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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 8th October [Kick off at 7.00]	Thursday 15th October [Kick off at 7.00]	Thursday 22nd October [Kick off at 7.00]	Thursday 29th October [Kick off at 7.00]
Venue:				
Program:	CLUB ASSEMBLY & THE MAD HATTERS WINE PARTY - "Lift the Lid" 	VOLUNTEER FOR KNOX	STROKE SAFE	EAST GIPPSLAND ROTARY FIRE AID
Speaker:	N/A	Sally Dusting- Laird	Kevin English	Peter Sindrey
Partners' Night	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Due to the many requests received in response to the club's soup making efforts, it has been decided to give away years of family secrets handed down from generation to generation and - for the first time EVER - PUBLISH the recipes for all to enjoy!

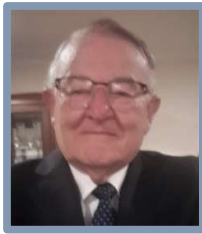
The real secret to these wonderful efforts is they use few basic ingredients and are so easy to make.

And the end results? YUM 😊!

This week's recipe is Kay's Pumpkin Soup (page 4)

<i>Birthdays:</i>	13th October – Jill Wilson
<i>Anniversaries:</i>	None
<i>Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully</i>	None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Our meeting with the District Governor Alma Reynolds went quite well. Firstly, she met with the Club Board for approx. 45 minutes where the main point of discussion was on the health of the club and our future activities. Her main concern was that we lack a documented annual plan, not having conducted a Membership Survey to determine our member's satisfaction for at least four years and a Membership Engagement Plan. The Board will address these issues so that all planning requirements will be in place before the end of the Rotary year. This will enable the next President to modify them should it be necessary for his or her Rotary year.

Her message to the Club was to have fun, attract new members, update our website, that there is no wrong age to be a Rotarian, select your members carefully, engage in Rotary beyond your Club and gather information from "Open Doors" the District Newsletter and the District Website.

Fran has distributed an email to all members regarding an online fundraiser organised by the Whitehorse Cluster of Rotary Clubs. "Growing Girls Great" is a charity event for "Days for Girls" on **Sunday 11th October at 7.00 – 8.00 pm**. The presenters are Jessica Watson OAM who sailed around the world at 16 years of age and Yasmin Poole a speaker writer and youth advocate. Tickets are \$15 with proceed going towards Days for Girls, and event worth supporting.



A reminder for this week's meeting, it being our opportunity to support Australian Rotary Health promotion of "Lift the Lid" for Hat Day.

Your hat can be outlandish or something simple, a prize will be awarded to the one judged the best.

STAY SAFE

Graeme Aspinall

President 2020/2021



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Thursday 1st October, 2020

Advice from Guest Speaker – DG Alma Reynolds.

- We are experiencing the first recession in 30 years
- More than ever – “Your Community Needs You”
- If you have any funds in keeping for a “rainy day” - “It’s Raining Now”
- Centenary project
- Membership - changing times requires a new approach – examine your club, make it more meaningful, make it more fun
- If nothing changes – “Nothing Changes”
- Utilise Facebook to get message out – use photos, ask for volunteers to help
- There is no wrong age for Rotary membership
- Select members carefully – They will be friends for life



Greg King spoke on “End Polio Now” – Request for a Club donation of \$1,500 USD or \$250 USD per member.

Estimate of time to eradicate polio is 65 years – Rotary’s involvement 35 years. Smallpox was eradicated in 1980, took 184 years!

Alma’s Six Point Plan for the future

1. Make a Plan
 2. Focus on Community
 3. Raise Rotary Flag in Public
 4. Make club fun
 5. Explore Rotary
 6. Support Rotary Flagships
- **2021 District Conference** will be 1st and 2nd May (in person). It will be a casual event at the Showgrounds. Low cost, barbeque to be held instead of formal dinner. Plans to be launched this month.



DATES TO DIARISE

Date	Event
15-Oct	Volunteer for Knox - Sally Dusting-Laird
22-Oct	Stroke Safe Talk - Kevin English
29-Oct	East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid - Peter Sindrey
6-Nov	CLUB ASSEMBLY
12-Nov	Melbourne Cup - Oaks Day
19-Nov	Living with CKD – Gary Braddock
	District event
	Club event



Rotary still serving our community in lockdown

The Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully has been as busy as ever during lockdown.

Our weekly meetings have all been held on Zoom, and whilst having some great fun we have also been entertained by some very interesting guest speakers including Fairhills High School student Sam Heydon, Knox Young Citizen of the Year. Sam was nominated by Ferntree Gully Rotary. Fairhills High School students participated in a school trip to Cambodia where the students built a house for a family, funded by the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully.

Upcoming guest speakers are 'Women in Information Technology', 'Volunteering in Knox' and Bush Fire Relief in East Gippsland.

As we have all been in lockdown and a nightly curfew is in place, having fun has also been a highlight. Zoom, if you let your imagination go wild, can ensure a great time with lots of laughs with Murder Mystery plays and Christmas in July.



Ready to feed our community at Koolunga Bush Fire Meeting.

As Rotarians our main focus is our passion for working with our local community, and our youth programs. The programs have been temporarily postponed, but we are still working in the local community. In partnership with Foothills Community Care, we are making soup

each week for the meal distribution on a Wednesday evening in Ferntree Gully. Our club has also made 200 Fathers Day gifts for distribution through Foothills Community Care. We have several community projects being developed and will be letting you all know about them shortly.

If you have a passion to assist in our local community and enjoy some good fun and fellowship along the way then you would be most welcome to join us at any of our meetings. We would love you to share your ideas to help make our wonderful community inclusive of all residents. Rotary has 1.20 million members worldwide serving their communities globally.

We meet each Thursday 7:00pm – 8:00pm via Zoom. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Please call our Secretary Allan Tierney 0418 366 543 for the link to be forwarded to you.

KLEVER KAY'S EASY PUMPKIN SOUP

Just 4 basic ingredients, plus seasoning, will give you a really lovely pumpkin soup that takes about 45 minutes cooking/blending time.

APPROXIMATELY 6 – 8 serves

2kg peeled Kent or JAP pumpkin cut into approx. 6cm cubes

3 tbs mild olive oil

2 litres chicken stock

2 medium brown onions, roughly chopped.

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 180°C.**
- 2. In a bowl, put pumpkin and oil, and toss to combine.**
- 3. Bake on lined baking trays for approx. 30 minutes until soft. (Maybe longer if cubes larger)**
- 4. Meanwhile add onions and stock to a large pot, boil and simmer gently waiting for pumpkin to be cooked.**
- 5. Add the hot pumpkin to the pot, stir until boiling and simmer approx.. 10 minutes.**
- 6. Blend until you reach desired texture – leave a few chunky bits OR blend the entire contents until silky smooth.**
- 7. Season as desired.**
- 8. Add grated nutmeg if you wish.**

ENJOY !!!
