



Rotary Ho!



The Official Bulletin of Frankston North Rotary

Volume 41 No 39

09 April 2014



District 9820

R I President: Ron D. Burton
 District Governor: Tim Moore
 Assistant Governor: Brian Mellady

ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON NORTH INC
 Chartered 7 May 1973

Web: www.rotaryfrankstonth.org/

President:	Don MacDonald
President Elect:	Maureen Gillham
Past President:	Judi McKee
Secretary:	Mark Sammut
Treasurer:	Russell Cock
Sergeant at Arms:	Con Demopoulos
Directors:	
Bill Fowler	Vocational
Eric Neill	Membership
Tony Spring	Foundation
John Tame	Services
Linda Tinney	Public Relations

Club Meetings:
 Every Wednesday at the International Motel,
 389 Nepean Hwy, Frankston - 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

Club Contact:
 Secretary Mark Sammut
 Mob: 0433 975 500
 PO Box 132, FRANKSTON 3199

Apologies to:
 Secretary Mark Sammut
 Mob: 0433 975 500
 Or via the Club web page

Bulletin Editor:
 Michael Goonan
 Mob: 0408 559 397
 Email: barmik@optusnet.com.au

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 DON



Last Wednesday evening is a striking example of the value of acquaintance - a central part of the first Object of Rotary. Simply put for fellows to become acquainted and through this acquaintance - as a maturing consequence - to join in fellowship one with the other. We had the privilege to recognise a Paul Harris Fellow in Carla Spring who has spent many decades in becoming acquainted with others both locally and internationally. Much of that time has been spent in supporting various Rotary Avenues of Service, particularly as a Host Parent for the Youth Exchange program and as a host to Group Study Exchange Teams visiting our District 9820. Carla also successfully led an international project in India.

Our speaker - Mary Bawden - a liver transplant recipient shared with us her agonising journey both physically and psychologically, to her transplant of a liver. Mary became acquainted with the family of the recipient and with many people who supported her medically and surgically through her journey. Mary shared with us the enduring fellowship she has experienced with some of those acquaintances that have encouraged her to be a speaker for the "Donatelife and Transplant Australia" program.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:00 for 6:30 pm
Dr Rodney Teperman
 Cardiologist
 Chairman: Linda Tinney



MILESTONES

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:
 Nil

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
 Peter & Fay Newman - 14 April 1956
 Michael & Cate Shanks - 14 April 2005

BIRTHDAYS:
 Nil

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Chairman: David Hanlon
Apologies: Glenn Ellam, Wayne Peterson, Maureen Gillham, Rob Pill, Barry Dean
Leave of Absence: Bob Edgar, Michael Shanks, Ron Cook
Guests: Kathy Freeman, Joey, Narcelita & Minnie Servilla, Judy Granger, Peta Spring, Raquel Poyer.

Secretary Mark:

- ✓ Frankston City Council is running a series of seminar workshops entitled "Build your Business" for people in small business. Themes are: Protecting your Business, Business Basics, Growing your Business, Your Business Online and Winning Business.
- ✓ Peninsula Rotaract Club is asking for support for 6 of their members to attend the Sydney Rotary International Convention.

Announcements:**John Tame:**

- ✓ Following the successful Pines Festival, we participated in a Pines Neighbours Day in the car park of the Baptist Church. The churchgoers ate most of the sausages and they are expecting record crowds next week when the word gets around that there are free snags after the service.. There were 2000 brochures with our name prominently displayed and we made the church weekly newsletter. We have also been offered a page in the local 3200 magazine which is distributed throughout Frankston North, so we gained some good PR from this loaves and sausages event.
- ✓ Kananook Primary School are in need of some computers, we are in a position to supply. The school is interested in participating in the Rotary Junior Community Awards and are in the process of discussing it internally.
- ✓ We are investigating a project to beautify the rock garden at the main entrance of the Frankston Hospital. Apparently John wants to paint the rocks in the old Fitzroy colours.
- ✓ Barry Dean has been admitted to an Aged Care facility in Somerville and Judy will join him there shortly. John will advise Club Members of Barry's contact details so we can visit him.

...cont.

SERGEANT CON'S Fact of the Week:

On 21th March 1942, US General Douglas MacArthur arrived in Melbourne and from the US Army Headquarters here he began to assemble and odd, cobbled together Aussie Fleet. He enlisted Aussie civilians not considered fit enough to fight in the war effort, and refitted old and disused ships. The program was called Mission X, but was quickly dubbed 'The Ragtag Fleet'

Boys under 17 and men over 60 were allowed to enlist, as well as those who had medical conditions which otherwise rendered them ineligible to serve in the military. A total of 3327 Aussies joined up.

The boats were dispatched to Sydney to be reinforced, painted grey and given an identification number. They each received one machine gun and an American Flag. With that basic over-haul they became part of the war effort, surviving three and a half years of active fire and harsh condition while providing essential support to Allied troops from New Guinea to the Philippines and Korea, and eventually the occupation of Japan.

Conditions on the boats were grim. Numerous crew members contracted diseases including malaria, dengue fever and dysentery. Vulnerable to aircraft attack, they were frequently strafed and bombed, incurring 32 casualties.

Charles Mallia:

✓ Honorary Member Brian Fitton has had a rough run medically, culminating in a knee replacement. Unfortunately he contracted a virus which will necessitate removal of his new knee and replacement with a temporary ceramic one so the infection can be cleaned up. Following this he will have another permanent knee inserted. We all know Brian to be a kind and gentle person but he must have killed a Chinaman to have this much bad luck. We are all thinking of you, Tiny.

Tony Spring:

✓ The Global Grant to Tonga for vegetable gardens and hen houses in villages there is progressing. \$25,000 has been sent to start the project off. A person has been employed through the Tongan Trust to look after the project at that end. Memorandums of Understanding between Rotary and the Tongan Trust have been signed and monies from New Zealand are being transferred.

...cont.

District 9820 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM to Ohio

Farewell Dinner

We invite you and your club members to the farewell dinner for our **Group Study Exchange D9820 Team due to depart for D6600, Ohio** hosted by the Rotary Club of Cranbourne.

Date: **Tuesday 22 April**

Time: **6:00pm for 6:30pm start.**

Location: **Settlers Run Golf Club, No 1 Settlers Run, Cranbourne South (Off Pearcedale Road) (Mel Ref: 133 C11)**

Cost: **\$25**

Contact: Call Stan Banks-Fay on 0412 874 666 or email pambankesfay4@gmail.com to book for this event.

Jeff Smallacombe, GSE D9820 Chair

NEXT WEEK

KEY DATES

6:30 for 7:00pm

The Person in Rotary -Rules & Regulations
PDG David Louden

13 April - District Assembly, Traralgon
23 April - ANZAC DAY Meeting, Naval Association
Martin Grogan OAM



THE INVOCATION

**"For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve
through Rotary, we give thanks"**

THE LOYAL TOAST

"To The Queen, and the People of Australia"

APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

- ✓ The application for a Global Grant for eye equipment in India has been submitted and is progressing well. This Project will be funded through District Designated Funds here and in India.

Eric Neill:

- ✓ We have 22 people participating in the Club Footy Tipping competition but some still haven't paid the \$20 entrance fee. Please attend to this so Eric can pay the weekly winners on time.
- ✓ Bruce Billson, our local Federal MP and friend of Rotary, will be speaking at our next Community Engagement Night on 11th June.

Geoff Magor:

- ✓ We still need more clubs participating in the Community Raffle, so please keep looking for potential organisations that could raise their own funds to carry out their functions.



Carla Spring was given a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Club in recognition of her work for our Club, Rotary and the wider community. She has been a host mother for over a dozens of Youth Exchange students and Group Study Exchange participants and has hosted numerous Club Fellowship functions at her home. Carla provided great support to Tony in his year as District Governor in 2012/2013 by attending visits to 48 Rotary Clubs and numerous other official functions with him. She accompanied him on his DG training visit to the United States and a number of visits to India on Rotary projects. She also recently accompanied Tony to Tonga as he coordinated the first Global Grant achieved by a Club in our District.

Perhaps Carla's most significant achievement was her DG Partner's Project which raised \$26,000 to purchase physiotherapy equipment for the GV Special School for disabled children in Chidambaram, India. This project was so well organised that the three companies selected to provide the equipment threw in extra equipment and free delivery so the money went further. Carla and Tony attended a dedication ceremony at the School in early January and viewed the permanent plaque acknowledging Carla's achievement. While Tony is chairman of the PHF Committee within our Club, he was kept in the dark about this particular award and took a back seat in the proceedings. However, after presenting Carla with her citation, President Don invited an unusually quiet Tony to attach Carla's PHF pin.


Guest Speaker: Mary Bawden
DonateLife and Transplant Australia

Mary is a Frankston girl who has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She was leading a normal life, enjoying her family and new job as a teacher at Minimbah School when she suddenly became ill. After many months of tests, she was finally diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver, which was unexpected because she did not drink alcohol. She became increasingly ill and despondent about her future wellbeing. Her doctors made contact with the Austin Hospital Liver Transplant Unit and began her long journey towards receiving a liver transplant. In December 2004, a liver became so she had to drop everything and enter hospital for the transplant.

After 13 hours she had a new liver and then started a long rehabilitation. Her first milestone was to attend her daughter's wedding 22 days later. Mary has now gone back to teaching, lecturing at TAFE and has competed in four Australian Games and one International Games for transplant recipients. She has become a part time spokesperson for Transplant Australia, which supports people coping with transplants, and DonateLife, which implements the national organ and tissue donation register, which needs many, more donations. Remember, 1 donor can save 10 lives and 1700 very sick people are waiting.