



District 9820

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of all the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

FROM PRESIDENT MARK



Being a Rotarian gives you wonderful insight to the world. Last Week PP Trudy and Russell Poole visited the club and gave a presentation on the wonderful work of Green Gecko. Green Gecko is about relocating street kids that would fall into prostitution, drug trafficking and crime into secure accommodation and teaching them life skills and education.

But like all good projects it has expanded to encapsulate the local community. Women and children now use recycle plastic bag to make materials to weave wonderful baskets and jewellery to be sold. This gives people dignity and a sense of purpose in life. Let's face it, without dignity and purpose humanity is soon lost and forgotten.

The Second presentation Trudy spoke of was around providing washable sanitary underwear and pads for young women in Cambodia. Again this is about addressing the issue of dignity. I was shocked to think that young girls and women would be locked in their rooms or homes during that difficult time of the month. One could only imagine how that would affect a young person psychologically. By providing them with these small parcels, they are engaged back into their community and can become active partici-

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:00 for 6:30 pm
"My GSE Experience in Turkey"
Team Leader: **Eric Neill**
Partners welcome

MILESTONES

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:
None this week

BIRTHDAY:
None this week

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
None this week



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pants.

If we move a little closer to home and I would like to speak about the Monteract Interact Club. Last Wednesday, PP Don and I met with the students of Monterey SC for the weekly Interact meeting.

One aspect that blew me away was how inventive and flexible the way the students thought. In minutes they identified needs and then sorted it! We need an email address.... done -

moneract@gmail.com We need a face book site... - done.

On Wednesday I realised that sometimes people just need to have the door pushed open for them to be given the chance to change themselves or their local community. Be it taking kids off the streets, giving young women washable underwear or having faith in students to start an Interact club, all they needed was someone to give them a chance.

This is why Rotary is such a wonderful organisation, because it gives people the chance in life to improve themselves with dignity. So if people in the street ask you what Rotary does.... We give people back their dignity. I think that is a very powerful message in its own right.

Until next week, keep safe and be happy.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Chairman: Maureen Gillham

Apologies: Barry Dean, Ben Connolly, Russell Cock, Don MacDonald, Colin Price, Beverley Unitt, Con Demopoulos.

Leave of Absence: John Tame, Anne Linton.

Guests: Carol Tapioca, Judy Poole, Russell Poole

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Mark:

- ✓ The Monterey Secondary College Interact Club Planning committee had another meeting during the week to further plan its launch at a School Assembly on Tuesday, September 1st at 2pm. They will call the club **Moneract** and are setting up a Website, Facebook Account and email address. They have also identified some projects that they can work on. Our Club has been involved in these meetings and we have been invited to attend the launch as a show of support for the new Interact Club. Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty, will also attend the Assembly.
- ✓ The Frankston Council has donated \$1000 to our Club from their discretionary funds to offset our costs with the setting-up of Monteract Interact Club. This is great support from Council.

Secretary David:

- ✓ We received a letter from our local MP, Bruce Billson, inviting us to apply for a grant from the Federal Government Stronger Community Grants Program. We will be looking into this offer to support a Club community project.

Treasurer Rod:

- ✓ Rod gave his regular report on Club financials following each Board Meeting. His Report to the Board is on the Club webpage in the Members section. The change in the accounting system from last year took some sorting out but is now reconciled. The Board plans to spend \$25,000, up from \$17,000, on projects this year, so additional fundraising is required.

Ron Cook:

- ✓ The second stage of the working bee at Abbeyfield was completed last week and Ron thanked

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those who attended and completed the installation of the posts. *(see page 4)*. A small job to clean dirt and grime of the footpaths will be undertaken with the next few weeks.

Bill Fowler:

- ✓ Bill thanked the Club and members for the cards and condolences on the passing of June’s brother recently.

Tony Spring:

- ✓ An email from the Parramatta Rotary Office has notified us the US exchange rate is worsening with the weaker Australian dollar and the Rotary exchange rate is following suit, so anybody planning to donate to Foundation or the Centurion Club would be advised to do so promptly before it deteriorates further.

Judi McKee:

- ✓ The Peninsula Health DIK committee has met with Judi, Mark and Brian to develop the logistics of providing the large amount of hospital equipment to the DIK project. PH will transport the equipment to their Mt Eliza site where we can audit and catalogue it prior to determining it’s final destination and arranging it’s transport.
- ✓ The Garden Party at Mark and Jane’s home to raise funds for The Peninsula Youth Music Society is progressing although the original date may have to be changed to accommodate some up-start event called the Melbourne Cup Carnival.

Carol Tapioca:

- ✓ Carol handed out booklets of her home state of Sergipe, in Brazil, whose capital city is Aracaju, Carol’s home town. Sergipe is the smallest state in Brazil and is over 2000 km northeast of Sao Paulo on the Atlantic coast.



Guest Speaker: Judy Poole
Green Gecko Project - Days for Girls

Judy spoke of the Green Gecko Project in Seim Reap in Cambodia which was started 10 years ago by one caring Australian who began feeding street kids who were begging on the streets and now is home for 100 children and 32 families. Today the kids are healthy adventurous young adults. Green Gecko started a school and teaches basic cooking for it’s students at weekends. They currently have 3 University students and an Apprentice Jeweller among their numbers. They started a Permaculture Farm, a trash recycling project for parents and equipped a Community Dental Clinic staffed by a young volunteer dentist. Judy has become involved in a Green Gecko project, Tnai Samrap Srey, which is inspired by Days for Girls International, an organisation that empowers days of education,

health, safety and dignity for girls and women all over the world no matter what time of the month. Unfortunately there are many girls throughout Cambodia who, without appropriate feminine hygiene products, are missing valuable days each month without school, income, and without leaving the house. Judy sourced 370 feminine hygiene packs for girls from a chapter of Hearts for Harmony in Australia, and arranged for them to be transported free by DHL to Cambodia.

NEXT MEETING

Education Today
Stuart Jones

Principal - **Monterey Secondary College**

COMING UP

- 16 September - DG Merv William’s visit
- 17 Oct - “Guess who is coming for Dinner”
- 3 Nov - Pre Oaks Day Event.
- 25 Nov - Monterey S.C. Interact Charter Night

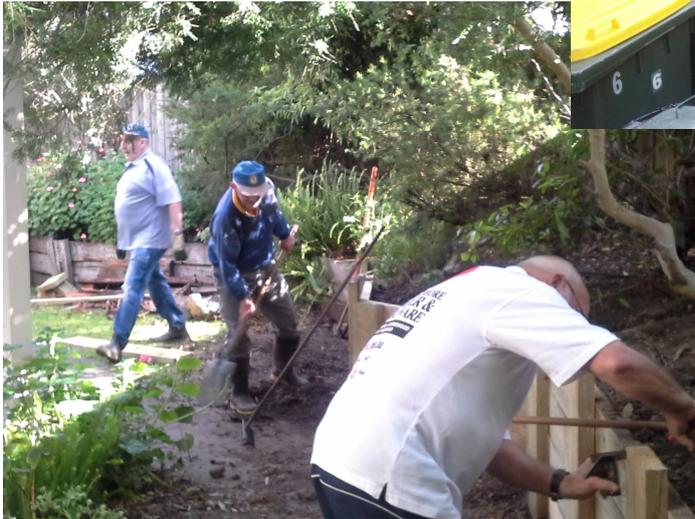
SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

The Abbeyfield Project in 4 Easy Steps



1. Identify what needs to be done

2. Plan the project



3. Get stuck into it

4. Admire the finished result



DONATIONS IN KIND OPEN DAY – DISTRICT 9820



SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2015

10.00am to 3.00pm – Tea, coffee and BBQ lunch supplied.

Make this an opportunity to have a day out together as a Club to visit the incredible warehouse at Footscray and to see firsthand what is done by Donations in Kind in our name – we look forward to seeing you on the day.

You'll find DIK at Shed 40, 400 Somerville Rd, West Footscray, 3012

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jannespeirs@gmail.com for catering purposes