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SERVICE Above Self

Thursday 6th October, 2005

A BIG DAY

A very good turn out of members and guests were present for what may well be a record induction of new members into Brunswick Rotary on one day. Certainly, it has surpassed any event over the past 20 years.

Our new members are Amit Bhardwaj, Michael Landry and Mel and Dean Kennedy.

We all enthusiastically welcome you to Brunswick Rotary and confidently expect that it will be a long and happy association.

A special guest was Ed Dale, President of Denzil Don Kindergarten to receive a donation of \$1500 towards the running of the kindergarten, particularly to support the funding by the Kinda committee of a teachers aide for an autistic child. The important thing about this funding is the teachers aide enables the whole class to have a proper session, and ensure the maximum interaction with the child in particular. We hope that we are going to see more of Ed.

Michael Leahy advised that we are presenting a Shield to a student of Brunswick Secondary College as a Community Service Award.

District Governors Visit

DG John Wigley spent the time before the meeting giving the third degree to President Doug and then spoke to all of us.

John was very pleased to meet us on the day when Brunswick Rotary was proceeding with its re-invigoration with the induction of 4 new members.

John said that one of his first experiences in Rotary was attending the 100th Anniversary Convention at Chicago and he strongly recommended that members should try to attend Conventions. He hopes that Sydney will be the venue within the next few years.

One of John's main aims during his year is to see an increase in the Rotaract Clubs in our District (of which there are only five at the moment) and also to see our District return to its days of a membership of in excess of 3000.

John said that, in the spirit of ecumenism, our International President is encouraging co-operation between Rotary Clubs and other institutions that share our ideals rather than always trying to go it alone. At the same time, he wants Rotary to get its fair share of public recognition for its participation in any such programs.

John handed the rostrum over to his wife Fran who feels that Rotary is devoted to acronyms-such as PETS, RYLA, ROMAC etc. Fran has plagiarised the acronym PETS with a new one that stands for "Pencils for East Timor Schools"

which is aiming to gather 1.2 million (the same number as there are Rotarians in the world) pencils and invites donations to be sent to DIK (another acronym). Interestingly, Fran commented that it was the noisiest Rotary meeting she has ever attended. The others must be pretty wussy affairs as I thought we were on our best behaviour.

FUTURE AGENDA

Tuesday October 11th – 5.30PM Board Meeting at Brunswick Industries – all members welcome – a great way for new members to get to see how things work. Any new members who would like to come, email adam@mbrgroup.com.au and I will give you the run down.

Thursday October 13th – Something really good, right Greg?

Wednesday October 19th – 6.30PM Combined Club Meeting at Abruzzo Club

Thursday 20th October – Doug will advise the details of his special guest soon I hope.

FROM DISTRICT

CHECK YOUR ROTARY KNOWLEDGE:

As District Secretary I am amazed by some of the questions that I am asked. Accordingly I am running a number of questions for all Rotarians to test their knowledge and am encouraging Bulletin Editors to insert them in their weekly issues. (So here they are)

Q1 What are the four Avenues of Service?

Q2 Can you obtain an attendance credit when you are:

- On Jury Service?
- At an informal gathering of Rotarians on board a ship?
- When addressing another service club?

Q3 What is the maximum makeup credit allowed when attending a District Conference?

Q4 True or False

The Club board may cancel not more than 5 regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein (standard club constitution) provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings

Q5 When is the week known as “World Understanding and Peace Week”?

Answers in next weeks e-Zine (and bulletin)