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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 21st Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 28th Feb [6.30 for 7.00]	Monday 4th Mar [7.30 pm]	Thursday 7th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]	Thursday 14th Mar [6.30 for 7.00]
Venue:	FTG Bowling Club	FTG Bowling Club	TBA	Waverley Golf Club	FTG Bowling Club
Program:	Family Violence	Group A Committee Meetings	BOARD MEETING	International Women's Day - Dinner	Bridges Connecting Communities
Speaker:	Tony Monley	N/A	N/A		Charles Carew
Chair:	Graeme Aspinall	N/A			Paul Wilson
Rotary Toast	Rob H	Fran M			Paul McAloney
Cashier:	Graham Faulkner	Paul Wilson			John Flemming
Scribe:	Allan T	N/A			Graham F
Rotary Knowledge	N/A				
Topic:	N/A				
Sergeant-At- Arms:	Fran M	Fran M			Allan Tierney
Partners' Night	Yes	No	No	Yes	

Birthdays:	None
Wedding Anniversaries:	None
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully	None

Apologies if you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary or induction into Rotary and it is not mentioned above, but your Temporary Bulletin assistant does not have the "Birthday" book, so whomever is in possession of it could you please pass it onto me, thanks....Marg



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

With

FRAN'S FEEBLE FEEDBACK!!

Hello all,

Christine's Chatterbox has come up stone cold empty this week, following her exhausting attendance at the Rotary Rave at the Convention Centre, so I am temporarily filling in the chatter spot this time around!

Thanks to all in attendance at the meeting last Thursday; there was distinctly a real buzz in the air ably encouraged and fortified by our Speaker, Lein Jenkins who presented us with an interesting glimpse of the pleasures and pain of founding and running a local craft beer brewery.

We were all entertained by his wry and sometimes surprising comments about his life as a local brewer and his generous free samples of beer nicely rounded out the night. And of course, he has been invited to come to the club again! (Could we tempt him into becoming a Rotarian perhaps???)

Our free sausage stall at the Ithacan Festival on Sunday was very well patronized, in spite of our closest competitor - selling delicious lamb Souvlakia - literally being only one barbecue hotplate away from us and located under the same covered shelter.



Once again we were thanked for willingly helping out at this annual get-together and rewarded with sumptuous homemade Greek pastries and desserts AND ice cream.

I certainly thoroughly enjoyed the day and I think everyone else did too. And of course, the money raised by our attendance was icing on the cake! Don't forget this Thursday is a Partners' night – numbers to Christine please - with a Speaker on the worrying subject of domestic violence.

Hopefully we will be given some strategies on how to recognise and help anyone suffering from this terrible blight on our society.

In spite of the possibility of duelling tongs at noon, we managed to hold our own by temporarily enticing most of his customers to our side of the hotplate by offering them a free "while you wait" snag – or two – or three!

The festival itself was very well attended by natives of Ithaca and their descendants, friends and families, who obviously really enjoyed the opportunity to mix, reminisce, laugh and update each other on the day.



FRAN



THE WEEK THAT WAS



Thursday 14th February, 2019

The meeting was opened at 7pm by Immediate Past President Christine.

Announcements:

Christine welcomed everyone, including partners Jill, Marg, Kay and Brian, and our Speaker from Caltoria Brewery Company (see later notes).

Reports

Secretary: Graeme Aspinall reported a good response from members and partners to man/person the Sizzle at the annual Greek Community Family Day at Ferny Creek on the weekend.

He also advised that we had made \$76 from the Bikies sizzle last weekend, with inclement weather making it difficult but fun <?>.

Another \$476 came from our Friday Bunnings sizzle.

A great effort all round – thanks to all!

Apologies: Graham Faulkner.

Treasurer: No report.

Community – Christine reported 504 Bunnies have been pre-prepared for the **Knox Festival** – thanks to the partners and friends who helped out. She will need helpers on the weekend, and Paul will see if any Interactors can help out.

Alan has booked the **Trash and Treasure** for 24 March, and will accept goods for sale – please ring him to arrange a time to drop off your goods.

Fellowship - I have organised another “Jazz at the Royal” lunch table for Sunday, 14 April. Please email me if you can make it.

Fran gave advance notice of a Baskervilles show in August, at the theatre in Dorset Road – more later!

Youth: Paul Wilson. The Fairhills **Interact** students had their first 2019 meeting with a blend of old and new students attending, along with Mike Spark and John Flemming from Rotary, and Susan the teacher. They would prefer bandannas to T-shirts. A lively bunch of kids, I thought!

Youth Exchange – Kayla has returned from Taiwan, and a good night was had by all.

Sergeant-at-arms and “SKILL” session. Fran took our money with glee, after reading out some great thoughts on LOVE (being Valentine’s Day)

The swindle? I was unsuccessful, drawing the 8 of Hearts.

Guest Speaker – Caltoria Brewery Company

Lein Jenkins and his wife Ange started in 2017, having been to and loved a craft beer festival in 2008 and only after they found a “yeast” that Ange liked.

They operate out of 31 Holloway Drive, Bayswater – you can phone to arrange a visit. They re-used milk equipment to start their brewery (very cost-effective!) and even had Lein's Dad come out from the States to help out with the start-up.

They fill “growlers” (holds 6X330ml) and “squealers” (440ml) refillable bottles with their own special products, and Lein supplied sample glasses to the meeting participants ranging from Belgian Pale Ale (5.6%) to Nut Brown Ale (5.2%) to Citrus Wheat Beers and Sour beers.

Craft beers typically have higher alcohol content, and most are “cloudy”, (typical with craft beers). They last less than “manufactured” beers as they have more natural content and no “preservatives” = no hangovers!

Australia produces less than 10% of craft beers (USA – 17%), but the industry is growing rapidly. Lein explained the brewing process in quick detail and said their system/process was not totally automated, so quality and taste can vary slightly with each batch.

Samples were supplied to, and mostly enjoyed by, all those who wished to partake, and favourable comments were often heard.

A very good speaker with very good product, I believe! (But then, I'm biased!)

Acting President Christine read out next week's housekeeping duties and closed the meeting at 9.07 pm.

Scribe:/Editor/ typist: Mike Spark



The “Growler” – Rob Hurst's Precious Cargo



Lein Jenkins of Caltoria Brewery



For those that recall Brian & Gloria Adams – Sorry to hear that Gloria, wife of PP Brian Adams (dec.) has had a nasty fall and after an operation is now recovering in rehab. We send Gloria our love and wish her a speedy recovery.

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

2019	Program.	Speaker
February	is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month	
15-17 Feb	Victorian Multi-District Conference	
21-Feb	Family Violence	Tony Monley
22-Feb	Presidents Quarterly Mtg	
28-Feb	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
March	is Water & Sanitation month	
2-3-Mar	KNOX FESTIVAL	
4-Mar	BOARD MEETING	
7-Mar	International Women's Day - Dinner	Waverley Golf Club
8-Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
14-Mar	Bridges Connecting Communities	Charles Carew
16-17 Mar	Multi-District Presidents Elect Leadership Seminar	
21-Mar	Eastern Emergency Relief Network	Christine Bogart
24-Mar	TRASH & TREASURE	
28-Mar	Committee Meetings	GROUP B
April	is Maternal & Child Health month	
1-Apr	BOARD MEETING	
4-Apr	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Rob Hurst
11-Apr	Operation Toilets	Mark Balla
12-Apr	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
18-Apr	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
25-Apr	No Meeting - ANZAC DAY	
May	is Youth Services month	
6-May	BOARD MEETING	
2-May	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Fran Mandergeddes
3-May	Presidents Quarterly Mtg	
4-5 May	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)	
9-May	About Kidney Disease	Gary Braddock
10-May	The Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar	
10-May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
16-May		
19-May	District Assembly	
23-May	Committee Meetings	GROUP B
30-May		
June	is Rotary Fellowship month	
3-June	BOARD MEETING	
6-June	MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE	Rob Hurst
13-June		
14-June	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
20-June		
27-June	Committee Meetings	GROUP A
29-June	District Changeover	
30-June	Changeover Lunch	

Legend:	
	Partners' Night
	Fundraising Event
	District Event
	Fellowship Event
	Community Event

"Bunny Making" Ladies – celebrating with a drink & a carrot!!

