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ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY INC.

CHARTERED 16TH NOVEMBER 1961 INCORPORATED 25TH JUNE 1991

Meetings held Tuesday Nights. 6 for 6.30 in the Marana Room at
the Blacktown Workers Club, Campbell Street Blacktown



DUTIES FOR THE 10th. MARCH

Meet & Greet	Dinner Fees	Grace & Loyal Toast	International Club Recognition	Program Chair	Note Taker
Scotty Mcinally	Tony Orr	Liz Amper	Marideth Laquin	Pam Carne	Paul Reid

UPCOMING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	17th. March 2020	24th. March 2020	31st. March 2020
DINNER FEES	Tony Orr	Liz Amper	Dick White
GRACE & LOYAL TOAST	Jack Kestle	Gary Raymond	Paul Reid
INTERNATIONAL CLUB RECOGNITION	Paul Reid	Bob Gardiner	Geetha Euvatt
PROGRAM CHAIR	Tess Sayas	Keith Waller	Paul Reid
NOTE TAKER	Geetha Euvatt	Ken Fairfax	Len Winter

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

DATE	March
10th. March	International Women's Night with guests Celine Pascual, Genus Sayas & Cassandra Waller
14th, & 15th. March	Blacktown Show - Please see Rob if you can assist
17th. March	Guest Speaker, Val Schbinsky - Author of Diseases Impairing Safe Driving
21st. & 22nd. March	Annual Horse Show - Please see Rob if you can assist

24th. March	Martha Gounial & Renee Smith - Sailors with Disabilities
31st. March	Guest Speaker - Cheryl Deguara from ARU

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord & giver of all good
We thank thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends & Rotary ways
Help us to serve thee all our days.

THE 4 WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL &
BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all?

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS - MARCH

Date joined our Club - Ted Powell 12th. 1968 Joe Russo 18th. 2014 Chetan Patel 15th. 2016

Birthdays - Bob Vincent 22nd.

Partners Birthdays - Ede Idugboe 13th. Leigh Smith 14th. Bev Winter 24th.

Wedding Anniversary's - Ivan & Noelene Kelly 10th. David & Lyn Bamford 16th.
Bob & Margaret Vincent 25th.

CLOSEST MAKE UP CLUBS

Holroyd - Mondays 6.00pm for 6.30 Merrylands Bowling Club

Mt. Druitt - Wednesdays in the Bistro 6pm for 6.30 before heading to the meeting rooms.

**St. Mary's - Tuesdays 6.00pm - 7pm & then for a meal 7.00 to 8pm a meeting room in the St. Mary's
Band Club. 1st; 2nd. & Tuesday of the month.**

A REMINDER FROM PAM

APOLOGIES & OR GUESTS NAMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED BY MID-DAY MONDAY. PLEASE TEXT OR PHONE PAM ON 0414764604 IF YOU HAVE A GUEST OR CAN'T ATTEND. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ON THE DUTY ROSTER TO ASSIST FOR THE NIGHT & ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING COULD YOU ASK ANOTHER MEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE FOR THAT NIGHT.

LAST WEEKS NOTES TAKEN BY PAM

Incoming President Keith opened the meeting welcoming everyone and our guest, Leanne Harris from the Laboratories Credit Union. Grace and loyal toast was led by Bob followed by the International Club Recognition that was read by Gary.

Tonight along with the national day of Bulgaria celebrated on the 3rd of March we recognise the Rotary club of Sofia It was established in 1933 and it has 39 members. The president is Miroslav Vasilev Tzakov and the secretary is Nikoleta Andreeva. Bulgaria is a Balkan nation with diverse terrain encompassing Black Sea coastline, a mountainous interior and rivers, including the Danube. A cultural melting pot with Greek, Slavic, Ottoman, and Persian influences. It has a population of about seven million people and its capital is Sofia. The national instrument is the bagpipes, called the Gaida in Bulgaria. There are only three nations in the world that employ the bagpipes in their traditional music. They are Scotland, Ireland, and Bulgaria. One of the oldest Bulgarian folk traditions is the rite of fire dancing. The Thracians near the White Sea practiced it eons ago. Today it is still performed in only a few mountain villages. The fire is laid in a circle so everyone can observe the dance. The fire dancers go to the saints' chapel, where they breathe incense and prepare with prayer. Musicians play three special melodies and the fire dancers enter the fiery circle after the first dancer crosses the coals in the pattern of a cross. Their dance movements are intricate and their bare feet are not burned.

Rob passed around roster sheets for the Blacktown Show that's being held on the 14th. & 15th. **Please members,** we need as many of us to assist as this is one of our important functions to raise money.

Pam reminded members that our next meeting is the International Women's Day. If you intend to bring your partner or a friend please notify Pam by midday on Monday.

Her mobile number is **0414 764 604.**

Our guest speaker last week was introduced by Keith. Leanne Harris is the Manager of the Laboratories Credit Union which is located in Delhi Rd. Lane Cove. They have several Community in

including Tertiary Scholarships Awards, Riding for the Disabled, Bernardos & Financial Literacy Workshops. The Credit Union is not only open to employees but any resident in NSW. In the years ahead banking will change with the introduction of scanning of data, Artificial Intelligence & the collection of personal data. Leanne also spoke about the amount of scams that are every where & she has advised us all to be very aware. Keith thanked Leanne for her talk & presented her with a pen & information about Rotary.

Below are some information you can use to help stop scams:

Scamwatch – Subscribe to their scam alert emails <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/news/subscribe-to-scam-alert-emails>

ASIC's MoneySmart – Not only great information on scams, but also some practical tools you can use <https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/scams>

MoneySmart's Tools – Check if the person or company you're dealing with is legit –investment schemes, financial advisers, brokers etc. <https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/tools-and-resources/check-asic-lists> & do not continue communicating with them if they're on this list of companies you should not deal with <https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/scams/companies-you-should-not-deal-with>

Stay Smart Online <https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/>

LAST WEEKS PHOTOS



Photos in chronological order: Leanne Harris & Keith, Russell, Bob, Dick & Manie, Gary, Spiro, Rob, Pam & Ken

DISTRICT SECRETARIES NEWSLETTER

(Have any of your grand children possibly fit this criteria?)

The Harding Miller Education Foundation (HMEF) scholarships are for very bright, high potential girls in government schools across Australia who happen to be disadvantaged. Each scholarship is worth \$20,000 over 4 years from Year 9-Year 12 and include the following tools and resources:

1. A high quality laptop
2. Four years of
 - IT support and high speed internet access
 - \$2500 worth of face to face online tutoring on a subject of their choice per year
 - Online homework help
 - Expense cards for school uniforms, text books, excursions and other school related needs
 - A personal coach to guide them across the four years
 - Unique career opportunity enrichment programs

Scholarships have been given to over 478 girls across every state and territory in Australia across over 320 government schools. Last year saw their first group of 68 graduates complete high school with over 50% in leadership positions and 85% with clear pathways to tertiary education. This is a link to see the 2019 awards night last year at the Sydney Town Hall <https://youtu.be/aQETBJXkrN0> 100% of every single donation goes directly to a girl/s you support with all administration costs covered under a separate founding corpus. Full scholarship donors receive naming rights to their scholarship, a chance to meet their scholars at our awards night on the 18th of May, a second girl supported in your honour by the Founders of the HMEF, scholar updates twice a year and the opportunity to be involved in our incredible coaching program. Please see the attached for more information. Visit the website www.hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au. If your Rotary Club would like to get involved with these scholarships please contact Melinda Zanello melinda@hardingmiller.org.au