



Rotary Club of Mordialloc Inc.
 Reg No A0011994G
 PO Box 289, Mentone Vic 3194
 E-mail: info@mordiallocrotary.org.au
 Website: <http://mordiallocrotary.org.au>

Club meets at Woodlands Golf Club
 109 White Street Mordialloc
 Melways Map 87 H 11
 Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting 2251
15 May
2018

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Partners' night

Speaker: Bill Atherton
 Topic: A letter from the war front in 1916
 Chairman: Graeme Bruce
 Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Rob Goode
 Fellowship: Len Dawson
 Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello and welcome everyone to our forty second meeting for the 2017-2018 year. I am writing this message late on Sunday afternoon just after Richmond held off a determined North Melbourne to record another win. Richmond has certainly taken team play to another level.

Today is Mother's Day and although I am not a big fan of these manufactured days of celebration (everyday should be Mother's and Father's Day) it is a day for people to come together and say thank you to their mums or to remember their mums. For Dianne and I, both our Mums have passed on so we went to Springvale to tend their grave sites and spend a few quiet moments with them. Our son Dominic left early this morning for work in San Francisco, Munich and Tel Aviv, so for him it was a phone call to Dianne and to pass on his love. Our daughter Jessica came over and we shared a quiet alfresco lunch. Our grandson Tim sent Dianne a gift via Jessica which was accompanied by a handmade card. The cover of the card had a large G and a number of words radiated out such great, gorgeous, etc. It was a lovely gesture much appreciated by Dianne especially because it was handmade.

Thank you to Ernie and Trina Williams for organising the second Mother's day raffle held at Woolworths Mentone store. Thanks also to Brian Foley and Dianne Taranto for helping to set up the table and prizes and sell tickets.

I trust members have taken the time to read the two resolutions that our district proposes to put forward at the International Conference later this year. The club vote will be taken at this week's meeting.

Last Friday, President-Elect Jack Pyziakos and I, along with Brian Foley attended the annual District Foundation Grants Seminar. Having attended, the club has met one of the conditions to be qualified to receive District and Global Grants. The other condition is to complete a memorandum of understanding setting out the procedures to be followed. We are also fortunate to have Brian Foley involved with the District committee overseeing the allocation of District grants and so can provide guidance on the identification of and completion of applications for grants. I encourage members to think about what projects the club could undertake in Jack's year and would be eligible for a District grant. We will have PDG Tony Monley come and talk on 22 May about the Rotary Foundation and how funds are channeled back into meaningful projects at a club level.

Talking about speakers, last week's speaker James Nicholas gave a wonderful presentation on "The Mystery of Fairyland" His discovery of the connection between his mother and her foster mother and the establishment of "Fairyland" was heartfelt even more so in the context of Mother's Day.

Continued P 2

President's message from Page 1

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 2250– 8 May at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 16 members, 1 Visiting Rotarian, 2 guests

Visiting Rotarian: Shia Smart (RC MASH, District Governor Nominee)

Apologies: Kay Gordon, Trina Williams, Barry Donaldson, Don Butler

Guests: James Nicolas (guest speaker), Sarah Wich (exchange student)

Make-Ups: Brian Foley (Presidents' meeting) Jack and Glenyse Cooper, Len Dawson (Elisabeth Murdoch College). Ernie, Trina and Jack Pyziakos at the raffle at Bunnings.

Illness: Geoff Hillard is undergoing chemotherapy and doing well.
Damian West is progressing

President Announcements

President Paul welcomed members and guests and announced the following:

- A reminder of the Mother's Day raffle on Saturday 12 May at Woolworth's Mentone store.
- Details of two district resolutions had been distributed to all members and will be voted on at this week's meeting. One resolution deals environmental matters and the other requests Earlyact be accepted as an official Rotary program for youth.
- Flyers for next week's meeting were available
- Paul had circulated an interesting and frank article from the "Financial Review" about China and its progress
- The District Grants seminar is on Friday 11 May
- The next board meeting is on Wednesday 16 May
- The District 9810 Assembly is on Sunday 20 May at Deakin University, Burwood Road, East Burwood.

Len Dawson chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Brian Foley (Community) had visited Mordialloc Neighbourhood House to inspect further work needed on the children's play area. MNH is seeking a Council grant and other funding to replace deteriorated safety matting. Brian will report to the next board meeting on how we might assist.

Jack Cooper reported on a visit to Elisabeth Murdoch College at Langwarrin. A cheque for \$700 was paid following the college providing assistance again at this year's Gnome and Fairy Festival. Jill Brear expressed thanks to the club for developing our relationship with the college. Jack responded that the manager Andrew had been as strong supporter of our festival by bringing the animal farm each year and publicising Rotary.

Jeff Needham (Youth) reported on the following:

- The annual Model United Nations Assembly (MUNS) was held at Parliament House, Melbourne on the weekend 5-6 May. Our club sponsored a two student team from Mentone Girls Secondary College who enjoyed the experience. They will be invited to speak at the club shortly.
- Four applications, from Mentone Girls Secondary College, had been received for this year's National Youth Science Forum. Jeff and Brian would interview the applicants on the following day

Brian advised that exchange student Sarah would be visiting Queensland with Jack and Kathy over the next two weeks.

Paul thanked Ernie for organising vouchers and prizes to be raffled at Bunnings. \$201 was raised.

Glenyse mentioned that Alec Potts, who spoke to the club about archery some months ago, is running a one-hour session on Friday afternoons for over 55s. Cost is \$25 per session. See Glenyse for further details.

The weekly raffle raised \$31 with the winners being Carol and Ernie.

Brian advised that for those wishing to attend the District Changeover on Saturday 2 June, bookings have to be made through the Trybooking website. Click on the hyperlink on Page 3 of the bulletin to go direct to the booking site.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant Cliff was back on the job and fined supporters of losing footy teams including St Kilda, GWS, Essendon and Storm. President Paul is delighted at his daughter Jessica's enthusiasm for the Mercy Ships project. Sergeant Cliff told the story of his 95 year-old cousin whose remarkable life was celebrated following her recent death. She had a hard early life and her first husband was in the air force and died soon after they were married. She met her second husband at a dentistry where she worked and they went on to raise six sons.

Guest Speaker: James Nicholas "The Mystery of Fairyland"

James Nicholas is the author of several books and has a varied working history including several years in the army in the military police. He had an early introduction to Rotary when he won an award from Camberwell Rotary at age 17. Jim learned about Fairyland Cottage in Kew when he was researching his mother's background after her death.

Guest speaker (cont.)

James grew up in Canterbury where his mother was very secretive about her past. His research revealed that his mother had spent her early years in an orphanage, having been born to a single mother – a social disgrace in that era. She was then adopted by foster parents, Jim and Grace Tabulo, who brought her up as their own as they had no other children. The mother was devastated when, in early adulthood, she discovered that she was adopted and the Tabulos were not her natural parents. When James' mother developed early onset dementia, she spoke a little of her past and the fact that she was an adoptee. On finding out that she was adopted, James' mother walked out of the foster home and never returned. As a result, foster mother Grace suffered a breakdown.

Possibly as part of her recovery, Grace and Jim purchased a small cottage in Malmsbury Street, Kew as their new home and called it "Fairyland". It was decorated with a range of fairy lights, gnomes, other statues and items of interest to children. Fairyland became an open house for all children at no charge. It operated for around 20 years from the mid-1940s until Grace's death in 1965. It hosted large gatherings over the years and some occasions, such as the Queen's coronation in 1953 and the annual Empire Days, were special attractions. Nine visitors' books full of the names of children attending are now stored at Kew Library.

Jim Tabulo was in the Australian Army during WW1 and fought at Gallipoli, Belgium and France and suffered gassing and various injuries. He re-enlisted on the outbreak of WW2 but was released on compassionate grounds and his earlier service. He died in 1950 when a car hit his horse and cart. Jim's death was a significant event locally, covered in newspapers and school children were given the day off.

Nevertheless, Grace continued to run Fairyland after Jim's death. Jim's war medals and a photograph were on display at Fairyland. When the medals were stolen from the house, a local lady petitioned Prime Minister Menzies to have the medals re-issued which he did, in spite of War Office reluctance to do so. The medals went on show again.

James showed a number of old photographs and newspaper articles of Grace and the many young visitors to Fairyland. One photo shows her on the roof carrying out repairs and painting at age 81. Another shows TV personality Philip Brady, one of many celebrity visitors.

When Grace died in 1965, Fairyland and the rest of Grace's estate were donated to charity.

James believes that his mother and Grace were never reconciled.

Kelly Banks 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.

20 May (Sun) Morning	District 9810 Training Assembly. Deakin University, Burwood.
29 May (Tues)	Visit to Soap Aid factory. 4 to 5 pm 81 to 85 Malcolm Road, Braeside
2 June (Sat)	District 9810 Changeover. Southern Golf Club. 6.30 pm start, \$62 per head
26 June (Tues)	Club Annual Changeover Dinner Details to come
1 July (Sun)	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
7 July (Sat)	Exchange student Sarah Wich returns home to Germany
26 Dec (Wed) Boxing Day	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
15-17 February 2019	Victorian Multi-District Conference Melbourne Convention Centre

Members on Leave

Damian West: - to end of June

George Aivatoglou – end May

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

District 9810 Changeover Dinner
Saturday 2 June 2018
Start 6.30 pm for 6.50 pm
Southern Golf Club
Lower Dandenong Road, Keysborough

Cost: \$62 per head plus drinks at bar prices.

Payment by **credit card only** via Try Booking website.
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=364764>

Closing date for bookings Monday 28 May.

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting

Date: 22 May
Speaker: PDG Tony Monley
Topic: The Rotary Foundation
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Trina Williams
Fellowship: Brian Foley
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

And the next.....

Date: 29 May
The weekly meeting will be preceded by a visit to Soap Aid, 81 to 85 Malcolm Road, Braeside from 4 – 5 pm
Speaker: Sarah Wich
Topic: My Rotary Youth Exchange experience
Chairman: Jeff Needham
Desk & Regalia: Barry Donaldson, Don Butler
Fellowship: Len Dawson
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

And the next.....

Date: 5 June
Speaker: Jessica Taranto
Topic: Royal Children's Hospital and the Mercy Ships Project
Chairman: Carol Quayle
Desk & Regalia: Rob Goode, Don Van
Fellowship: Trina Williams
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

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

Beumaris
23 North Concourse
9589 3294

Mentone
Thrift Park Shopping Centre
9584 3833