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THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

DON FARRANDS - AUTHOR

Don is a commercial lawyer, chartered accountant and director. He has qualifications in law, economics, accounting and finance. When at university he served five years in the Canberra Symphony Orchestra as trombonist. Don was a solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills, then CFO for Comalco Smelting, an aluminium producer. Don is currently at the Melbourne bar specialising in energy and commercial law. He has been a co-founder of a renewable energy company which ultimately listed on the London Stock Exchange. He has written a leading text, *The Law of Options and Other Pre-emptive Rights*, which was recently endorsed by the NSW Court of Appeal.

Don has chaired *Women's Housing*, a major NFP organisation dedicated to facilitating better housing options for disadvantaged women. He is currently a director of *Wallara Australia*, a major disability organisation, assisting some 600 disabled persons across Victoria. Don's abiding passions are his family, rugby, and classical music.

In 2017, Don's new book, *The Glass Soldier*, was published by Big Sky Publishing. It tells the story of the life of his grandfather, Nelson Ferguson, a stretcher bearer in the Great War. It is a story of trauma, hope, miracles and triumph. Don will speak on the topics of the Great War, Australia's involvement, disability, and recovery, through the lens of one of the countless great veterans of World War 1. His presentation will stir the soul.

Book Royalties to the Fred Hollows Foundation

Royalties from the sale of the book go to the Fred Hollows Foundation in aid of eye treatments to restore sight. Last year, the Fred Hollows Foundation performed more than 1 million eye operations. It is an incredible organisation and deserves strong support.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

25 Apr: NOTE - NO MEETING
02 May: Mike Hirst, Managing Director, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank
09 May: Matthew Warren, CEO Australian Energy Council
16 May: TBA
23 May: End Trachoma by 2020 Peter Rogers & Lien Trinh
30 May: Young Achievers Award
06 Jun: Dr Marissa Parrott, Zoos Victoria

LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER

GREG ROSS, DIRECTOR, ROTARY HEALTH AUSTRALIA

Greg Ross not only provided Members last week with the latest news on our Rotary Health Australia, but entertained us with three personally written Rotary melodies sung in full voice. He was especially respected by Members as he presented and sang bravely through his own personal grief in the recent traumatic loss of his daughter-in-law to suicide. We were all left reflecting to the tragedy of suicide. What could our Club do to work with suicide?

NINE INTERNATIONAL ROTARIANS!

Last week we were very pleased to welcome nine international Rotarians from Norway, Japan, UK, Germany and Malaysia to our lunch meeting. President Mary is seen with

the "Banner Exchange".
EVENING MEETING SUCCESS

Dr Derek Farrell also spoke about EMDR therapy and has travelled to many areas affected by natural and man made disasters to teach the community how to treat traumatic memories with EMDR.

CLUB NEWS & REMINDERS

DIK HOSPITAL BED COLLECTION - SATURDAY 28 APRIL

The arrangements with Peter Mac Hospital are now at a point where DIK has set the date – **SATURDAY 28 April** - for the major uplift directly into a 40 ft container which will go to the Russian Hospital in Cambodia. The balance of the goods will be collected by vans many on the same day or the following week.

Bob writes: "We will need quite a few hands for this task as the beds are spread throughout the various floors of the hospital and will all have to be brought to the loading dock for the loading.

That means lots of pushing to the various lifts to get to the loading dock. We will need to have a good team of people to carry out this task and get a really great result for DIK and for the hospital.

Can I ask that you advise me directly if you are able to assist on the 28th either at the hospital or back at the store that afternoon as we will have quite a lot to unload? Obviously I hope that many of our members will be available!

Some of the work, such as placing the beds in the container, is quite physical, but most of it (wheeling beds along corridors and into and out of lifts etc.) is not physically demanding. Time commitment is flexible – even an hour or two is helpful but we anticipate getting underway at about 8am and continue until we complete the task."

The most efficient way to deal with this request is for you to email Bob direct at bob.glindemann@bigpond.com with details of availability, please include a telephone contact. Details of precise meeting locations and times will follow.

INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Committee is also recognised for having established the John Mitchell indigenous scholarship with MITS (John is seen here in the picture) with a total value of \$60k over the 3 years supported by RCM and Club Members. Other work has included supporting the communities in healthy eating and developing a Resource Centre for the remote communities.

Quin reminds us that we must maintain the good work done over many years and support what Rob has also contributed over a long journey.

Please contact Quin Scalzo directly if you would like to offer your service to this Committee. quin.scalzo@scalsofoods.com.au

97th BIRTHDAY SONG!

Ross Scholes Robertson writes: "I'm just trying to think back to when I first wrote the words. Think it must have been in the 1990's when I was Treasurer. I remember we sang it at the Naval and Military Club when Federal Senator Jocelyn Newman was in attendance and I think I read she is about to retire at age 80. I did find a copy of the words for our 88th Birthday. Barry Rawlings was then our regular pianist and I remember John Mitchell, Trevor Hill and Roger Hall were soloists."

Update: WATER IN THE PHILIPPINES

Thank you to Ruth Carlos Martinez who has provided Networker and us with the latest news of water in the Philippines. You can read this at: http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/latest-news-item/28974/water-the-trickle-of-hope-that-is-a-human-right/?type_fr=4

Update: JEAN NOEL MELOTTE ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

"12 March, 2018

As I approach the last few weeks of my study session with the Rotary Peace Program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok I realize that it's hard to capture all the knowledge and experiences within a few hundred words.

Over the last two months, I have been joined by 22 other individuals from around the world and from a wide-variety of backgrounds. In my class we have judges, journalists, peace-officers, lawyers, civil-servants and NGO workers. All of us are joined by the

common thread that peace is possible at any level as a way to heal long-running conflicts.

A valuable quote that captures this mindset is found within the preamble to UNESCO's constitution, it states, "since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed." The dream of peace may seem at times to be unreasonable and an impossible goal, however today I am surrounded by people who believe in the pursuit of objective truth, freely exchanging ideas and achieving equality in education. Throughout the course I've been introduced to individuals and groups who cultivate the values of stability and understanding to advance their interests in a non-violent way. Although all of us carry, overtly or unconsciously, certain prejudices, we can see through the actions of these groups and individuals how it is possible through collaboration, as exemplified by the Rotary Peace Centres, that universal respect for the rule of law and human rights can be achieved.

Our studies include the classic conflict analysis areas such as humanitarian law, the interfaith dialogue, post-conflict reconstruction, security-sector reform, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, mediation and facilitation. However this course also offers alternative dispute resolution skills and knowledge including using social media to promote non-violence, transitional justice and constructing a peace process through the use of creative arts, sports or humour. My classmates reject the common mindset that war is a natural state of human nature and rather focus on how conflict is often not sufficiently mitigated. The passion and broad skillsets of my classmates are impressive and this course allows the space to look critically at why conflict happens and how to push alternative dispute resolutions.

The important thing for Rotary International will be to look at how this excellent first level initiative of joining together these global peacebuilders can be continued. This could be achieved through supporting them to the next phase of collaboration and perhaps even leveraging the skills of these various practitioners into directly supporting Rotary peace work.

Peace work does not necessarily mean solving the Palestine issue or ending the Syrian crisis, rather peace starts at the community level and with fostering the space for local players to take ownership of prioritizing peace over violence."

DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER: SUNDAY 3 JUNE!

Mark wrote: "This year the District Changeover is celebrating our District and all we have achieved together – Rotarians and Clubs, with assistance and support from the District Leadership Team. There will be fun, special projects and Rotarians honoured.

Entertainment by our own sensational "Barking Dogs" with Sue Foley. Dress to impress but don't feel you need to be uncomfortable, AND bring your dancing shoes.

In true Rotary style, there will be funding opportunities for two projects of \$1,000 each. Submit a short, informal project plan, register a table of 10 before May 18th. Be ready to claim the prize and announce the project to all our District Rotary friends. Maybe you will gain support from other Clubs and possibly receive a Foundation District Grant."

Bookings can be made at: www.trybooking.com/367423

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

WHO OWNS THIS 'BATMOBILE'?

This photo was sent to the Editor. The car was parked outside the Sofitel on Wednesday lunchtime. Maybe "DF" number plate holds the clue?

FORTHCOMING NUPTIALS

This very special gift from the Windsor Hotel, it's guests, Melbourne residents and Rotarians is situated adjacent to lift, just outside the signature tearoom."

ROTARY ACTION GROUP on HEARING

This talented young man is doing some very important fundamental research on hearing which could lead to a cure. I've checked out his work. Like many research organisations he is short of funds, so he is running the Boston Marathon. The link leads to his fund raising page. Elaine is donating but hoping there may be other people who would like to do so too. This has come via the Rotary Action Group on Hearing.

Lukas Landegger joined the Molecular Neurotology Laboratory at the Massachusetts

Eye and Ear Infirmary in 2013. After gaining clinical as well as research experience in various countries (US, UK, France, Spain, Germany, Singapore, Australia), he received his medical degree from the Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria. He graduated with a PhD in Neuroscience at the Medical University of Vienna in 2018 and is taking a break from his clinical training to focus on further basic research. Apart from clinical projects, he uses a variety of methodological approaches to advance inner ear gene therapy and elucidate the underlying mechanisms of vestibular schwannoma growth as well as noise-induced hearing loss (in particular auditory neuropathy).

LAST WEEK'S GUESTS & GREETINGS

This Week's Birthdays: Peter Addison, John Allen, David de Kretser, Kelton Dennis, Jill Hibbins, Clive Hollands, Nina Hunter, Tony Kosky (today!), Rob Nethercote

GUESTS AT LAST MEETING

Guests of the Club: Greg Ross (Speaker), Bashar Baghdadi, Derek Farrell.

Visiting International Rotarians: Jeremy Voizey (Margate, UK), Graham Parker (Barrow-In-Furness), Gerhard Logters (Berlin Alexanderplatz, Germany), Bill Barr (Edinburgh, UK), Horst Wippert, Ramli Ibrahim (Kuala Lumpur, Dirja, Malaysia), Roar Wedding (Tregstad, Norway), Carl Lewin (Kopervik, Norway), Makoto Sone (Mt Fuji, Japan).

Visiting Australian Rotarians: Dai Mason (e-Club Next Gen), Sue Mason (Mordialloc).

Guests of RCM Members: Jerish Joseph (Stephanie Woollard), Robert Thomson, Mitchell Ryan, Carla Murray, Arun Raj (Ian Evans), Michael Finn (Peter Rogers).

On Duty this week: SS, DYF, JS, RS, RN, James Pullar (Wine), Bill Pickett (Photos).

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