Dear Friends,

A message from our Governor John Cameron:

One of the pleasing outcomes during the 2009/2010 Rotary year has been the continuing trend upward for our Membership growth through the induction of new members and the retention of past inductees.

The graph does show that our clubs are working hard at increasing their membership and starting new clubs, a healthy trend indeed. So my personal thanks to all those clubs for their continuing effort to share the Rotary experience with an increasing number of community leaders and clearly you have accepted the challenge that:

The Future of Rotary is in your Hands!

John Cameron

June will be Rotary Fellowships Month

Whether you are interested in golf, humanitarian service, or gourmet cooking, you can connect with Rotarians who share your interests by joining a Global Networking Group. These groups encompass Rotary Fellowships, which bring Rotarians together for recreational and vocational activities, and Rotarian Action Groups, which unite members in the spirit of service. For more information go to the Rotary International website.
Last Tuesday Tony Larnach-Jones gave us a short talk on the Boer war, a war that has been forgotten by many: If you want to know more about the Boer War go to: http://www.bwm.org.au/
Congratulations Tony for the work you are doing.

Regards,
Dominique

Last meeting:

Guest Speaker – PDG Bruce Allen, The Rotary Foundation
Visiting Rotarians – Chris & Neil Shackleton
Raffle Winner – Chris Shakleton

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

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 Dominique - 0434053052

Today’s Guest Speaker: Carlos Johnstone
“His story / new member talk”

COMING EVENTS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Gerald Lewington (2nd June)
ATTENDANCE TABLE ROSTER

May – Mike Blakeney, John Crowe
June – Miles Felstead, Graham Kenny
July – John Melville, Carlos Johnstone

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

YOUTHFUL PURSUITS

Malte Alberts and Diego Madariaga had a great week participating in all sorts of activities with Malte trying to fit more into his schedule before he departs from Australia.

Malte had his athletics carnival at school on Thursday where he had opportunity to display his fitness and competitive streak! On the Friday both Malte and Diego were kindly invited to dinner at Ian’s house. Charlie Barnett took Malte to an AFL game which was followed by a visit to the markets. Diego and Malte then capped off the week with a trip to a jazz and blues festival in the city which was thoroughly enjoyed by both!

GUEST SPEAKER PDG Bruce Allen, Manager, the Rotary Foundation (Of Rotary International) gave an eye opening presentation on the foundation linked with his personal involvement within the organisation.

Bruce went on to explain that the Foundation would only be as good as the support it receives from Clubs, Rotarians and Districts and that crucially it was not just how much money they receive but how the monies were used. With a third of the world less fortunate than the world’s richest countries it is significant that the main areas that form part of the Rotary Foundation Mission Statement that Bruce has been involved in are Water & Sanitation, Education & Literacy, Food & Nourishment and Health.

In terms of health, the Rotary Foundation has worked tirelessly to eradicate Polio globally, with only four countries still reporting cases of polio, these being India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan. Bruce noted that in 2008 within Afghanistan there were 25 cases and that in 2010 this had fallen to just 8 identified cases. In India in 2008 this figure was
a staggering 560 cases versus just 19 in 2010! A similar pattern was successfully implemented in Nigeria where there were 800 cases in 2008 falling to just 3 cases in 2010!

To date (as of 2008) Bruce stated that a target of US $200 Million Challenge Grant through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was underway with every dollar donated to the Rotary Foundation for Polio eradication matched by another $1.82 from Bill and Melinda Gates. Total giving in 2006/07 was US $4,405,000 and in 2008/09 this figure was US $3,929,000.

Bruce explained that his main interest has been his focus on India, a country in which he has dedicated much of his time (and was due to fly there in the latter part of the week). The humanitarian work that is currently being undertaken by Bruce in India includes bore water drilling (up to 300 metres below ground) to enable clean and safe drinking water for the poorest. Bruce mentioned that many villagers were prepared to walk several kilometres to collect water supplies. We were told that approx 70% of India’s population are living in rural areas where help is needed as infrastructure is minimal.

Further work has included the building of small kitchen facilities and lavatories for schools and financial support for pre and post natal care (Sterilisation Centres) facilities. In addition to this Bruce has been involved in overseeing support for a Medical Centre needed by an orphanage (which included the purchase of an ambulance).

Bruce went on to conclude that if world understanding and peace is the objective of Rotary and the programs of The Rotary Foundation makes this possible, how could we not want to support our own Foundation?