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PROGRAMME

07-03-2006 RYDA

10-03-2006 Presidents Meeting

11-03-2006 Panania Markets

Barry Thompson.

As you already know Bill Boyd from New Zealand is the incoming Rotary International President and his theme is "Lead the Way" The jackets will be dark blue with a fluorescent coloured tie.

Michael Kenny

Tickets will be raffled tonight for the Rugby match on Saturday between the waratahs and the sharks.

Guest speaker Tony McCarten

Tony said it was a privilege to be here and to talk on fostering. The Garij that the club converted is used as a therapeutic centre for his fostered kids and the money he had set aside for this project was sent to Tsunami relief when he found that the Rotary Club of Padstow had decided to take on this project of his garij.

For those uninitiated the work garij is a corruption of the French word "garage" which came into use in the "English" language when soldiers returned from France after fighting in the first world war.

His family is just an ordinary family and you need to have a sense of humour.

Tony works as a Maths and History teacher and Jane is at home looking after the handicapped children.

Tony and Jane have three children of their own and David was one of their own with Downes syndrome. David died in his 20 's from heart and related problems and the other two children have moved out. Tony and Jane have taken on having Downes syndrome children and children with other handicaps and bring them up. They have had many such children over the years and enjoy the challenges that this brings.

They arrived in Australia from Ireland 33 years ago. David was born in '76.

Decided then to take on bringing up other handicapped children either as respite care for their natural parents or as full time carers. The returns that we get from nurturing these children is immeasurable.

Tony and Jane continue to recount experiences with many of their children. Some humorous experiences some sad.

They have had about 18 children over the years.

Tony recounted the incident with the downes syndrome child and the single finger sign given to passing bikers.

Tony and Jane recounted the Mike Munro TV interview with the family and the children. And the responses of the children and the "fluff" incident.

Tony indicated that the programme continues to need carers and foster families and would encourage any that are able to become involved.

Thanks once again for the garij.

Cliff gave a quite emotional thank you for the McCartens for the work that they do for the community as a whole and for the opportunity for the club to help them.

Welcome to all guests and a toast to Belgium, Canada and the Philippines as Trevor feels he has left part of himself there.

Welcome specifically to Jane and Tony McCarten and Megan. The Rotary club of Padstow converted Jane and Tony's Garij into a play room for their 5 handicapped foster children.

Welcome to Real Gagnon a visiting Rotarian from Canada who addressed the club. The Rotary Club of Shellburne Ontario Canada (district 7080) is the highest altitude club in Ontario at 734 metres above sea level. This club has 31 members including 7 lady members. Similar numbers to our Padstow Club.

From the Board Meeting. The Centennial Project has not been started and it was decided to transfer the \$5,000 to the Youth Trust account.

Also since Gabi Hollowes was addressing the conference the club has decided to donate \$500 to the Hollowes foundation.

Susan Dayhew's daughter Megan has won the Menai Lions Club student of the year quest.

Rotary International is to keep the exchange rate for Rotary transfers at A\$1.33 for the time being as the Australian dollar has dropped below 0.74 to the US lately.

Bill Little has sent an email about the possibility of getting caught speeding on the M7. Apparently there are 50 speed sensors buried in the road but at this stage the police have not implemented speed checks on this section of road (yet)

Margaret Roffey is doing well after the accident and is recovering.

The annual club visit to State Parliament can only be held on 23/5/06 and so of course the club agreed to accept this night out and will celebrate the club's 49th birthday at the same time.

Late arrivals welcome to Michelle Bateman and her daughter Cecile, friends of John Earls.

Discussion of Conference Resolutions.

1. Adopt the financial statements and balance sheets of District 9690.
2. Expand sexual harassment area to include child protection and mismanagement as well.
3. to charge new club members pro rata for district dues currently left until the next six monthly period.
4. District 9690 to be incorporated

Padstow on Parade to donate \$2000 to the TAPS programme. (Talent Advancement Programme)

There will be a prize for the best decorated table at conference. Please prepare for this.

There is a wish list for our exchange students Emma and Thibaud and this will be at the club meeting on 7th March (tonight)

Melinda announced that Pirate clothing and other items can be obtained from "Carnival and Events" in Glebe near the fish market.

Kaye Townsend then told us about a handicapped boy who wrote to God for \$500 to help him and the letter was eventually delivered to the Rotary Club of Cessnock. The club raised \$300 and sent him a cheque. The boy wrote a letter to God which also ended up going to the Rotary Club of Cessnock and in it he wrote. Thank you God for the money but next time don't give the money to the Rotary Club because they kept \$200 for expenses.

Keith Roffey needs conference money and race day money and there are two seats still available for the race day.

Barry McConville talked about last year's Super Grocery Grab and gave us the figures for the event. We raised over \$3,000 but the profit was around \$2300. This was given to Banks House the mental health part of Bankstown Hospital for air conditioning. The club agree to run the same event this year and Woolworths are keen to help with it as it is good promotion for them as well. It will be run this year from 22nd April to 13th May.

Last year our costs were \$432 of groceries, plus ticket books and advertising. The pride of workmanship awards will be held in the club three weeks from tonight (7th March).

Police officer of the year award is going ahead. We have over 300 forms back and we have booked the auditorium for the event.

Colin Duff

Padstow on Parade. Anyone who wants to be on the committee please see him.

There is a need for an electric wheelchair and apparently there is one available from DIK so will talk to Ken Nicholls.

Bowel scan kits are out and in the pharmacies

Padstow Rotary Club fun golf day will be held on 1st Sunday in May.

Michael Kenny

District simplified grants are closed and we need to reapply on June 30th

The Youth Exchange walk will go ahead on next Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th March and will leave Otford at 12 noon.

There will be approximately 35 at the BBQ at the end of the walk and about 20 people doing the walk.

Keri.

YEP applications are closed for this year.

Joan,

A media release had been sent to the local papers regarding the bowel scan.

Attendance 27/33 81.82%