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Meeting
Mondays 6:00pm for 6:30pm
Basscare Centre,
2 Rochester Rd, Canterbury
Unless otherwise stated in Diary

Register for Meeting
Guests and Club Members can Register on the following links
Register for Meeting
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Notify Meeting Apology
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President's Message

Another wonderful and informative meeting last Monday with guests almost outnumbering members. John McCaskill set the meeting off with an introduction of several speakers starting with our own Chair of Community Services, Carmella Dimasi. Carmela spoke of the Club's continuing support for the following programs and projects:

- Busy Feet, combined project with the Rotary Club of Camberwell that just keeps growing - headed by Jenni Nankervis.
- Twilight Cinemas with Interchange Inner East which this year will be two events - headed by Lili-Ann Kriegler and Amir Salehi.
- Relay fo Life - headed by Sarah Prossor
- Camberwell High School Grants - headed by Ross Meroli.
- Pronunciation classes for migrants with the Salvation Army - headed by John McCaskill.
- Maling Road KristKindl Family Festival - headed by Graham Bishop.
- Berengarra School for students of normal intelligence with social and emotional problems, School Equipment and Garden Project - headed by Roger Taylor.
- Glenallen School for the disabled, helping with activities - hands on with Val and Patrick Cunniffe.

Carmela then announced the Club's support for the following new programs:

- Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency program - headed by Jenni Nankervis.
- CHANCES Scholarships Program with Boroondara Cares.
- Social Isolation Program with Boroondara Cares - headed by John McCaskill.

EndTrachoma by 2020

Camberwell Rotary's Chair of Community Services, Fabienne Nicola spoke of the WHO global goal to eliminate trachoma by 2020 which is an infectious eye disease that can be prevented by good hygiene practices. It is still present in remote Aboriginal communities and can lead to permanent blindness. Rotary's 2017-18 International President, Australia's Ian Riseley, wants a trachoma-free Australia by 2021, Rotary's 100th year in Australia.

Click to play EndTrachoma by 2020 video

Speaker and Activities Program

Sunday September 24	Social Event - ***Guess Who's Coming to Lunch***
Monday September 25	***Visit by District Governor Peter Frueh***
Monday October 2	Speaker: Ian Gilbert, ***"Australian Banking Regulations"***
Monday October 9	Speaker: Vic Kostiuk, ***"Policing Today - Challenges & Best Practice"***

Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

September 24 - Roger Taylor, Anne Josefsberg, Lili-Ann Kreigler
October 1 - Amir Salehi, Jennifer Kanaris, Rob Simpson
October 8 - Sarah Walters, Val Cunniffe/Patrick Cunniffe, Sue Osborne/Gillian Swinnerton

Contact Tony Simpson for all roster changes and requests, Home 9417 3995, Mob 0488 380 899
Please be on time as if you are late, our Club pays $50 penalty for each half hour or part thereof.

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President's Message - Continued

Fabienne Nichola explained that Australia remains the world's last developed country where trachoma still persists. Medically the condition can be readily cured but the problem is one of continued reinfection. The bacterium Chlamydia Trachomatis spreads by personal contact via hands, clothing, towels, bedding etc or by flies that have been in contact with the discharge from the nose or eye of an infected person. In 1888 it was described in Melbourne "as the most common eye disease met with, and occupied most of the time and anxiety of the oculist". Improvements in hygiene saw trachoma disappear from our cities and remote non-indigenous Australia; but unfortunately it still remains in significant numbers in some remote indigenous communities.

Rotary aims to help with aspects of hygiene to prevent reinfection and leaves it up to each Club to decide what it can do. Some ideas are Personal Hygiene Care Kits, mirrors in homes to support cleanliness and self esteem, community swimming pools and community washing facilities through the provision of static and mobile laundries.

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Program

Jenni Nankervis explained that alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency is an inherited disorder that may cause lung disease and liver disease. Alpha-1 antitrypsin is present in all people and is made in the liver and released into the bloodstream and moves into the lungs to protect the lungs from damage. In people with alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency the alpha-1 antitrypsin remains substantially stuck in the liver and causes the liver to malfunction. Because the alpha-1 antitrypsin does not get to the lungs they start to experience problems too, such as emphysema.

The aim of our Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Program is to generally raise awareness of this condition that affects about 1 in 2,500 Australians. It is often misdiagnosed as asthma which is a common problem seen by the medical profession. Because it is inherited, a diagnosis generally reveals a whole family of people that have the condition. There is no cure but awareness enables action to be taken to help sufferers deal with their condition.

ALPHA-1 Association of Australia

Jenni has been actively involved with the ALPHA-1 Association of Australia and she thanked our Club for an initial donation of $2,500 towards helping awareness of the condition, and in raising funds to find a treatment for this largely unknown disease.

Helen Worladge

CHANCES Scholarship Program

Helen Worladge gave a wonderful presentation about the CHANCES Scholarship Program operated through the Boroondara Cares Foundation. CHANCES provides funding or scholarships to students within the Boroondara area who have enormous potential, but lack the funds to receive a complete education. Helen said that there is a perception that "there are no poor people in Boroondara", however Census data indicates over 4,666 young people are living in poverty in Boroondara.

Thus far, over that last 10 years CHANCES has provided over 700 scholarships with a value of $700,000 with some amazing results. The scholarships are used for such things as textbooks, stationary, uniforms, camps, excursions, computers, musical instruments and course related costs. However it does not cover school fees and is not available to students from self-supporting families.

Teachers nominate the applicants, not the parents. Helen said that the School Principals are most enthusiastic supporters of the program as it helps young people to realise their potential by being able to continue their education to Tertiary level. A study has been undertaken by experts in evaluating such programs that showed for every dollar invested, the benefits amount to between $12 and $17.

The Social Isolation Program

John McCaskill spoke about the Boroondara Cares Foundation which is an independent community philanthropist and an incorporated not for profit organisation. The foundation's members are the 8 Rotary Clubs that meet within the boundaries of the City of Boroondara, including our own, the Rotary Club of Canterbury. Boroondara Cares does not run programs but facilitates programs run by the member Clubs and others. John spoke about the Five Pillars behind the Boroondara Cares Foundation programs which are:

- Homelessness
- Family Violence
- Drug Abuse
- Educational Disadvantage
- Social Isolation

Boroondara Cares

"...for the good of Boroondara"

Our Rotary Club of Canterbury is taking a lead role in the Social Isolation Program, although John said that he preferred to call it the OWL Program or *On With Life Program*. He said that some people may choose to be socially isolated and some people have mental issues, and the OWL Program may not apply to them. It is directed at people that want to be involved socially but don't know how to become involved. Examples would be retired people or mature women with grownup kids or overseas students that do not interact with local people. John said that as many as 1 in 5 people are socially isolated in our community.

John commented that a good way to identify socially isolated people is through the GPs who ask "how are you going?" He said our Club is developing a website to inform and facilitate social interaction. This OWL Program will need to be promoted through the other Rotary Clubs in the area and these Clubs are already involved in a lot of socially inclusive activities.

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Amendments to the Rules and Bylaws

The normal Club meeting last Monday was preceded by a Special Meeting to amend the Club's Rules and Bylaws. The amendments were passed with all Club members voting in favour. The changes included new types of membership as follows:

- Corporate, represented by individuals designated by the corporate entity
- Organisation, represented by individuals designated by the organisation entity
- Family, where an immediate family member of a Club member has family active membership
- Friends of Rotary, where the person must comply with qualifications as if for honorary membership

The changes also provides more flexibility in the nature, timing and frequency of meetings, including dealing with online meetings or online participation at in-person meetings. There were also some other changes, all of which can be viewed at the All Company section of the Club's Yammer website.

Working With Children Check

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, all Club members that do not have a Working With Children Check should take steps to obtain this card. The easiest way to obtain the card is as follows:

- Go to http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ and click on Apply for Check link, then Apply in Victoria link
- Look at the informative video entitled Lodging your application then click Start application
- You will apply as a Volunteer
- The Organisation Details of the Rotary Club of Canterbury are on the front page of this bulletin
- A Driver Licence (or passport) along with a Medicare Card is sufficient identity verification
- After submission you should receive an email within a few minutes giving further instructions
- Print the pdf with the email or take a photo of the 'bar code' with your mobile phone
- Go to one of the Post Offices identified in the email (Canterbury PO is one) and give them the 'bar code'
- They will confirm your identity by viewing the Driver License (or passport) and take your photo
- There is no cost as a Volunteer and your Working With Children Check card will arrive in about a fortnight

It was wonderful to have so many guest at the meeting

We had a large contingency from Boroondara Cares including Peter Allen, Executive Director and member and Past President of Camberwell Rotary; Elida Brereton, Chair of Boroondara Cares; Andrew Dalziel who is also a member of Kew Rotary; Bob Lambert, Director of Marketing for Boroondara Cares and member of Yarra Bend Rotary; Helen Worladge who is the program manager for CHANCES; and Helen's husband, Wayne Worladge.

Other guests included: Teresa Molella and Fabienne Nicola both from Camberwell Rotary; Peter O'Brien from the Balwyn Rotary; Andrew Ford; Rhonda Stephan-Day; Athena Sikiotis a friend of John McCaskill; Gail Mastrowicz; and Brian Young, a previous member and past president of the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

The Next Meeting - Visit by DG Peter Frueh

District Governor Peter Frueh will talk to the Club about the activities of Rotary International and Rotary District 9800. The Rotary International theme for this year is *Rotary – Making a Difference* and this idea will be featured in the District 9800 Warrnambool Conference to be held 16-18 March 2018 which has the theme of *The Power to Make a Difference*.

Rob

Peter and Anne Frueh

The Canterbury Rotary Lunchers

The next Canterbury Rotary lunch will be at the Box Hill RSL, 26-28 Nelson Road, Box Hill on Wednesday 27th September at the usual time of 12:30pm. There is free car parking for diners (not just members) at the Box Hill RSL with the carpark entrance from Nelson Road.

The Seniors Bistro menu is from $15.00 with desert $2.50 each, also the venue is fully licensed with drinks at reasonable prices. The Box Hill RSL has excellent meals - click this link for the Bistro Seniors Menu.

Please let Graham Bishop know if you are coming so that he can reserve a table at this very popular venue graham.bishop@canterburyrotary.org or 0412 154 540.