20 February 2019

Past District Governor, Stephen Humphreys, last week spoke to members about:

“The Rotary Foundation ... Your Gift of Life”

... and we heard from visiting Rotarian, Dr Bhagirathi Joshi from RI District 3261

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Birthdays this week: None this week
Anniversaries this Week: 24/02 – Marilyn & Peter Phillips
Attempts to dig a channel tunnel between Britain and France date back to 1883, and Napoleon drew blueprints for a tunnel in 1802. Yet not until 20 February 1986, were France and Britain able to announce that a tunnel would soon become a reality. Trains, cars and buses would be able to speed through the tunnel in less than half an hour. Construction began in December 1987 and the “Chunnel” was finally completed in 1994.

The Rotary Club of Folkestone Channel was chartered on 5 June 1980 with 28 Founder members led by President David Jarvis and were sponsored by Folkestone Rotary Club (chartered 1923).

Currently they have nearly 50 members drawn from all walks of life mostly in the Folkestone and Hythe community and representing a wide range of working backgrounds. The Club is proud to have 8 Paul Harris Fellows.

President’s Message

Last week our club had a couple of very welcome visitors. On Monday evening Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Michael (Crowley), Ray Lee, Albert Cachia and I had dinner with honorary member Kim Hockings who moved to Brisbane with wife Anne a few years ago for work. A few stories from the past were told including memories of our trips to Samoa and the Cook Islands with his daughter Rowena. Kim sends warm regards to everyone at the club and hopes that a future Wollongong visit will include a Wednesday evening when he can join us at a club meeting.

At our club meeting we had a visit from a Rotarian from India, Dr Bhagirathi Joshi from RI District 3261. He was in Wollongong visiting his son for a vacation and came across our website while browsing for the nearest Rotary club. He gave us a summary of his 30 years in Rotary where he has applied his medical knowledge to several local hospital projects. His visit was an appropriate lead in to the talk by Past District Governor, Stephen Humphreys, who reminded us of the international work of Rotary through the Rotary Foundation.

Helen
Report on our meeting of 13 February 2019 ... *Scribe: Jim Christensen*

- **Ray Lee** read the international toast.
- **Jim Christensen’s** invocation was to our ‘double-hit’ farmers suffering both drought and floods.
- **Pres. Helen Hasan** introduced guests **PDG Stephen Humphreys and Judith** along with visiting **Rotarian, Dr. Bhagirathi Joshi** from District 3261.
- **DGE Di North** spoke about President Elects’ Training and the need for help hosting, breakfast, transport, etc. Di is looking for drivers ... **Arthur Booth and Ken Potter with Patrick Roberts** as a standby.
- **Jo Glaser** announced the Bunnings BBQ this Friday has been cancelled. Last Saturday’s Bunnings BBQ grossed $1200. *Please let Joanne know ASAP if your partner will be attending our Citizenship evening on Wednesday 27 February.*
- **Pres. Helen** spoke of the dinner last Monday night with Honorary Member, **Kim Hockings**.
- **Pres. Helen** received a Rotary club banner from **Dr. Bhagirathi Joshi** and in exchange provided him with a donation card and outlined that instead of exchanging a banner, our Club would make a donation to TRF in honour of Dr Joshi’s Club.
- **Dr. Joshi** spoke at length about his time in Rotary spanning some 30 years, his hospital that he owns and manages and charities his club is involved with. **Jim Christensen** arranged to work with Dr. Joshi for assistance to a dialysis for a friend’s student at a school in Bangalore.
- **PDG Stephen Humphreys** presented on *the Rotary Foundation* and was introduced by **Dieter Glaser**.
  - Stephen opened by explaining the relationship between District, International and the Foundation.
  - Our Club has a strong financial connection and involvement with the Foundation.
  - Grant processes, local and international, were covered. 50% of donations to TRF come back after 3 years and Stephen encourages clubs to use these opportunities.
  - Stephen’s current role of District International Service Chair is to support clubs.
  - Unfortunately, many clubs in our District are not maximising these grants/opportunities.
  - Dieter thanked Stephen for his presentation and provided a small gift in appreciation.
- **Jo Glaser** and **Marilyn Phillips** won the wine raffle.
- **Sarge Dennis Simpson** hit all for a six.

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**BLOOD & PLASMA DONORS**

**WHEN CAN I NEXT DONATE?**

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**We are not**

**A TEAM**

because we work together.

**WE ARE**

**a team because**

**We respect,**

**trust, and care**

**for each other.**
REMINDER

ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Our Club is undertaking to publish a recipe book as a fundraiser in time for a Christmas release.

Recipes will follow three themes:

1. BBQ
2. South Pacific
3. Family History (i.e. country of origin)

Please provide President Helen with recipes you enjoy along with a photo of what the final dish looks like for inclusion in the book.

Rosters

Please arrange your own substitute if you are not able to attend

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Meeting Attendance and Bookings

All club members are automatically booked in for a meal at each meeting.

Please notify our Treasurer, Rose Pope, by SMS (text) or phone M. 0438 603 808 of any apologies, visiting Rotarians or additional guests (including friends who decide to attend) by 8.00 am on the day of the meeting.

No apology before the cut-off and a no show will cost you $25.00