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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]
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 Mandergeddes	Gary Braddock	Christine A
Rotary Toast	Mike Spark	Paul Wilson	Christine A	Graeme Aspinall	Gary Braddock
Cashier:	Rob Hurst	Fran Mandergeddes	Paul McAloney	Mike Spark	Allan Tierney
Scribe:	Paul Wilson	N/A	N/A	Fran Mandergeddes	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

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

[Join us on The Irish Way](#)

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...



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 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	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

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



& Pre movie dinner at Zagame's