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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 No 2365
20 October 2020

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date: 20 October
Speaker: Dean Beattie
Topic: Men's Health
Chairman: David Brunt
Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



Rotary Opens Opportunities
RI theme 2020-21

Most Rotary activities are cancelled or on hold until further notice due to the Coronavirus. However, we are holding board and club meetings in this period using Zoom.

Message from President Paul Taranto

Welcome everyone and welcome to our speaker tonight Dean Beattie. Dean has been helping me to get into shape or at least slow up my physical decline. I have no doubt you will all find what he has to say of interest and of benefit for not only yourself but also for friends and family. I say this as wellbeing and mental health have been very topical during the Covid lockdown and the news this week that the coach of the North Melbourne football club is taking some time out. There was also the tragic news that a young female athlete Jacinda Barclay lost her life at the age of 29. Jacinda represented Australia in baseball, played in the women's American football league and also played for the GWS Giants AFLW team.

Rotary has been involved in the mental health area for a long time and the Australian Rotary Health program has made mental health a focus for several years. October is the month for "Lifting the Lid" on mental illness and our club has supported this effort on several occasions. If you would like to learn more about ARH's activities, I encourage you to go to the website:
<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>

In talking about mental health the word and concept of "Joy" comes to mind.

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SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

21 Oct (Wed)	Board meeting. 7.30 pm - Strategic direction and priorities
27 Oct (Tues)	Andrew Webb, CFA
3 Nov (Tues)	No Meeting – Melbourne Cup Day
10 Nov (Tues)	Peter Ratcliff – Mordialloc & Dist. Historical Society
24 Nov (Tues)	Club AGM

All meetings to be by Zoom video link until further notice
Club meetings each Tuesday at 6.15 for 6.30 pm
Board and any other meetings, as decided by the board.

A look at the various definitions of "Joy" indicate that "Joy" is a feeling that is different from "Happiness". Looking at the supporters of Richmond and Geelong you would say that they are happy following their preliminary final wins. However that feeling will be transitory and only one group will be happy following the Grand Final next week. Many scribes say that "Joy" is a stronger and a more lasting feeling. It is said to come from not the outcomes for ourselves but from what we see on the outcomes of others.

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Last week I talked about "Service" being the object of Rotary. I also gave a definition of service that in part said, "true service brings **joy** and touches lives and hearts and ...can change lives for the better." I trust that our members do feel joy from the part they play in the projects and programs we undertake in its pursuit of serving the community.

This week the club board will be meeting again to discuss the club's strategic direction and priorities going forward. This is in preparation for our upcoming AGM to be held on 24 November.

Our second voluntary contribution period (September-October) is ending soon. A reminder that these contributions will be directed to the Rotary 100th Anniversary program "Every Child a Future". The aim of this program is to vaccinate 100,000 children in nine Pacific Island countries. Members are requested to make a voluntary contribution (in lieu of costs not being incurred in the absence of face to face dinner meetings). If a member would like to learn more about this program then go to the website; <https://everychildafuture.com/>

To close this week's message, I will return to the feeling of "Joy" and what was said by one of the headline musicians when I was a growing up in the 60's and 70's:

"If you carry joy in your heart, you can heal any moment." - Carlos Santana (1947 -)

Cheers Paul
"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to feel "Joy")

Club Meeting No 2364 – 13 October – Zoom Video

Attendance: 20 members, 3 visiting Rotarians, 1 guest

Apology: Carol Quayle

Visiting Rotarians: DG Alma Reynolds, Greg King, AG Heather Chisholm (Beaumaris)

Guest: Margaret Aivatoglou

President *Paul* welcomed all members and guests including Governor Alma, Greg King and Assistant Governor Heather and Margaret Aivatoglou. Paul also chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Reports and Members' Announcements

Secretary *Trina* gave a short summary of the board meeting held the previous evening.

Treasurer *Graeme* advised that total club funds amount to some \$63,000. The board approved initial annual payments to The Rotary Foundation.

Di Taranto reported on the following:

- Face mask sales are continuing. Some masks with a Christmas theme are proposed
- The Emerge sensory garden project is coming slowly. An artist will paint a mural overlooking the site. A local men's shed will assist by making seats. Emerge have also asked for an art therapy group

- Preparation of hygiene packs for a school in Northern Territory under the End Trachoma project has commenced. The number of students involved has increased from 100 to 200 so Di is seeking extra help. Qenos has supplied 100 bottles and Bunnings will be approached for another 100
- Mordialloc Secondary College will accept a club donation for their awards night. The other three schools to be followed up.

Brian (International) said that the donation to be paid to Rotary Foundation covers the full donation to the End Polio program plus an instalment of our annual giving. Brian reminded that the "Give Every Child a Future" project is the current recipient of our member donations in September and October.

David (Community) gave updates on the following:

- More goods are required for the emergency care packages
- A number of members are taking part in the fundraising walk for Parkinsons Victoria.
- The annual Christmas BBQ lunch at Dingley Salvos will not go ahead this year. However some donations are needed
- The Christmas lunch for people who live alone cannot be confirmed yet by Woodlands GC. Another venue may be considered.
- The board has agreed to donate \$1000 to the Salvos to provide backpack beds for international students.

Ernie (Projects)

- Guitar sales are proceeding with 9 sold, 10 more being prepared and one identified for a raffle
- Planning is proceeding for the next Gnome & Fairy festival in March 2021. The Parkdale SC parents group has been approached for their help. The next meeting will be held on 26 October
- A possible "virtual art show" is being considered for mid-2021. RC Knox ran a similar event and is helping
- The club is participating in the Rotary Centenary with the End Trachoma and Every Child a Future projects and the baton relay. We have also identified the Emerge project for this purpose. It is also proposed to set up an information tent to advertise the centenary at the Gnome & Fairy festival, in local shopping centres and other events.
- Planning is proceeding for the club's 50th anniversary in November 2021

Phil Maxwell (Publicity) said that there had been good feedback about local projects posted on the club Facebook page. About 60% of the Facebook respondents are female. Club signage at Parkdale railway station has been updated and we are working on Mentone, Mordialloc and Aspendale stations.

The fortnightly club raffle was won by Brian Foley who selected a Sciclunas voucher.

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District Governor Alma Reynolds' Address

President Paul introduced Governor Alma who began by welcoming Brian Schauer back to Rotary as an active member. She also thanked Brian Foley for his work on the District Foundation Committee and Assistant Governor Heather Chisholm.

The Rotary International theme for 2020-21 is "Rotary Opens Opportunities" and there are many possibilities for Rotary to follow up on opportunities in the present circumstances. In this regard, a Rotary district is an administrative unit that exists to support clubs.

As we are all aware, Australia is now in a deep recession and this is leading to increased need for Rotary help. As examples, homelessness is likely to increase when the current moratorium on evictions ceases and also unemployment will increase when some businesses do not survive.

Alma put forward the following suggestions:

- Clubs should collaborate with local support agencies and noted that Mordialloc is doing this with the Salvos and Emerge
- Be prepared to use funds held in deposit accounts for local projects.
- Have a plan for both projects and social events
- All projects undertaken need to be labelled as Rotary.
- Members to wear Rotary shirts, hats etc whenever engaged on a Rotary activity.
- The District newsletter "Open Doors" is published fortnightly and contains many ideas and information to follow up
- The Rotary International website www.rotary.org contains a huge range of projects, ideas, videos and pictures for Rotarians to use
- Use the Rotary District website. There is no hard copy district handbook this year so the website contains information formerly in the handbook
- Look at websites of other clubs and websites set up for specific Rotary projects.
- Membership is a continuing issue for Rotary. We need to look carefully at our club, examine it carefully and ensure that it remains vibrant.
- One of Alma's projects for the year is to include photographs of clubs and Rotarians in action on the District 9810 website.

Greg King then spoke on the "End Polio Now" program designated as the partner's program for 2020-21. Polio is a highly contagious disease transmitted by faecal transfer, polluted waste and other means. Rotary is committed to pursue this program until the World Health Organisation declares the world to be polio free. A very pleasing recent event was when the WHO declared Africa to be polio free in August 2020. The polio eradication program lasted 65 years so far of which Rotary has been involved for 35 years.

Alma then responded to questions from several members on issues such as involvement in Rotary for young students and how other clubs are responding to the Covid pandemic. In regard to club response, she said all D9810 clubs are meeting on Zoom. Some are doing well with it although some are struggling.

In conclusion, Alma thanked the club and was pleased that the club is planning for life after Covid.

Alma also announced a "virtual" fundraising lunch on Sunday 1 November run by the District Paul Harris Society. All Rotarians are welcome to attend on Zoom.

President Paul thanked Alma and Greg for their attendance and presentations. He then showed a short video on Mercy Ships following the recent record Rotary Grant towards equipping their new ship.

Rotary Club of Mordialloc Annual General Meeting

Date: 24 November 2020, Time: 6.30 pm
Meeting to be held on Zoom

Business:

- Confirmation of minutes of 2019 AGM
- Presentation of financial report for 2019-20
- Receive report of nominating committee and elect club officers for 2021-2022
- Other business.

Trina Williams
Secretary

On the Lighter Side



Some one-liners to finish:

I intend to live forever, - So far, so good
Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder
If you are not making waves, you are not kicking hard enough
Shin – a device for finding furniture in the dark.