

Rotary Club of Mitcham

District 9810 Victoria Australia



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Bulletin

Tues 3rd March 2012

Lunch Meeting: 1:00pm—2:00pm

Fellowship night:

Cafe Oggi

7:00 for 7:30 pm

Wednesday 18th April

Corner Burwood Highway and Lakeside Drive

Burwood East

Changeover Night:

26th June

\$35 per head

2012



11th David Murray
Pamela Butler
29th Ron Frederick



Wedding
Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Grace

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity of service through Rotary, we give thanks.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Presented by the Rotary Club of Mitcham

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| 1979 Geoffrey Prior | 1999 John Varley |
| 1980 Dr John Munro | 2000 John Cook |
| 1983 Bruce McLaughlin | 2000 Jean & Ray † Rose |
| 1986 Maxwell Bloom † | 2000 Brian Bergin† |
| 1988 William Wood† | 2001 Christine Ryan |
| 1988 Alan Fraser | 2001 Bill Mudford |
| 1989 Tony Gibson | 2001 John Atkinson |
| 1989 David Gawler | 2002 Wayne Lucas |
| 1991 Dr Peter Brown | 2002 Denis Bunn † |
| 1991 Robert McDowell | 2002 Michael Edney† |
| 1991 Bruce Wainwright | 2002 Peter McPhee |
| 1993 Ronald Slattery | 2003 Dawn & Graham Whiteside |
| 1994 Vic Dye | 2003 Keith Nunn |
| 1995 Fr Kevin Dillon | 2004 Brendan Tunstall |
| 1995 Kenneth Rose | 2004 Colin Spencer |
| 1997 David Murray | 2005 Fred Wiffrie |
| 1998 Ian Young | 2006 Les Marton |
| 1998 Ron Frederick | 2009 Eva Anderson |
| 1999 Chris & Ian McColl | 2009 Sharon Partridge |
| | 2010 Jack Butler |

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW SAPPHIRE AWARD

- 2002 Bruce Wainwright
- 2004 Tony Gibson
- 2004 John Atkinson
- 2007 Brian Bergin (Dec)
- 2007 Bill Mudford
- 2007 Colin Spencer

FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD

- 2000 John Atkinson

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND COMPANIONS

- 1994 Roy Knudson †
- 1996 Dr Peter Brown
- 1999 David Murray

Officers for 2011/12

BOARD

- President:** Philip Daw
- Past Pres:** Wayne Lucas
- Pres. Elect:** TBA
- Vice Pres :** TBA
- Secretary:** John Atkinson
- Treasurer:** Wayne Lucas
- Membership:** Colin Spencer
- Membership Retention PR & Marketing:** Colin Spencer
- Community & International:** Ron Frederick
- New Generations:** David Murray

OTHER PORTFOLIOS

- On to Conference:** Wayne Lucas
- Fellowship Vocational:** David Murray
- Attendance:** John Atkinson
- Foundation & International:** Ron Frederick
- Bulletin:** Philip Daw and Colin Spencer
- Program:** Philip daw / members
- Sergeant:** David Murray
- Public Officer:** Ron Frederick
- Internet / Website:** Colin Spencer
- Op Shop:** John Atkinson

The Rotary Club of Mitcham needs you!

Helping Hands

The Rotary Club is looking for volunteer shop attendants to help assist in the continued running of our local op-shop.

Why not come and spend a few hours in our fun and happy environment and help support our community and have fun too!



Please call John Atkinson on **9873 3322** for more details!



**President Philip Daw
2011 - 2012**



Hi all,

The times is flying. Easter this weekend. As I understand it, most of our members will be away for the Easter long weekend. Have a wonderful and restful break.

The rotary market is on this (Easter) Sunday and I have advised David Bremner that our club will not be able to fully man the gate on this occasion. I will be there for a couple of hours, although I am not committing to a specific time. We are rostered on a gate with MASH. I am sure the merry old souls from MASH will be out in force and no doubt carry on about our overwhelming presence.

This weeks meeting will be a small gathering as several of our members are away.

Until next time, stay well.

All the best,
President Philip

Advance Australia Fair

*Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea
Our land abounds in nature's gifts, of beauty rich and rare
In history's page let every stage, advance Australia fair
In joyful strains, then let us sing
Advance Australia fair*

The Year 2011 - 2012

**President: Philip Daw
Secretary: John Atkinson
Treasurer: Wayne Lucas
Desk : Colin Spencer**

APOLOGIES: Would all members please ring or email another member if they are not able to attend a regular meeting of the club, if they find they have another engagement?

Colin's idea for discussion at the next Board meeting

In order to generate good connections with business and community leaders, as well as enhance our membership listing, I have an idea:

Why not develop a Rotary Community Leadership Award system, firstly by our own Rotary Club, then in coordination with our cluster group clubs, (we need to minimise any chance of duplication) and maybe, if we can make it happen, we can give the idea to District to work with.

Examples:

A couple of really good officers of the local Traffic Management Unit, formerly known as the Traffic Operations Group, were mown down by a driver while dealing with another traffic offender on the side of the road, quite a few years ago. Both Kim Pluim and Patsy were in intensive care and for a while it was touch and go as to whether either or both of them would survive. They both recovered and returned to duty. They loved their job and their loyalty to their community was quite outstanding. I remember asking the Police minister of the time to consider awards for officers injured on the job, and was told that no such policy existed, or was likely to exist. Well, it has taken me a hell of a long time to think of what we as Rotarians could do. Should have thought of it twenty years ago. Both officers are still at work today, and Kim Pluim is the officer in charge of the Traffic Management Unit in Nunawading for our region. I feel that if we made an example of Kim and Patsy, if she is still working, our relationship with local Police would be highlighted and we might have more chance of successfully inviting new members to our club.

Local employers who train and employ young people need to be identified and outstanding examples should be publicly recognized for their commitment and community involvement. I don't know if Centrelink can point out potential recipients or not. Most public servants use privacy regulations as an excuse to minimise their daily activities. On the other hand, perhaps someone from the local Centrelink (Box Hill??) could be recognized.

Management of organisations like NADRASCA, Eastern Emergency Relief Network, and Taralye are obvious community service candidates, as are exceptional school principals and teachers.

How hard would it be to create a prestigious community service award plaque to present to worthy recipients? Such an event would require us to invite a representative of local news papers to attend. Photographer and journalist attending would be important if we are to regard such an award as a Community award. Our club would be conferring the award on behalf of our grateful community. Perhaps the City of Whitehorse could assist us by putting on the ceremony at the council offices or the meeting place. No charge to us, of course. The Mayor would be required to officiate, perhaps? Or a local state MP?

I reckon it would be a great way to put a positive and friendly face to our community and increase the number of people who want to join Rotary.

Connect with your Community!
Become a member of your local Rotary Club.!
Build life-long Friendships!
Never been a better time to do this!

The Four Way Test

... of the things we think, say or do.

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?

The Objects of Rotary

To encourage and foster the idea of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular:

- 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 by each Rotarian of this occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- third** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian's personal, business and community life.
- fourth** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace, through the world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

God's wonderful creation with Balance

God was missing for six days. Eventually, Michael, the archangel, found him, resting on the seventh day.

He inquired, --- "Where have you been?"

God smiled deeply and proudly pointed downwards through the clouds,

---- "Look, Michael. Look what I've made"

Archangel Michael looked puzzled, and said, ---- "What is it?"

"It's a planet," --- replied God, --- and I've put life on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a place to test 'Balance.'"

"Balance?" --- inquired Michael, ---- "I'm still confused."

God explained, pointing to different parts of Earth. "For example, northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth, while southern Europe is going to be poor. Over here I've placed a continent of white people, and over there is a continent of black people.

Balance in all things..."

God continued pointing to different countries. --- "This one will be extremely hot, while this one will be very cold and covered in ice."

The Archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to a land area and said, --- "What's that one?"

"That's Perth, the most glorious place on earth. There are beautiful trees and gardens, a beautiful river, and days filled with sunshine. The people from Perth are going to be handsome, modest, intelligent, and humorous, and they are going to travel the world.

They will be extremely sociable, hardworking, high achieving, carriers of peace, and producers of good things."

Michael gasped in wonder and admiration, but then asked, --- "But what about balance, God? You said there would be 'balance.'"

God smiled, --- "I will create Canberra

Wait till you see the idiots I'll put there.".....

Description of Rotary

Rotary is an organisation of Business and Professional persons, united world wide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in all the world.

www.9810rotary.org.au

Diary Dates

ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHAM

Meets at Mitcham RSL Club, 26 McDowall St. Mitcham

LUNCH Meetings:

Tuesdays 12:30 for 1:00pm for lunch

Coming meetings (Guest Speakers):

All funds applied to Rotary Community Projects in Whitehorse



After another successful event, make sure you join us at the next market on the second Sunday, 8th April 2012

8.00 am to 1.00 pm at:

The Whitehorse Civic Centre 279 Whitehorse Rd
Nunawading. Enquiries 0425222550

www.rotarymitcham.com