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NEXT MEETING



Monday 16th November, 2009
“Wandering in Japan”
Speaker: Joe Allan

President: Carl Alexander
Secretary: Peter Panos
Meetings: Mondays 5.45 for 6.15pm
Waldorf Hotel
110-114 James Ruse Drive
Rosehill

Attendance; Apologies; Guests:

You MUST advise Peter Panos of apologies on Ph 9893 7626 (b), 9634 3484 (h) or 0430 177 880 (or email pcpanos@bigpond.net.au on the weekend before the meeting) otherwise you will be charged a dinner fee. The number of guests is also required.

MINT ROSTER

24 Nov: Brian & Tilly
22 Dec: Doug & Steve



Record of meeting held Monday 9 November 2009

President Carl warmly welcomed all in attendance albeit a wee bit late as Experiment Cottage assembled were enjoying the conviviality of the Monday fellowship.

Apologies for an inability to attend the meeting were received from John Jackson, Kathleen Davies, Ryk Eksteen, Doug Miller Peter Panos, Max Withers Ian Wood and one other whose initials I recorded as J A and am unable to unravel who I was recording!

It was noted with sadness that Peter Panos' mother has died. Rotarian fond thoughts are extended to Peter, Koula and family.

President Carl warmly welcomed member **Rotarian Maggie Thorn as guest speaker**, the topic being her recent wanderings.

President Carl reminded all of the meeting to be held at Burwood Club meeting 12/12/09 which for members it was a meeting transferred from 14/12/09 and suggested that car pooling would be an ideal way to travel to the celebratory meeting of which we are the parent.

In discussion with Bryan Wise the editor learnt that two glasses of wine bring the imbiber to the limit a further glass every hour maintains the limit. When out socialising consider this before driving home afterwards.

Movie night tickets 11/11/09 are \$20 each. Joan will be there to hand out tickets from 6:30 pm.

President Carl attended the Paul Harris Fellows luncheon where Woolworths, Sharpe Brothers and the Commonwealth Bank honoured a number of their staff at the function. His report follows

Inaugural Three -District Paul Harris Fellow luncheon

The inaugural Three-District Paul Harris Fellow luncheon was held on Monday 9th November 09 at The Grand Pavilion Rosehill Gardens. The objective being the introduction of corporate sponsorship of Paul Harris Awards to dedicated employees. It was also an opportunity to welcome Foundation Centurions, Paul Harris Society Member and major donors. November is Foundation Week in the Rotary Calendar.

Corporate Donors were Commonwealth Bank that recognized 4 staff members by a donation \$1000 on behalf of each awardee. They were Ms Fadia Bazzi Snr Manager Risk and Compliance Shares Services for her involvement with the students and families of Fairfield High School, Mr. Tu Dong Carbon Solution Analyst with the Bank, similarly involved with Cabramatta High School by running a support group, Mr. Dade Bailey Manager Learning Technology with the Bank, for his fund raising efforts for community support fund raising for the Midnight Basket ball group, Mr. John Decelis Snr. Business Analyst who has been fund raising for Midnight Basket ball a community organization for youth. He also happens to be a player and coach in the



Awardees with Mr John Germ

organization. Woolworths sponsored Ms Allison Minassian a Business Analyst a supporter of the Westmead Children's Hospital who has also been recognized by Westmead hospital for her work for the children's section. The Joint Managing Directors Michael and Hayden Sharpe were both given Paul Harris awards for their donations to the Foundation being recognized for their community work with innovative inventions that can save lives and generous community support to the Gosford Gallery and central coast community organizations. The Sharpe Bros are major road construction company. A Major Donor donated \$25000 to the Foundation that night.

The guest of honour at the luncheon was Mr. John F Germ Vice Chairman of the Rotary Foundation. He spoke of his visits to various Rotary projects and the great impact it was having on communities. However he said Polio eradication was the major Rotary world community program of this decade. The world now depends on the success of the program and Bill Gates gave US\$355 million to Rotary because he felt that the organization could be trusted to complete the job successfully. He said if Rotary failed the world would be doomed to major epidemics worse than any seen in the past.

John Germ said that on the initially forays into the hostile territory of the Taliban in Afghanistan a Rotary polio vaccinating team was attacked and two of the locals in

President Carl reported the following

President Carl and wife Shantha attended the **Padstow Trivia Night** on the 6th November 09. It was estimated they had about 80-100 participants. With the various auctions and two-up competitions the club would have made a handsome profit of \$4000 for the night. They had people from all over the Sydney region attending.

Sergeant at Arms Brad fined many a member one for a serious loss of memory another for receiving a massage, and a person of significance who forget to wear his 'bling'.

The Frank and Frank show namely the raffle awarded the deserving, the editor in particular! The profit of \$55 was appreciated.

President Carl offered **magnetic Rotary badges** for those requiring them cost being \$6.50 each.

Graham Cook has copies of the list of Rotary world community projects. Donations in Kind urgently need boxes help if you can. If you can spare some time **DIK** need packers and sorters at their Minchinbury site.

Maggie Thorn's travel tales were most interesting particularly as she accompanied her talk with a PowerPoint presentation of the journey from Canada to Europe. The revelations about the movement of glaciers, the cruise ship on which she travelled and much more.

Ron Fox thanked Maggie for her entertaining travelogue

Members are reminded of the forthcoming Christmas function which promises to be yet another highlight of this club's social calendar.

The meeting closed with the assembled singing the national anthem.

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR NOTICE BOARD FOLLOW

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
14/11/09	Parramatta River “ Carp-fish-out ”	BBQ on the bank of the river below Lennox bridge we need your support needed
23/11/09	Club Annual General Meeting	Rotary Club of Parramatta AGM & Elections of 2010/2011 Committees
30/11/09	CLUB CHRISTMAS FUNCTION	Waldorf Hotel
12/12/09	Gala Dinner the Rotary Club of Burwood 70th anniversary	\$60 pp PE Bryan Wise taking numbers
14/12/09	NO MEETING	Burwood Anniversary in lieu
	Hope you have a Happy & Joyous Christmas	
11/01/2010	First Rotary Meeting of the Year 2010	