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SECRETARY LARA'S THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Welcome to 2022

Welcome to 2022 fellow Rotarians. Just when we thought we could visit, travel and shop with less Covid restrictions, we had the unwelcome arrival of Covid-19 Omicron. For some it may have brought back the anxiety and trepidation about leaving home and going to Shopping Centres and doing all the things we did prior to 2020, however, if Covid is going to adapt then we will have to adapt too. We can go the safest way forward by being vaccinated although that may not protect us from acquiring Omicron, but it is the best chance we have. We are lucky that we have the support of our Club Members and their partners and families, so unlike a lot of people we are not alone, we have Rotary and as well as phone calls, we can keep in touch by Zoom when necessary. We not only have our Club's support locally, but at District level and all the way on to Rotary International.

Club activities update

We are very blessed to be part of such a thriving world-wide organization which can educate us with webinars, have meetings by Zoom and sometimes, as recently, meet together in our usual meeting venues and our Christmas Party. We can still be a working group helping in our local community, we can still participate in wider community efforts, such as the Peninsula Trail and we can still make lives better for people in other countries with our RORP Playgrounds and importantly, in Segiri PNG. We do not need to think about what we can't do, we have proven that we "can do" by providing such a basic right as fresh water to an isolated community. The community of Segiri has come together with our help, and their lives are so much better because we chose to look beyond our lockdowns and restrictions and go forward regardless of the difficulties. We are a resilient people and if we replace anxiety with action, then there will be more people like those of Segiri who will benefit from our work and at the same time divert our own thoughts from negatives to positives.

Welcome to 2022 everyone.

Yours in Rotary - Lara Barrett, Secretary

Covid Update from President Carol

Wishing all our members a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing some of you at the Wine Night this Monday, hosted by Nick and Sandra.

I had hoped that this year we would see us emerging out of the Covid environment and being able to live as near as possible normal life again. However, while the new Omicron variant remains rampant, the Board has decided that we will revert to Zoom meetings for the month of January. This means that our meetings on the 17th and 31st of January will be Zoom meetings. More information on those meetings will be provided in the next Bulletin.

Again, after discussions with Anne Shaw the Director of Community Services and Board members we have also in consultation with the Mount Martha Surf Life Savings Club made the decision that we will **not** be involved in their Australia Day BBQ. It is possible that they will consider cancelling their event. At this stage we have two Bunnings BBQs in January. We have been invited by the Lions Club to join them at the Australia Flag Ceremony and stay for a coffee after the ceremony, if there is any change to this event, we will let you.

Yours in Rotary - Carol Allen, President



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

10th January 2022

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**These Celebrations are for the
first 2 weeks of January 2022**

**Birthdays
Jenny Jenkins 1st
Judy Kaye 15th
Byron Groves 15th**

**Wedding Anniversaries
David & Nancy Price 13th**

**Rotary Anniversaries
Nil**

JANUARY IS MONTH VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Mon 3 Jan No Meeting
 Mon 10 Jan Annual Wine Night
 Mon 17 Jan Club Meeting - via Zoom TBA
 Sat 22 Jan Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 5
 Mon 24 Jan RCMM Committee meetings
 Mon 31 Jan Club Meeting - via Zoom TBA

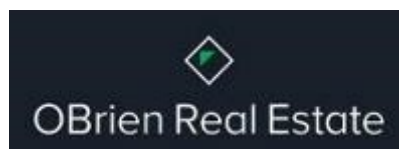
FEBRUARY IS PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

Mon 7 Club Meeting - PDG Una Hobday - Chair Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group
 Mon 14 Club Meeting - TBA
 Sat 19 Feb Bunnings BBQ - Roster will be published in coming weeks
 Mon 21 Feb RCMM Committee meetings
 Mon 28 Feb Club Meeting - TBA

MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH

Mon 7 Mar Club Meeting - Belinda Howe from Blue Cross Aged Care - Dementia
 Mon 14 Mar No Meeting - Labour Day Holiday
 Mon 14 Mar Bunnings BBQ - Roster will be published in coming weeks
 Mon 21 Mar RCMM Committee meetings
 Mon 28 Mar Club Meeting - TBA

OUR COMMUNITY & CLUB SUPPORTERS, TO WHOM WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL



SIGRI PNG WATER PROJECT

Joy of drinking clean water Project - PNG Sigri is a village of about 1,500 people at stands 45 minutes' drive from Mt Hagen, PNG. The village has no running water, and the women and children must walk over one kilometre and return with water in buckets, there are several structures in the village with metal roofs but no guttering or means to capture water.

The project was initiated through Jonathan Mayne and the International Committee and set up through Rotary Australia World Community Service to assist with funding of the project. Funds were received from Rotary Club of Mount Martha, Rotary Club of Warrnambool, Dragon Boats Australia, and individual donations.

The Sigri Team and community are working hard to complete the water project. Women and children are also helping out each day. Although there is a lack of cement mixer/ wheelbarrow and other necessary tools for the job in the village, it has not prevented them from working hard and achieving the goal.

Great news for the water project is that the local council leader is in the process of obtaining an additional 9500L water tank for the village. The village will now have a total of 38,000L storage capacity. The water tanks have been positioned on slabs, plumbed and approximately 650m distance dug out for pipe placement Taps at various locations within the village are fully operating. It rained few days ago and people living near building one have started to drink out of it for the first time. It was pure joy for the villagers. Collecting water with a cup to drink straight out of the tap was very special for them.

This is a recent message from Moses Pulo-Levey

These are some joyful celebrations and proud Sigri Village moments captured in marking the official opening of running water supply.

The children, women and men have put together some lovely messages to the Rotary Club of Mt Martha however, it may not be clear.

They expressed thankfulness and joy towards your generous gift in supplying materials for this life giving water project. All of the Team and community wish you and the Rotary Club a happy and prosperous 2022.

One job left to do now which is painting the rusted tin roofs of two buildings as shown below. The village feel the rusted tin roof may cause health risk for children and older villagers. They mentioned metal cover rust pain silver. I'm assuming it prevents further rusting.

They also asked for a long ladder to access roofing and to paint the rusted tin roof.

In summary,

- We now have 5x9500 litre water tanks
- 4 tanks on slab, tanks interconnected
- all 3 building fitted with gutters, down pipes and other plumbing fitted to all tanks.
- 600 meters of digging done and pipes buried.
- 8 tap stands with running water
- people have started drinking from the taps (super exciting)



More photos are
on the next page



SIGRI PNG WATER PROJECT



SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

BUNNINGS BBQ'S

8 to 11am

11am to 2pm

2pm to 5pm

Saturday 22nd January 2022

Roaming Supervisor all day - Peter Rawlings

Rob Davies
Peter Warren
Pat Morton
Phyllis Scales
David Wheeler
Mary McIntyre

Tom Barrett
Bruce Ranken
Valerie Lyons
Ray Martin
Wayne Norris
Bill Ewing

Bill Cummins
Roger Annear
Byron Groves
Gordon Morriss
Carol Allen
Barrie Sweeney

If you are unable to make your allotted shift, please find another Member to replace you and advise Bill Cummins and Byron Groves

MOUNT MARTHA ROTARIANS ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY IN DECEMBER



LIFT THE LID WALK

FOR MENTAL
HEALTH 2022



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Presented by the Rotary Clubs
Mount Eliza, Mt Martha, Frankston, Rosebud/Rye & Frankston North

International Women's Day Breakfast

#BreakTheBias

Wednesday 2nd March 2022



Our Guest Speakers:



Sharn Coombes
Criminal barrister

National Ambassador for HFH
Two-time runner-up of Australian Survivor



Amanda Leck
Executive Director,

Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience
Director Risk and Resilience, AFAC

Mornington Racecourse

6:45am-9am Tickets: \$55

Byron GMail

From: Sponsor Communications <sponsorcomm@schoolofstjude.co.tz>
Sent: Friday, 17 December 2021 10:01 PM
To: Rotary Club of Mount Martha
Subject: Our teachers going beyond the curriculum

Dear All at Mount Martha Rotary,

Greetings from The School of St Jude.

As we wrap up this year, we would like to extend our gratitude to you for you have been a generous supporter of our teachers – thank you.

Your support makes it possible for our teachers to create a dynamic learning environment for our students. This short [video here](#) will give you further insight into how our teachers and students benefit from your generous support.

As seen in the video, our teachers, especially those who teach physical education and sports coaches, are at the forefront in supporting holistic education through sports and arts. They are helping our students build soft skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork, time management and resilience, which are very helpful in the 21st century. This also helps the students demonstrate good academic performance, as they become quick thinkers and creative individuals.

The passion and creativity our teachers apply towards teaching ensure that St Jude's offers a high-quality education to every one of our students. This, in turn, is creating a generation that can lead their families, community, and country with respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness to growth and prosperity.

All at Mount Martha Rotary, thank you again for all your support towards the vital work done by our dedicated teachers. Together, we are fighting poverty through education.

From all of us at St Jude's, we wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2022.

Sponsor Relations Team.

P.S. Our school is officially closed for the holiday season, and we will be back on 17 January 2022. Our Head Office will close on 17 December and reopen on 11 January 2022. Should you need anything during this time, kindly email us and we look forward to getting back to you as soon as we return.

P. P. S. We have compiled our year in pictures so you can get a glimpse of what our year looked like, the great events and celebrations that transpired. Visit our [Albums](#) on our website to enjoy and share with friends and family.

Rotary Club of Mount Martha Christmas Raffle

The Rotary Club of Mount Martha Christmas raffle was drawn before Christmas at Ritchies SUPA IGA Mt Martha by Chris from the store. Lucky prize winners were:

- 1st: Ticket 1438 - Alexander A
- 2nd: Ticket 975 - Tom B
- 3rd: Ticket 358 - Jack G
- 4th: Ticket 1512 - Judy M

A big THANK YOU to all who bought tickets and to the local businesses who enabled us to run the raffle : [SUPA IGA Mt Martha](#) , [Morningson Bunnings Warehouse Australia](#) and [Morningson Peninsula Hampers](#)

Proceeds from the raffle are going towards the [Peninsula Trail](#) project.

Photos of the Draw and some winners are below



Carol and Robin drawing the winning tickets



Carol, Pat and Tom (Tom won 2nd prize and is holding his ticket)



Alexander A with the winning ticket



Alexander A being presented with the QLED TV as 1st prize