture content, that need to be taken into account.

Peter also mentioned that members of his research team come from different backgrounds and work on entirely separate medical problems. However they collaborate regularly to discuss progress and share ideas on how to undertake the various studies.

Peter then responded to a number of member’s questions relating to his work at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and medical research generally.

Jack Cooper proposed the thanks.



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.

28 April (Wed)	Gnome and Fairy project committee meeting (debrief). 7.30 pm Taranto House
2 April (Easter Mon)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
6 April (Fri)	Interplast Golf Day, Woodlands Golf Club
16 April (Mon)	Dr Kathleen McGuire song project recording session. Abbotsford Convent.
20 May (Sun)	District 9810 Training Assembly. Details to come.
2 June (Sat)	District 9810 Changeover. Southern Golf Club. Details to come
15-17 February 2019	Victorian Multi-District Conference Melbourne Convention Centre

Members on Leave

Kelly Banks - 16 January to 20 March
 Ernie Williams – 12 March to 3 April
 Trina Williams - 12 March to 3 April
 Kay Gordon – 13 to 27 March
 Damian West: - to end of April

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

Apologies for non- attendance

Apologies for meeting absences 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

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting Partner's Night

Date: 3 April
Speaker: Lynne Davine
Topic: Aims, Objectives and Achievements of Inner Wheel
Chairman: Carol Quayle
Desk & Regalia: Barry Donaldson, Don Van
Fellowship: Brian Foley
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

And the next.....

Date: 10 April
Speaker: Cathryn Turnbull
Topic: A Teachers Life in Rangoon, Burma
Chairman: Len Dawson
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, David Brunt
Fellowship: Trina Williams
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

And the next.....

Date: 17 April
Speaker: Paul Fraser, Director of CSIRO
Topic: Greenhouse Gas and Climate Change Research
Chairman: Trina Williams
Desk & Regalia: Len Dawson, Don Van
Fellowship: Ernie Williams
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?"

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