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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

THE FOUR WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do: -
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BULLETIN NO: 11

Thursday, 7th September, 2017

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, 6pm for 6.30pm **unless stated below**

Duty Officers' Roster: -

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

DATE	Thursday 14 TH SEPTEMBER	Thursday 21 ST SEPTEMBER	Thursday 28 TH SEPTEMBER
PROGRAMME	Traveller's Tales	Peace Oration or Social Night At Rules Club	Visit to Riverina Day Surgery
Attendance	Karel Bijker Glendyn Groves	N/R	Karel Bijker Graham Gorrel
Greeter	Tony Hutchinson	N/R	N/R
Short & Sweet	Margaret Everett	N/R	N/R
Fines Master (5 min)	Brad Bland	N/R	N/R
Introduce Speaker	TBA	N/R	N/R
Vote of Thanks	Philip Cross	N/R	Mary Ann Kelly
Bulletin Reporter	David Payne	Vida Smart	Neil Hilpern

Invocation: For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.

Don't forget!

If you can't attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB on 6922 6444 by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record it in the apology book provided at the meeting attendance table – IN BLOCK LETTERS).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

COMING UP

Thursday 14th Sept. This week's program is still under development, and may consist of Traveller's Tales from some of our very recent travellers. Sounds like fun.

Thursday 21st Sept. As advised, the Country Club is unavailable and there are two options – the Peace Oration (Details separately); or a Social Gathering at the Rules Club (not a club meeting) for those not attending.

Thursday 28th Sept. There will be a vocational visit to the Riverina Day Surgery in Meurant Ave, followed by dinner at the Turvey Tavern or similar.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

ATTENDANCE

There were 28 Members in attendance with 10 apologies. Club & members guests were: Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Musururu, his wife Delize, Marilyn and PDG Gary Roberts, Pam and Annabelle Shackleton and Susan Donaldson.

MEETING NOTES

President Elaine reported:

- This is **National Child Protection Week**.
- There is a **D9700 Technology Training day**, Sunday 12 November, 10am to 4pm at Young. Open to all Rotarians but particularly for Club Presidents and President Elects, as well as Secretaries and Executive Secretaries.
- Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga has an all-girls team participating in the **Rotaract 10 Pin Bowling challenge**, on 23rd September.
- **The Help Cambodia Dinner** at the Magpies Nest last Friday was successful leading to seven more students being sponsored. Further sponsors are being sought (contact Elaine)
- **Days for Girls** are holding an **afternoon tea at Elements in the Botanic Gardens** on Sunday 15 October at 2pm to raise funds for hygiene kits for girls and women in developing countries. Contact Elaine for further details.
- **The Royce Abbey Oration** is being held on **Thursday 21st, 6.30pm in RJ Hall Room at Commercial Club. Cost \$45pp. Contact Phil Tome 0402 463102 for further details. This is our Club meeting night and members are encouraged to attend. However, there will be an informal get together for club members at the Rules Club at 6.30pm if you prefer. (Country Club not available)**
- Our Club has accepted an invitation to host a **dinner at Lillier Lodge** on 25 October. Further details closer to the date.
- The **Rotary Shine Awards** will be hosted by our club at the Wagga Wagga City Council Chambers on Tuesday 28 November 2017. The organising Committee is looking for nominations of either: persons with a disability achieving in their vocation, or a business that employs a person with a disability. Contact Alan Lean for more details.
- **Bruce Heydon** thanked the Club members for their support at the loss of his father at the age of 101. As said in the eulogy: 101 retired, well played, done good!



- **Mike Murray** thanked members for supporting the Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch to raise funds for prostate cancer. Funds raised were in the order of \$40,000, helped by BBQ raffle winner and Club member David Kennedy who donated his prize back to be auctioned.
- **Barry Francis** was proud to advise that he has a new grand daughter
- **Graham Russell** ran into Honorary Member **Phil Jackson** who sent his best wishes to the Club.

SHORT & SWEET

David Payne spoke about the slipping away of the past generation. He noted the recent anniversary of the Battle of Australia against Japan & his father's involvement as an 18 year old soldier in New Guinea. He only recently found out that his father was in the same regiment as Tony Hutch's father.



FINES 'MISTRISS'

Mary Ann Kelly filled in at short notice for Paul G, but had no trouble extracting plenty of coins from raffle winners, influenza patients, travellers heading north and to the snow, people with a bit of extra cover for the winter months, and long suffering football (all types) and cricket followers.



GUEST SPEAKER



Guest Speaker was Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masururu. Dr Luc is from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) which has a population of 80 million. He was accompanied by his wife Delize and has 5 children back in DRC. He is a medical practitioner, Member of Parliament as well as Founder and Director of NGO [Mission In Health Care and Development](#).

DRC suffered from a civil war from 1993 to 2001 and it's estimated that about 5 million people died. This has left them with a shortage of men in the community. The DRC women now do most of the heavy work as well as child rearing. Along with poverty, this has led to poor health outcomes.

Dr Luc has tried to address these issues and has made great progress. He has concentrated his efforts in the Uvira district, particularly Luvungi township, where he has built a hospital, schools, orphanages and is training the women to raise pigs and run fish farms. In rural areas there are no banks and very little cash. Livestock has become the de facto currency. So with local support from Wagga Wagga Rotary Clubs, a Global Rotary Grant has been provided to develop a number of pig raising and fish farming enterprises in various villages. (# see note below).



Dr Luc has also shown interest in the water filtration units that new Club member Howard Mendel has developed. He has asked if we can provide him with 4 units for a trial in DRC. Dr Luc's achievements and presentation was given high praise by the Club members, and he was thanked by Graeme Callander.

Marilyn Roberts D9700 District Secretary outlined the circumstances of the Global Grant, which was initiated during Gary Roberts' time as DG, as a project of the Wagga Clubs led by Wollundry. Details at this link:

<http://www.wollundryrotary.org.au/Stories/us-35-000-global-grant-awarded-to-wollundry>.



TRAVELLER'S TALES

Thanks to Peter Veerhuis for a report and pic:

"Following our travels to Scandinavia and London, Joan, Angela and I moved on to Stratford and today, to Port Isaac, Cornwall for a "Doc Martin" tour. Our tour guide was Mike Meakins, who himself has had minor parts in both "Poldark" and "Doc Martin".

I gather the eighth Doc Martin series will shortly be released for distribution to TV Channels around the world. The photo taken by Angela today, Monday 4th September, was at Louisa's House where Martin Clunes regularly bangs his head on the low door frame.

Regards to all from Cornwall. Peter and Joan Veerhuis"



Other contributions welcome.

PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY:

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| ❖ 21st Sept 2017. | Royce Abbey Oration. |
| ❖ 28th Nov 2017 | Shine Awards. |
| ❖ 5 th – 6 th May 2018 | Book Fair |
| ❖ 5th – 6th May 2018 | D9700 Conference (Leeton). |
| ❖ 23rd to 27th June 2018 | RI Convention (Toronto). |



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (15th to 21st September)

Birthdays: John Studdert (16/9), David Cannon (17/9), Philip Cross (17/9), Bronwyn Callander (20/9)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Gerry & Joan Page (20/9)





☞ KOOKABURRA ☞

AFL UMPIRES:

St. Peter and Satan were having an argument about the AFL.

Satan wanted a game to be played on neutral grounds between a select team from the heavenly host and his own hand-picked players.

"Very well," said St Peter (the gatekeeper of Heaven). "But you realize, I hope, that we've got all the best players and the smartest coaches."

"I know, and that's all right," Satan answered unperturbed. "We've got all the umpires."



AT THE MEETING

