



Bagong Barrio

Our visitors to the club at last Thursday's meeting were Nina Bunac (Co-ordinator of the Education Program), Maryann Cerdenola (Myotherapist Trainee) and her young daughter Kaye from Bagong Barrio.

Nina and Maryanne spoke to the club about how they grew up in the Barrio in poor families and how the opportunity of getting an education changed their lives as they were both, not only able to gain qualifications themselves, but help their siblings and eventually their children from the money they earned. Maryanne was in tears as she spoke of the memories of growing up in the Barrio and not having enough food to eat when she was young.

Currently 80 Australians pay \$450 p.a. for the education of a child and we will be promoting this as well as aiming to provide the salary of a nurse to staff the Health Centre by organising something like 12 co-sponsors so we can help maximise the services to the people there. This is necessary to keep the clinic running properly.

There are now three elements in Bagong Barrio all evolving from Health Centre established by the R.C. of Brunswick 14 years ago.

The Health Centre. An Australian organisation "Hands on Health" is now supporting the Health Centre by re-establishing Myotherapy Training. This training is carried out by university practitioners from Australia. Maryann and Nina are two of the people being given new skills to assist the poor.

The Myotherapy Centre Co-ordinator for Manila is Elma Ellen (she thinks Mal is sexy). Elma works closely with the Australian Practitioners and she is hoping to set up another Myotherapy training centre outside Bagong Barrio so a new area of poor people can be treated.

The Angels Presence Kiddies Centre. One of our major projects is to fund the Jeepny (a small bus) which is currently being paid off. Maurice and Cheryle have spent some time putting together an application for a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation to this end. There are also wish lists that will be progressively worked through (all the young mums think President David is sexy)

(but everyone loves Dawg)

The District Governor's Visit

The Annual visit by the District Governor, Jim Studebaker is at our regular lunchtime meeting on Thursday 14th August 2008. He would normally be accompanied by his wife Carol and possibly ADG Chris and his wife Janet Wang. Chris is a member of the R.C. of Melbourne. Jim is in effect the guest speaker.

This visit is good opportunity to invite prominent community people, potential members spouses and partners so they can be introduced to the world of Rotary.

The DG usually likes to meet the Board up to an hour before the meeting starts, President David will advise of details in due course.



GREG SEWELL and SHIRLEY LE PAGE

We are please to advise that Greg and Shirley who were in the Freemasons' Hospital last week are now home. Greg was having blood tests after having trouble walking and Shirley went in for gall stones and ended up having her gall bladder removed.

Attendance and Making Up

When making up members are requested to obtain the attendance card from the club concerned to present to Eric Gowers, the Attendance Officer, on return. The Secretary will advise Eric of District, or Club authorisations should they not be obvious to Eric.

- a. Making Up by attending the meeting at another club, a ROTARACT or INTERACT club,
- b. A Make Up is valid if made within 14 days, before or after, the regular time for that meeting.
- c. Attending a District Conference, District Assembly, any authorised District Meeting or committee is a Make Up.
- d. A member is present at the time and place of another club's usual meeting, but that club is not meeting at that place and time, is a Make Up.
- e. Attending or participating in a club service project or a club sponsored community event (i.e. Youth Arts, Sydney Road Street Party), or meeting authorised by the Board is counted as a Make Up.
- f. Attending a Board meeting, or, if authorised by the Board a meeting of a Service Committee to which the member is assigned. Is counted as a Make Up.
- g. Attendance at District or Club functions, which are authorised by the President and notified by the Secretary.

The bulletin will publish monthly the names of those with 100% attendance.

Try Making up. It can broaden your Rotary experience.

Programme

Thursday 31 st July	Lunchtime 12:45 for 1:00 pm	Location: Treacy Centre Speaker: Chris. Smith *
Thursday 7 th Aug.	Evening 5:45 for 6 pm	Location: t.b.a. No Speaker: Fellowship, President's review
Thursday 14 th Aug.	Lunchtime 12:45 for 1:00 pm	Location: t.b.a. District Governor's Visit

*Chris Smith, from Shepparton, this week's speaker, won the District 73 International Speech contest, He will go on to compete in the world Championship of Public Speaking in August. To be held in Canada this year.