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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



Our guest speaker at last week's meeting was Marg Perry from Samaritan's Purse speaking about their Christmas Box program that they run each year. The program supplies shoe box parcels to under privileged children throughout the world and each year tens of thousands of parcels are donated from about 16 countries participating in the program. The box must contain the following items, something to love, something to promote hygiene, something to educate, something to play and something to inspire. Wonderful gifts and what wonderful sentiments to pass onto children that virtually

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:00 for 6:30 pm

Spinal Health

Dr Hayley Maginness

Mt Eliza Chiropractic Clinic

MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

Tony Spring - 7 May 1986
Bev Unitt - 7 May 201
Charles Mallia - 9 May 1990



BIRTHDAY:

David Louden - 6 May
Annette Peterson - 6 May



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

None this week

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have nothing. Of course the premise of their work is to promote Christianity throughout the world but there is no discrimination on who receives these gifts. Gifts are organised by local chapters of the organisation and boxes can be purchased for fifty cents and the freight cost is \$9.00 per parcel

Listening to the presentation, the synergies between this Samaritan's Purse and Rotary were remarkably similar. It made me think of how many other organisations in the world do similar projects and programs? Firstly it is a commendable that so many passionate people are willing to pour time and money in to helping others. But the flip side, how much duplication of effort measured in time and money is wasted by so many organisations collectively in attempting to fill the same space? Imagine if we could harness and coordinate all the groups doing the same thing. Imagine the amount of good that could be done in the world. Oh well, I believe John Lennon wrote a song about this.....

Until next week, keep happy and safe.
President Mark

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Chairman: Glenn Ellam
Apologies: Barry Dean, Beverley Unitt, Peter Newman, Maree Hutchins, Rhonda Idczak
Leave of Absence: Anne Linton, Tony Spring, Brian Capon
Guests: Jim Perry, Marg Perry

Announcements:

President Mark:

- We received a letter of thanks from the Monteract Interact Club for the invitation to attend the International Women's Day Breakfast and to experience a great event with tremendous speakers. They were also very appreciative of the opportunity to meet many outstanding people in our community.
- Mark presented his report for April which included a number of pleasing aspects over the month:
 - The Development of the webpage under the stewardship of Don MacDonald and ably accompanied by David Hanlon and Rhonda Idczak is progressing well. The page is much more alive and interactive and the articles accompanied by the pictures really build on the Club and would give a third party reader a real sense of what is being done. I encourage all members to explore the web site and share the links.
 - The Facebook page is being updated on a regular basis and it is wonderful to see posts weekly talking about our Club. We as a Club need to engage with our Facebook page and share the contents on a weekly basis. By doing this we increase the Club's exposure and can exponentially reach more people that would be possible by normal methods. Again I encourage the Club to participate and look at our page.
 - The Trivia Night held on Saturday was in my view a wonderful evening. Mick Cowden did a magnificent job and kept the mood light and bubbly. It was wonderful to see so many friends present, however the only criticism I would draw is the lack of patronage of the event by Club members. We don't very often have events of this nature throughout the Rotary year and I would ask members to consider this when it held again next year.
 - Events that the club needs to be made aware of are:
 - o Bunnings sausage sizzle in June.
 - o Joint meeting with RC Peninsula 2.0 on June 1 to farewell Carol Tapioca. This will be a Brazilian theme and hopefully give members to wear their bling and brightest shirts for the night.
 - o Working Bee at Monterey Secondary College on May 7.
 - o District Assembly and Avenues of Service Seminar at Monterey SC on Sunday, May 15.
 - Community Raffle and sale of tickets. The Club is somewhat behind in its fundraising revenue for the year and I encourage members to take as many raffle tickets up and sell them before the close of the raffle. Every effort made directly benefits the Club.

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

- Finally, on a personal note the transition into a new job for me has been taxing mentally, physically and emotionally. I would like to thank David Hanlon, Eric Neill and the Club for stepping up and assisting in the running. Your support in this transitional period for me is gratefully appreciated and one of the reasons that this Club is great.

Secretary David

- We need volunteers to plan and prepare our venue for the joint Farewell meeting for Carol. We want to have a Brazilian theme and are looking for ideas for the night. As part of the night we want to put together a roast of Carol, so please forward any stories you may have to David.

PE Eric

- Moneract are having a working Bee at Monterey SC on Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 am till noon. We have been asked to help with this project. Please indicate if you can attend.
- The District Assembly and Avenues of Service Seminar will be held at Monterey Secondary College on May 15. All Directors and other interested Rotarians are asked to attend.
- Our District Conference is in Hobart March 24-26, 2017 and we need expressions of interest sent to Eric so preliminary accommodation can be booked.

Geoff Magor

- There are only 2 weeks of selling time for the Community Raffle tickets, so could you follow up the participating organisations assigned to you before then to ensure that they are on track to return tickets, cheques, Stat. Decs, etc, immediately following the closure of sales so we can process them. Remember tickets are not permitted to be sold tickets after May 18.

Wayne Peterson

- We will be selling our Club's Community Raffle tickets at the District Assembly on May 15.
- The Trivia Night was a great success and thanks go to David Loudon, David Hanlon and Mark Sammut for their kind donations of prizes for the night.



Operation Christmas Child

Marg Perry

Samaritan's Purse

Marg is Victorian State Manager of Operation Christmas Child, which is a project of a not-for-profit Christian charity and International relief agency called Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse provides emergency relief and development assistance to suffering people around the world. It is meeting the physical needs of victims of war, famine, natural disaster, poverty and disease by providing water and sanitation, health and education, disaster relief, food security for people at risk. The aid and assistance are given without regard to the race, creed, gender, religion, or ethnicity of the beneficiaries.

Operation Christmas Child provides Shoeboxes and asks people to fill them with gifts for children in developing countries. There are 6 categories of gifts in each Shoebox. They are Something to Wear, Something to Love, Something for School, Something to Play With, Something for Personal Hygiene and Something Special. They are then labelled Boy or Girl and for age groups 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years old. The donors pay a \$9 project fee to cover the cost of freight and administration. OCC then distribute the filled Shoeboxes to developing countries around the world.

Last year Victoria distributed 58,850 Shoeboxes and Australia/New Zealand delivered 342,814 to Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Vanuatu, Samoa, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. Worldwide 11.4 million Shoeboxes were delivered.

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NEXT WEEK	COMING UP
<p>6:00 for 6:30 pm South East Water in Frankston <i>Doug Stewart</i> South East Water</p>	<p>15 May - District Assembly (Monterey SC) 18 May - Club Assembly 1 June - Joint Meeting RC Peninsula 2.0 8 June - Community Raffle Draw</p>

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The Shoeboxes give Samaritan's Purse trust in country where they have ground staff and allows them to do other projects, such as clean water provision, farming, emergency relief, education, birthing clinics and community health clinics.

In Health, Samaritan's Purse built 3 Infant Health Clinics in 2015 in Cambodia and will build 2 more this year. Last year a new hospital was built in a South Sudan refugee camp holding 200,000 people.

Water projects include the provision of bio-sand filters to produce clean water, and installation of irrigation systems to crops for food production.

Self sustainable Agriculture and Animal projects in Cambodia and Transient Farming in Mongolia have enabled food and income generation.

Schools have been built in Cambodia near the Thai border where both governments ignore the local people. Another problem has been staffing those schools so supplementary income schemes for teachers have been set up, including frog farms for the food market. Three more schools are planned for this region in 2016, totalling 16 schools. Programs such a 'I can Read, I can Write' and 'Better Teacher, Better Education' have been set up in 13 of these schools and has raised the literacy level from 14% to 67%. A pilot numeracy program is to be trialled in a school this year.

As well as schools in Cambodia, 3 kindergartens have been built in Fiji.

In the area of People at Risk - in some places in the Asia Pacific region like Vietnam, Cambodia, Iraq and Mongolia where borders are sometimes very fluid - people can be exploited by unscrupulous operators. Samaritan's Purse provides work, food and support, and runs education programs on Safe Migration, Income Protection, Trafficking Awareness, and Alcohol And Drug Awareness.

An important part of Samaritan's Purse work is in Disaster Relief and has a purpose built and equipped semi-trailer for use in disaster relief in Australia. This has been deployed recently for the Queensland floods and the Adelaide bushfires. During the Vanuatu cyclone and Nepal earthquakes, the OCC staff already in those locations were able to determine the specific needs, organise the airdrops and disseminate the supplies to the affected people.

So the OCC function, which is largely funded by the \$9 donation with every shoebox, is a valuable asset in the wider services provided by Samaritan's Purse projects.

Apart from the Shoeboxes, projects are funded by donations. Emergency Relief donations are tax deductible, while the Shoebox donations are not.



President Mark thanking Marg Perry

Duties for Meetings

	Cashier	Greeters	Room Setup and Put Away
<u>May</u>	David Louden	Peter Newman Charles Mallia	Charles Mallia David Cahill Con Demopoulos
<u>June</u>	Judi McKee	John Tame Charles Mallia	Eric Neill Brian Capon Russell Cock

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Report from Keehlan Ferrari-Brown - Outbound Exchange Student

A lot has happened in this last month. From the 9th to 16th April, 32 other exchange students from twenty two different countries and I went on a trip from New York down to Washington D.C.

We spent three days in NYC, a day in Philadelphia and the rest of the week in D.C. In New York we did things like Empire State Building, 911 Memorial, Broadway, Statue of Liberty, the United Nations and a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge. In Philadelphia we did tours around Benjamin Franklin's house and the area he lived and to the Liberty Bell. We also went to the Constitution Museum which was incredible. In D.C. we went to all the Political memorials, Lincoln, Washington, Martin Luther King etc. We also went to Mt. Vernon, which is where George Washington (First US President) came from. Mt. Vernon was probably my favourite place in D.C. The whole trip was absolutely incredible and I wish we would've spent another week on the trip.

Vale Ulfar Steinthorsson

Ulfar Steinthorsson (aka Frosty) was our Club's inbound exchange student from Iceland in 1996/97. He recently passed away following a heart attack at his home in Denmark, leaving a wife and 2 children, 11 and 8 years, who both suffer from Cystic Fibrosis. His father is setting up a fund for the children, which we will look at supporting.

His host parents were the Neills, Loudens, Springs and Cox's. He is remembered as a fun loving young man who loved Aussie Rules which he took back to Iceland and set up teams. He was a keen musician who enjoyed too many late nights and morning sleep-ins for his host parents liking. When the Tames, Neills and Loudens were in London in 2000, he hitched a ride on an air freighter from Iceland to meet them. Ulfar will be fondly remembered by all those Rotarians and families who knew him.



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