



Smoke Signals

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Slowly, slowly , we welcome a new Rotary Year.

Attendance: We had 17 attendees at the meeting at the Savoy, 1st July 2020. A good turnout. No received apologies.

Toast: Joyce Ogden.

President: Surrey noted that the board has reluctantly accepted Renata's resignation from the club but understands that due to personal reasons she has had to pull back. Renata is welcome to attend as a guest any time she wishes. Oscar Sjoden, previous Swedish exchange student, has been accepted into the Swedish Police academy, apparently following in his fathers footsteps. We wish him well.

Treasurer: Magda noted that her annual report is due. Also noted receipt of a \$500 donation from an anonymous donor. In regards to fees there is a \$25 per head rebate available from district for dues paid before 31st July 2020. A good incentive for our club to pay early.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Raffle winners: Ken Johnson (back in form) and Bryan Meehan

Sgt: No designated Sgt so a general free for all.

- Jan received 1/2 doz eggs from Alma because chooks were a bit slow to produce. Said she would pay to Rotary. Alma brought another 1/2 dozen to meeting so Jan doubled up payment.
- John F. fined because he got his pic in the paper again.
- Surrey/Helen because her mum had been moved to Wangaratta but somehow thought she was still in Melbourne.

General:

Wood Raffle. Phil O. seeking numbers for wood raffle. An ongoing challenge to find volunteers, however a number of regulars put their hands up. Wood raffle is a good ongoing earner at around \$440/week. Thanks to those that lend their support.

Show'n'Shine: Surrey mentioned that conversation from Shaun from car club indicated that they are unsure they can support Show'n'Shine given the changing challenges of COVID19. After some discussion the club decision was that we leave the paperwork we have done in place, but regard the event as probably not going ahead in 2020.

Now and then Photo project: John F. made a commitment on behalf of the club for \$250 to support the Alpine Shire grant application for the project relating to display of "then and now" photos in unused Myrtleford Coles store windows. The historical society has similarly committed \$250. The grant project is valued at about \$1800. Phil Mac is doing some in-kind contributions by way of photographic work. Expect that 6 works will go up within the scope of funding. Grant outcome should be known fairly shortly.

Air purifier project: Vanessa related that a Facebook post put up has highlighted the bushfire related air purifier project is coming to fruition. Back in January Mark Lacey from Mt Beauty drove a project to get air purifiers into local hospitals as a consequence of the smoke related issues from the fires burning in our countryside. To date some \$22,500 has been raised and 45 purifier systems have been delivered to Alpine Shire Health.

Coming Up

Wednesday 8th July:

Membership Whiteboard

Chairperson: President Surrey

Toast: Phil Macdonald

Sergeant: Alan Garside

Wednesday 15th July:

TBA

Chairperson: Carla Bau

Toast: Alma Adams

Sergeant: Bryan Meehan

Wednesday 22nd July:

TBA

Chairperson: Ken Johnston

Toast: John McIlroy

Sergeant: Kevin Pitts

Wednesday 29th July:

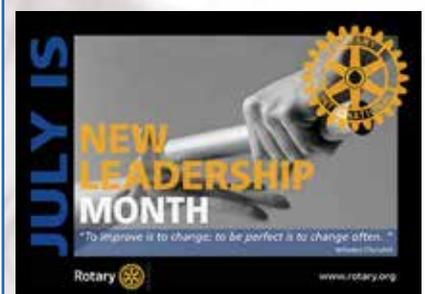
CHANGEOVER ??

Chairperson: Surrey Hunter

Toast: Helen Hunter

Sergeant: Joyce Ogden

*If you can't fill a position,
ask someone else to fill in.*





DISTRICT 9790

Meetings:Wednesdays 6.00 for 6.30pm
Venue: The Savoy Club, Myrtleford
Postal Address: PO Box 395,
Myrtleford, Vic. 3737

2020-21 BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: Surrey Hunter
Secretary: Evan Jones
Treasurer: Magda Macdonald
Pres. Elect/Club Service:Surrey Hunter
Immed.Past President: Carla Bau
Rotary Foundation: Alan Garside
Service Projects:Phil Ogden

OTHER OFFICERS

Community Service: Jan Richards
Vocational Service: Helen Hunter
International Service: John Forsyth
Youth Service: Surrey Hunter
Membership Bryan Meehan
Sergeant-at-Arms:.....Rotating
Fellowship:Alan Garside & Alma Adams
Programme: Sarah Deas
Attendance John McIlroy

On-to-Conference: Caral Bau
Public Relations: Bryan Meehan
Bulletin various editors & Phil Macdonald
Community Bus Richard Dean
Book Fair.....
BBQ TrailerKevin Pitts
Wood RafflePhil Ogden

District Governor: Bruce Anderson
Assistant Govenor..... Melissa Hebbard
President Rotary Int.:..... Holger Knaack

**President of Rotary International
2020 – 2021**



**From
the
President . . .**

Tonight was our first meeting for the new Rotary year and I was happy to unveil our new banner for the 2020-21 year being **“Rotary Opens Opportunity”**.

There was a late discussion around : how we meet / how often / what time / membership renewal and associated issues. To that end next week will be a brainstorming meeting around these issues. Please give some thought during the week around why you joined Rotary / what you get out of it / what may be an inhibitor to people joining Rotary.

Hopefully next week we can collectively come up with some ideas / strategies to Open the Opportunity that is Rotary to the rest of our community and a plan, moving forward to implement.

Surrey

Electronic funds transfer. Evan has been to WAW and talked about EFT options. Unlike Bendigo bank WAW does not have a mobile EFTPOS machine available for occasional use/hire. Furthermore given the infrequency of our need for EFT (eg public functions) contracting/purchasing a mobile EFTPOS machine is economically inviable for our club due to ongoing fees and charges. A more realistic option is the “Square”. A basic Square reader is available for purchase for around \$50, which can be linked to our WAW account. Ongoing cost are transaction based, ie 1 to 2% per transaction. To make the Square work it needs to connect to the world via a Bluetooth connection to a net connectable device. This can be a smart phone, iPhone or iPad. Food for thought.

Membership: Bryan raised concerns that we have had a few members leave and a few appearing ready to leave. To remain viable we need to increase our membership. There was a general discussion about many facets of membership. Matters raised were how do we go about enticing new members, do we need to change our meeting model to make it more attractive, do we need more in the way of promotional material to make people aware of what we do in our community, what are the impediments to joining Rotary? Phil Mac brought up some small pamphlets we have that briefly promote our club. Feel free to hand them out. Next week’s meeting will be a “whiteboard” event where we invite members to brainstorm how we make our Rotary club more vibrant and an attractive environment for prospective members. Put your thinking caps on...

Finally next week we meet again at the Savoy. Pre-order your meals via email, phone or text to Bryan before Saturday lunchtime. Please note for meals other than the daily Roast you need to specify veges or chips and salad otherwise chips and salad will be the default. Any changes to meeting viability will be advised to members before the date, so review your emails leading up to the meeting.

Cheers,
Evan



President Surrey unveils the year's new theme
Rotary Opens Opportunities



Welcome to President Holger Knaack and his partner Susanne. We look forward to embracing your vision of making Rotary stronger and more adaptable as we open new opportunities for our members and those we serve in our communities.

Air Purifiers



Mount Beauty Rotary Club Collaboration Delivers Project

Back in January 2020, after bushfires had surrounded the Ovens and Kiewa Valleys for nearly two months fillings houses and community infrastructure with smoke an idea was raised at a meeting of the Mount Beauty Rotary Club to donate some air purifiers to Alpine Health the operators of hospitals and aged care facilities in Mount Beauty, Bright & Myrtleford.

The three local clubs agreed to seed funding to kickstart the project, with Mount Beauty being the project manager. Plans where halted slightly when the COVID-19 pandemic struck , but pushing forward with the plan the project now became attractive to many as the air purifiers not only could remove smoke but as they have HEPA filters, pathogens as well.

With great assistance from the District 9790 Bushfire Recovery Fund the project was now looking like coming to fruition. With assistance from the RC of Yarrowonga/Mulwala, Heidelberg and Fremantle WA a total of \$22,500 was raised.

To complete the project, Mark Lucey President of the Rotary Club of Mount Beauty recently handed over 45 Breville air purifiers to Nick Shaw the Corporate Services Manager of Alpine Health.

The success of this project showcases that a collaborative approach between clubs and district can deliver far greater scale than the initial concept ever anticipated.



Snap judgments

From Hong Kong to Hungary, Rotarians captured perfect moments in the annual photo contest. More than 600 entries to the photo contest from 56 countries and geographical areas. The photographs take us from the vast plains of Inner Mongolia to the manmade canyons of Hong Kong. They tell a story of Rotarians exploring the world with open eyes and hearts, making connections across cultures, and capturing beauty wherever they find it.

Judge, Damon Winter, has brought to his task the discerning eye of a professional photographer. His comments on the images our readers submitted are like a master class in photography; like the best teachers, he sees what is good — and how it might be even better.

First place — Photographer: Tono Valdés
Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur, Guatemala
Location: Fuego Volcano, near Escuintla, Guatemala



Winter: With every color in the spectrum represented, this nighttime volcano scene is like a deconstructed rainbow stretched by time and punctuated by the raw power of nature. It is the rare photo that you would be happy to have on your wall, to stop and stare at every time you pass by. I love the collision of the blue-hued star trails, all traveling through the composition in tidy, concentric circles, with the chaos and violence of the exploding volcano. The green hue of the fluorescent-lit cityscape below helps balance the frame.



Pandemic poem from New Zealand

"I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.
You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs & rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!"

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