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WEEKLY BULLETIN

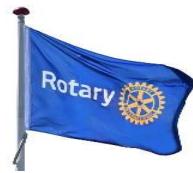
Date & Time:	Thursday 2nd July [Kick off at 6.30]	Friday 3rd July 7.00 – 7.30 pm	Thursday 9th July [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 16th July [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:		Gino's Restaurant Wantirna Mall		
Program:	BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETING	Fellowship Fun BYO wine only \$20 min charge p/head	CHANGEOVER Goodbye Allan Welcome Graeme	Grey Nomad Tour on a motorcycle Geoff Bransbury
Speaker:				
Partners' Night	Welcome	Yes	Yes	Yes

As you are all aware the film night at Stageworx had to be cancelled due to the change in the social distancing laws, hopefully we can revisit it soon. However, we can look forward some fellowship and a meal at Gino's Restaurant instead.

Birthdays:	2nd July – Kay McAloney
Anniversaries:	5th July – Paul & Kay McAloney (is this a milestone anniversary??)
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully	2nd July 1981 – Rob Hurst



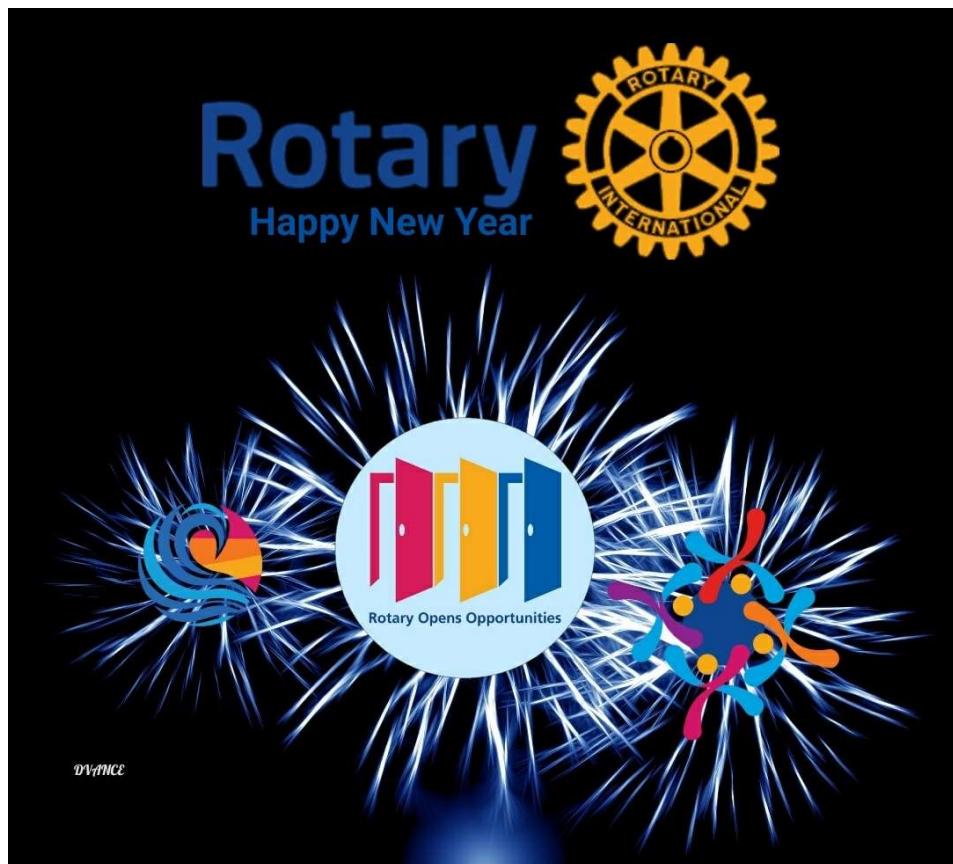
WILL IT BE
ALLANS AIR SPACE



OR

GRAEME'S GRAPE-VINE

NEITHER THIS WEEK!!



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 25th June, 2020

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

What a fantastic night of “Zoom” Fellowship, Fun and Frivolity and “Who Dunnit”

Some stellar performances were given by:

- Micha Angelo (aka Fran) – perhaps a little “over-acting” here
- Gretchen Audigger (aka Julienne) – THE VICTIM gave a very convincing performance and came back as an angel
- Inga Federov Personal Trainer (aka Kay) – THE MURDERER, who seemed to be a bit confused with her accent
- Sardo Shakespeare local actor (aka Paul Mc) – looked the part in his sartorially resplendent costume



Thank you to Christine for organising this event and providing all the material etc to everyone beforehand, a lot of time would have no doubt been spent on it, especially the “casting” - Well Done!!

This seems like a simple project that FTG Rotary could support, just save your bread tags and give them to Fran, she is happy to collect them and take them to a collection point.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

FOLLOWING a Zoom meeting on April 16, when members of the Rotaract Club of Adelaide University, SA, were joined by Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs founder Jenny Cooper, the club set itself the ambitious goal of collecting 200kg of used bread tags over four months.

To put that into perspective, one standard loaf bread bag holds around 2kg of tags, so they estimate they will need to collect five to six plastic garbage bags of tags to reach their target.

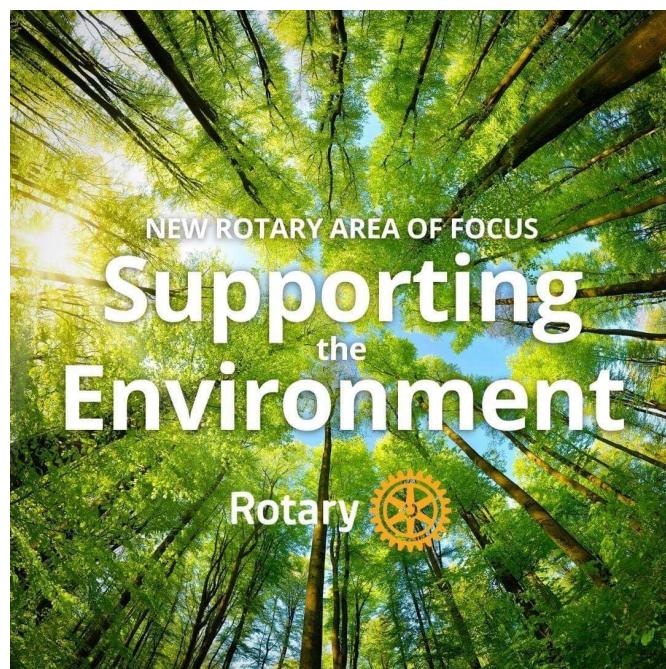
The tags are then sold to thermoplastic recycling company Transmutation, based in the small fishing village of Robe, SA, which makes and sells homewares from the tags. Funds raised from the sale of tags will allow the club to buy a wheelchair for a disabled child in South Africa.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006, collecting around 500kg each month. Many wheelchairs have been distributed around the country, with the added bonus of keeping tags out of landfill.

Collection in Australia began in September 2018 and there are now more than 350 collection points across the country.

The Rotaract Club of Adelaide University is setting up an impressive network of partners to achieve its target, including university food outlets, school canteens and boarding houses, aged care facilities, cafes and lunch providers, all of which consume multiple loaves of bread a day. Even Rotary Bunnings sausage sizzles use 40-50 loaves a day. The club is also setting up collection points at some of these businesses for customers to donate their tags as well.

For more information on Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs and a map of collection points, visit ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au.



Rotary Safe Families addressing DV and elder abuse

By Kylie Hatfield

RECOGNISING a family violence or elder abuse situation and knowing what role you can safely play to support victims and prevent domestic violence and elder abuse are the aims of Rotary Safe Families, a program of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Vic, which recently launched two new videos to help inform a wider audience.

With an average of one woman a week being murdered by her current

or former partner in Australia, and current lockdown restrictions making conditions at home worse for many, now is the time for Rotarians to start being part of the solution to end domestic violence, says Rotary Club of Melbourne's Dorothy Gilmour.

"We must not leave this issue of family violence and elder abuse to our police and health care workers. It is our responsibility to at least be aware and able to identify and locate help in these situations," Dorothy said.

"Every day the government is highlighting that police and hospitals are noting the increase of domestic violence. There are so many women and children currently living in dangerous situations with their partner at home or out of work; they have nowhere to go and are scared to leave. This is the time that we all need to be aware of women and children trapped by isolation."

Having worked in trauma, loss and grief counselling, and lecturing on

this topic at university for many years, Dorothy co-led the development of the Rotary Safe Families program with past President Mary Barry, former CEO of Our Watch, and the support of the club's Family Violence Working Committee. Dorothy believes the solution starts with awareness, and that is everyone's responsibility.

"Rotary Safe Families is an awareness program. It's about being informed and knowing what domestic violence looks like and what we can do about it," Dorothy said. "We're all sitting on our hands while this happens in our communities. As Rotarians, we are here to help others; and Rotary Safe Families is here to help you help others."

Originally launched in 2019 as a workshop preventative program, Rotary Safe Families has expanded to include two professional 20-minute videos – one on the topic of family violence and one on elder abuse –

to make it easier for Rotarians both Australia-wide and internationally to access the preventative program. Already accessible online, the program has had international interest from Uganda, Tanzania and the UK.

"The videos show everyday examples of family violence and elder abuse and what the bystander can do. That includes identifying violence and elder abuse, being informed as to how to have communication with a victim or someone in danger of becoming a victim and, most importantly, being capable of finding appropriate referral support for the victim," Dorothy said.

The Rotary Safe Families program is a Rotary100DownUnder initiative and is available for all Rotary clubs to screen for their members. The videos are supported by the program's manual and toolkit, which are also available online.

