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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



I made a promise to the HO editor that I would not rehash the Presidents report that was presented to the club last Wednesday night. Driving this morning to work at 5:15 a.m, I was amazed to hear an article about the global eradication of polio. Just the mention of the word polio always pricks the ears of Rotarian's and it is always interesting how the reporter is going to acknowledge Rotary's contribution to the global effort to wipe out this disease. I was very happy to hear the dulcet tones of RI President Elect Ian Riseley speak on behalf of Rotary and the role Rotarian's has played and continues to play in the eradication process. I

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:30 for 7:00
Club Changeover Night
at Sandhurst Club

MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

None this week



BIRTHDAYS:

Colin Price - 6 July



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Rod & Lyndall Puls - 7 July 1973

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really don't wish to paraphrase the radio interview and suffice to say I believe that it is compulsory listening for all Rotarian's. Therefore I have attached the link to the Pod cast for your entertainment. <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/rearvision/fighting-polio/7546102>

A wonderful year has come to an end and in some ways I am sad that it has gone so quickly. I do want to acknowledge Jane, Isabella and Phoebe for their support and love throughout the year. It is definitely a team effort and their help and support this year has been unbelievable.

Finally, I would like to encourage members of our club to think about stepping up and becoming President for the first time or for some for a second time. The support you will receive from the club and members will make it an enjoyable and personal development experience.

Until next week, and for the last time, keep safe and happy.

President Mark

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

- Chairman:** Mark Sammut
Apologies: Barry Dean, Maree Hutchins, Tony Spring, David Cahill, Rhonda Idczak, Bev Unitt.
Leave of Absence: Anne Linton, Maureen Gillham

Announcements:

Secretary David:

- We received a postcard from Maureen Gillham, currently caravanning around Australia, to say she and Simon along with their travelling partners Vicki and Tom Strickland, have arrived in Broome for an extended stay.
- Treasurer Rod's son Rohan has joined Peninsula 2.0 Rotary Club. Apparently he couldn't bear the thought of putting up with Mr Grumpy throughout his Rotary career, so joined an neighbouring club.

PE Eric

- We must have payment immediately for anyone who have indicated they will be attending the Club Changeover at the Sandhurst Club on Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 for 7:00 pm, but haven't paid yet.. Cost is \$40 pp. We have had to pay the Sandhurst Club in advance, so please make your immediate payment by direct transfer to the Club bank account (details on the front page of the Ho!). So far, we have 58 people attending.

Con Demopoulos

- Our incoming Youth Exchange Student in 2004, Agnete Fokdal from Denmark, is arriving in Melbourne for a few days.

Judi McKee

- Judi had nothing to say, which is news in itself.



President's Report

Being able to serve as President of Frankston North Rotary has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It has been a personal journey of growth and development and I have grown in confidence and in my thinking and speaking skills. The club has supported me in every way possible and it is this environment that I have been able to grow.

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Every President seeks to do something different each year and leave his or her mark on the club. At the start of the year I was fortunate to have been mentored by Rod Puls, and the advice he gave me was to keep it simple and try to do two or three things very well. I do not want to make my report by stating the achievements of the Rotary year; these will be ably covered by the members of the Board. My report covers more the highlights of the year from my perspective and how immensely proud I have been with the efforts and work of our club.

The three focus areas for the year were:

- Fiscal responsibility and developing fundraising projects to grow the club.
- Aligning our club more closely with the community of Frankston North.
- Community based projects that are beneficial but also increase the exposure of the club.

Computers for Communities is now with the Community Raffle one of the most important and ongoing projects that our club is involved. Since the commencement of this program some 4 years ago, our club has donated hundreds of computers here and abroad. Each one of these computers is used by multiple users and the effect and benefit in education and engagement cannot be measured. This year the focus has been around schools. The computers donated have supplemented gaps in computer and technology programs and has improved the outcomes of students. Our club too has benefited from this program. The connections we have made with school principals, community leaders, parents and students have imprinted positively their impressions of Frankston North Rotary. The beneficial PR our club has received in community newspapers, school publications and the 3200 magazine show the local community that we are vibrant and make a real and valued contribution.

Flowing on from this is the ongoing and growing relationship with Monterey Secondary College. This year our focus was to develop and grow an Interact club. There is no greater panacea to challenge and refresh a Rotary Club than working with youth. The energy and freshness that we can learn from the students we engage with can give us insight on how to grow our club. I was constantly amazed by their lateral thinking and how they did not see obstacles, rather they sort solutions.

Five months of work culminated in the chartering of the Interact Club of Monterey Secondary College, also known as Monteract. Having the first Interact Club in the District in over 10 years was a wonderful achievement for our club. Having the District Governor Merv, District Governor Elect Lynn, students, parents and teachers present to recognise this event was a highlight of the year. What made me particularly proud was seeing the development and growth of the members of the Interact Club. The transformation in confidence and self-esteem in the students was simply amazing. This is the power of Rotary and the legacy we have made on these individuals will influence them for the rest of their lives. I would like to thank Eric, Geoff and Don for their hard work and shared vision in making this project a success.

Donations in Kind (D.I.K) was a project adopted by the club at the start of the year. We have a strong advocate in Judy McKee and her influence in Peninsula Health has given our club a strategic advantage to leverage surplus and out of date medical equipment. Peninsula Health has a program of refreshment and upgrading of its medical equipment and facilities and we have been fortunate to have Judy link our club with the Districts D.I.K program. The difference here is that we can feed into the D.I.K network actual medical equipment that is of need rather than stock piling equipment that may be needed in the future. What excites me most about



President Mark ready to hand over the

this project is its ongoing potential. Our club and District should be using this opportunity to network and grow the links and ties with Peninsula Health. Undoubtedly both organisations can benefit through a strategic partnership and I believe that we have only touched the tip of the iceberg and it is up to our club to grow this in the upcoming years.

I really do have to thank the club in their support of Carol Tapioca as a youth exchange student with us this year. The partnership with Peninsula 2.0 meant that the burden and cost of an inbound student was shared. Carol brought with her an infectious happiness and zest of life that only youth on an adventure can bring. On the flip side we have given Carol the opportunity to grow and develop and to give her confidence and experiences that will undoubtedly will mould and texture her thinking and outlook into the future. A very special thanks must go to Maureen and Simon Gillham for opening their home and hearts to Carol. I do believe that they in return received more than they had expected. Also, big thanks must go to Con and Loula for taking in Carol and organising her education with Frankston High School.

The Community Raffle is our signature event and a project that

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President Mark presenting his report to Ho! Editor Mike Goonan

gives us a sustained and continued connection with the community. This year, the Board made a strategic decision to extend the selling period and also increase the prize pool in an attempt to grow and attract more clubs and organisations to commit and join in and participate. Geoff and Janet on an annual basis take on this project on behalf of our club and for the benefit of the community. This year we have managed to grow the raffle in tickets sold and as a consequence were able to return \$1.50 to all the clubs and organisations that participated. With careful planning and on-going commitment, I am sure that we can grow the raffle into the future. The second International Woman's Day event held in March this year was truly a wonderful advertisement of Rotary and the organisational effort of the cluster groups. In essence, the IWD is the only cluster club event that is run, and it takes women of our District to be the driving force behind the event. This year the event grew to over 374 participants and they were wonderfully entertained by two terrific guest speakers Moira Kelly and Kristy Kendall. These two women gave uniquely but complementary presentations with the underlying theme of passion, focus and a never say die attitude. There is no doubt that IWD has ce-

mented its roots in the community and is now a must attend event. The organising committee has done a wonderful task in running and organising the event. I really do not want to single out any person in particular, but really want to say how proud your efforts made me on the day and it was truly one of the highlights of our club in this Rotary year.

Two years ago, our club began to look at the Web page and the information that is on our site. This year has seen a tremendous change in format and content. The evolution of the club's website has been outstanding and is without doubt one of the best Rotary Web site in the District. The aspect that has changed is that we are not talking about Rotary; we are demonstrating the power of Rotary by inviting the viewer to engage and participate in Rotary. It is the stories and the testimony of the articles that is the driver and the clever use of graphics and relevant photography that makes the page feel vibrant and alive. The Committee run by Don and ably supported by Rhonda, David Hanlon and Eric.

Other projects I do need to mention and all had important impact for our club, The Junior Community Awards, The Film night for Polio, the annual PYMS and FNR garden party, the trivia night, Foundation night who is coming to dinner all contributed to the growth of the club and will continue to bind us with the local community.

I see wonderful potential in our club and there is a lot to be excited about in the forthcoming years. The development of Corporate Membership is a wonderful opportunity and fingers crossed we will have our first corporate member next Rotary year. Our Club has wonderful ongoing projects, a wonderful opportunity to grow our presence in the Frankston North Community and throughout primary schools and high schools in our area. We have the opportunity to grow and engage and gain members by demonstrating our commitment through actions. The opportunity is there for us, we just have to be brave and take the opportunities with both hands when they arise.

I would like to share with you my three heart-in-mouth moments of the year:

1. The Chartering of the Monterey Secondary College Interact Club was the most proud moment of my Presidential year. We really have made a difference in the lives of children that come from a tough area. We have a responsibility to continue this hard work and grow our sphere of influence within this school and throughout the community.
2. The awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow to Bill Fowler at the clubs Christmas meeting. There could not be a more deserving recipient than Bill, his work behind the scenes and his ongoing support of the club in all its activities cannot be measured. There was hardly a dry eye during the evening.

Finally, the event I truly cherished was the club's annual Anzac day meeting. This year lived beyond my expectations and I felt humbled to have been President that night. The singing of the national anthem still echoes



President Mark with our newest Member Tony Crawford

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in my heart.

The President is there to serve the club. In some small measure I hope I have done so this year. But it truly has been my honour to have served you all. Our club is full of wonderful Rotarian's and I am inspired, motivated and humbled to be a member amongst you. Our club is very special. You are my extended family and your support this year has made me a better person and a better Rotarian



President Mark presenting the yearly Report to Club historian PDG Peter Newman



President Mark with our newest Paul Harris Fellow Bill Fowler

Educational Trust Fund Donation



Chairman of Frankston North Rotary Educational Trust Peter Newman presents a cheque for \$368 to Steve Phillips Manager Community Support Frankston and Case Manager Meredith McHugh who provided an iPad with the assistance of the Rotary Educational Trust for a student to help with her studies and whose family could not afford the expense. Frankston North Rotary Educational Trust and Community Support Frankston have agreed to support needy students if that request falls within the objectives of the Rotary Trust.

Club News

Carla Spring was taken in for emergency surgery last week at Frankston Hospital. The operation went well and Carla is now recovering but will be in hospital for some considerable time. She is still unable to take visitors so if you intend to visit her, please check with Tony first.

PDG Dennis Heslin is in intensive care at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton. Dennis is in a very serious condition and is expected to have heart surgery later this week. We are all very hopeful that he has a speedy recovery. He is not allowed any visitors and, respectfully, the family ask that you do not make any telephone calls to Margaret as it simply too overwhelming and she needs to keep her phone clear in case the hospital rings.

JULY IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH