

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully Inc.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

| Date & Time: | Thursday 21st Mar [6.30 for 7.00] | Thursday 28th Mar [6.30 for 7.00] | Thursday 4th Apr [6.30 for 7.00] | Thursday 11th Apr [6.30 for 7.00] | Thursday 18th Apr [6.30 for 7.00] |
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| Venue: | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club | FTG Bowling Club |
| Program: | Eastern Emergency Relief Network | COMMITTEE MEETINGS | MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE | Operation Toilets | COMMITTEE MEETINGS |
| Speaker: | Christine Bogart | GROUP B | Rob Hurst | Mark Balla | GROUP A |
| Chair: | John Flemming | Christine A | Fran Mandergheddes | Gary Braddock | Christine A |
| Rotary Toast | Mike Spark | Paul Wilson | Christine A | Graeme Aspinall | Gary Braddock |
| Cashier: | Rob Hurst | Fran Mandergheddes | Paul McAloney | Mike Spark | Allan Tierney |
| Scribe: | Paul Wilson | N/A | N/A | Fran Mandergheddes | N/A |
| Rotary Knowledge | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Topic: | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | Allan Tierney | Allan Tierney | Paul Wilson | Paul Wilson | Paul Wilson |
| Partners' Night | No | No | No | Yes | No |

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



CHRISTINE'S CHATTERBOX

As Christine was attending the Multi District Leaders weekend in Ballarat there is no "Chatterbox" this week.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day on Sunday 17th March here is a little Irish history for you – after all we all have a little Irish in us!!



Saint Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green"—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists.

Irish Humour

IF YOU MARRY AN IRISH GIRL



The first man married a woman from Italy. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away.

The second man married a woman from Poland. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third man married a girl from Ireland. He ordered her to keep the house clean, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, and his arm was healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher. He still has some difficulty when he pees...

Irish Joke



Paddy goes to court for armed robbery!
The jury foreman comes out and announced "Not Guilty!"
"That's grand", shouted Paddy!
"Does that mean I can keep the money?"

***Murphy says to Paddy,
"What's ya talkin into
an envelope for?"***

***Paddy replies, "I'm
sending a voice mail you
damn fool!"***

"That Was The Week That Was"

The meeting opened at 7.00pm with President Christine welcoming all members and the guest speaker Charles Carew (Bridges).

Presidents Announcements:

- Will be attending a meeting next Wednesday on Homeless in Ferntree Gully co-ordinated by local church groups. Sought other club members to attend with her.
- Will be attending the Multi Pets weekend in Ballarat in the lead up for her role as Assistant Governor in 2019 – 2020. Allan will be attending also as our incoming President.

Chairman: Paul Wilson

Chairman's Reports:

Secretary: Apologies from- John Flemming, Rob Hurst, Graham Faulkner, Gary Braddock

Trash & Treasurer: More goods have been collected over the past week enabling our attendance at the market to continue on March 24th.

Fundraising: Our next theatre night is planned for Tuesday April 2nd, the movie is Stan and Ollie at Boronia.

Interact: Today's planned meeting was cancelled due to school sports day.

Bunnings; Profit for last week's sausage was \$575.00

Relay for Life: Confirmed those able to attend both on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Sgt-at-Arms: Allan Tierney conducted the fines session. Fran Mandergeddes won the skill with the 10 of diamonds.

Thursday, 14th March 2019

Guest Speaker: Charles Carew.

Topic Bridges Connecting Communities

Bridges has been connecting communities for the past 42 years. The organisation has been dedicated to providing services to older people and people with disability to support their independence and promote socialisation, wellness, enablement and restorative care. Their services include Community Transport, Community Access, a Pet companion Program and social activities. 80 volunteer drivers give their time in providing transport for those who are unable to access public transport. The volunteers drive clients to and from medical, allied health and social support appointments in the local area.

With demand growing and drivers cutting back the organisation is looking for additional drivers. Charles finds his roll rewarding and has satisfaction in helping others. 50% of their fuel costs are reimbursed.

Other services include a Community Shopping Bus for clients to attend Knox City and Stud Park shopping centres, Phone a Friend where a caring volunteer those on a regular basis and provide social activities at various venues around the City of Knox.

Charles also spoke on his other roll in Marketing / Advertising for community Newspapers being the Studfield / Wantirna community paper. Being a not for profit paper it's the advertising revenue gained that allows them to now produce 21,000 papers every two months. Their area now includes Scoresby, Knoxfield, Wantirna South, Bayswater all run by volunteers.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Scribe: Graeme Aspinall

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

| 2019 | Program. | Speaker |
|--------------|--|--------------------|
| March | is Water & Sanitation month | |
| 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 Mandergheddes |
| 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 | Mental health – anxiety | David Donahoo |
| 19-May | District Assembly | |
| 23-May | Committee Meetings | GROUP B |
| 30-May | Knox Toy Library | Melissa Bell |
| June | is Rotary Fellowship month | |
| 3-June | BOARD MEETING | |
| 6-June | MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE | John Flemming |
| 13-June | Ray White Community Projects | Aaron Clarke |
| 14-June | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle | |
| 20-June | TeamMed Nepal | Nasil Punchihewa |
| 27-June | Committee Meetings | GROUP A |
| 29-June | District Changeover | |
| 30-June | Changeover Lunch | |

Metro Cinema Tuesday 2nd April

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



& Pre movie dinner at Zagame's