Dear Friends,

Update about the French Team:

Welcome the GSE Team from France
Wednesday, 7 April 6.30pm
Pymble Golf Club

Mosman Rotary - 20th April
The French Team will be attending our meeting

Farewell the GSE Team from France
Wednesday, 28 April 6:30 for 7.00pm
Hosted by The Hills Kellyville Rotary Club
Dural Country Club
662 Old Northern Road, Dural
$27.50 per head for a 2-course meal
Book in advance by phone or email to Alan Jones on 0410 598026 or alanjones@netspace.net.au

Regards,
Dominique

On Thursday, 25th March, Assoc. Prof. Bruce Conolly was interviewed by Margaret Throsby on 2BL at 10:05 am. During his interview, Bruce spoke about how our club initiated the idea of his leading hand surgery teams to Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar to teach as well as perform operations. He also spoke about our ongoing assistance.

Thanks to Blair Leslie for assisting the Sergeant last week as the boys are on Safari.
Last meeting:
Guest Speaker – Chris Gotham
Visiting Rotarian – Rod de Courcy-Ireland (Picton, Ontario, Canada)
Guests – Caroline de Jongh, Carlos Johnstone, and Halyna Koscharsky
Raffle Winner – Fay Duncan

This week – Horizons Restaurant, Mosman RS Club. Military Rd. Mosman.

**COULD THOSE MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS PLEASE ADVISE ERNIE AT THE RS CLUB ON ARRIVAL.**
Special diets: Salads either Prawn Caesar or Smoked Salmon or Chicken with Balsamic dressing.

Please advise apologies or guests by Monday to Dom - 0434053052

**Today’s Guest Speaker:** Mr. Rodney Rietdyk of Mannings Funeral Home P/L

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Erika Beck (9)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kevin and Mary Harrold on their 55th Wedding Anniversary (11)

**ATTENDANCE TABLE ROSTER**

| April     | Peter Iannazzo, George Nazar                |
| May       | Mike Blakeney, John Crowe                  |

* If you cannot attend when rostered, please arrange a substitute.

**SUB-EDITOR NEEDED** - As Clare Stockdale will be overseas from mid-May to just before the Changeover, we will need a sub-editor for the Oozoo for that period. Please contact Clare to volunteer your help!
**GUEST SPEAKER Chris Gotham** says he’s a chartered accountant, reckoned by many to be the most boring of people after actuaries. He was born Stoke-on-Trent, England in 1941. His father took him to Stoke City Football Club matches and he’s a diehard fan. He won an open scholarship to Liverpool U. where he did a degree in commerce and qualified and also got married in 1965.

He decided he wanted to see something of the outside world so went to interviews in London and decided to go to Libya which was a kingdom in those days. It has a lovely climate and ancient Roman ruins. They had dinner at an Italian restaurant on the beach their first night there. Their daughter Andrea was born there in a German clinic but got jaundiced and had to be taken to a US airbase where they sent her to a hospital where she recovered for 2 weeks. It was either that or take her back to England. Libya was lovely and unspoiled. Unfortunately, in 1967, during the Arab-Israeli War, they had to be evacuated.

In 1969 Chris went to work in Thika, Kenya, for a company that made tin boxes. They had servants and a guard with a gun at night. Their Peugeot 404 was washed every day! 18 months later, after the revolution in Libya, he was offered the position of Chief Internal Auditor with the Oasis Oil Co. back in Tripoli. He made many business trips to the US. Because the sale of alcohol was banned, people drank more than ever before. Chris mad “white lightning” G & Ts as well as beer and wine. Because his children were born in Libya, his son Andrew always has a hard time with US immigration and was once strip searched. On his first trip to the desert, in a DC-3, there was no landing strip. They landed between 2 rows of oil drums. As life became more uncomfortable, they decided to return to the UK. Chris worked for Plessey in Hampshire and did a second accounting qualification. They were unable to settle back because of the climate and in the 70s the
unions were holding the country to ransom. They did not want to send the children to boarding school if they returned to the Middle East. An interview with Rollo Kingsford-Smith persuaded Chris to emigrate to Australia. He’s enjoyed life here from the moment he arrived. He’s been a member of Pennant Hills Golf Club for years. He’s worked with HDH (Hawker de Havilland), Rank, HCA (Hospital Corporation Australia), AHL (Amalgamated Holdings Limited), and Aristocrat. He was a CFO (Chief Financial Officer) for 20 years. He’s been president of the CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) for 2 years. After his divorce in 1991, he moved from Cherrybrook to Cremorne where he now lives with his wife Elizabeth. Chris retired in 2005 and they bought a 250-year old thatched cottage near Bath in Wiltshire which they’ve just sold. He is enjoying being a member of our Club and we are delighted to have him.

Chris has been helping Ken Burke coordinate the Fashion Parade and has managed to obtain a number of good prizes including: a hotel voucher for 2 from Rydges, a 1-hour Harbour Cruise for 2 on Magistic, a Persian rug from George Nazar, 3 months’ Fitness First membership, a case of wine from Fay Duncan, a bottle of Glenfiddich and a copy of “The Best of France” from Ian Fitzpatrick, towels and an Indian tie from Blair Leslie, a $100 voucher from The Public Dining Room, a dinner for 2 at Baroque bistro/bar, a basket of cosmetics from Norm Brunskill, and something from Baby Boomers.

| FRENCH FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA for the Garvan Institute |
| Please let Ken Burke know numbers ASAP for the 28th April. |

COMPUTERS NEEDED FOR THE NEW YOUTH CENTRE IN GLEN INNES. Aboriginal Elder and former Glen Innes Severn Councillor Rosemary Curtis visited Mosman recently and told me her dream of having a Youth Centre for ALL youth in Glen Innes had finally been realised in March. They desperately need computers. Please see Clare if you have any computers you would like to get rid of or donate as part of our Friendship Agreement with Glen Innes.

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