



RotaPress



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ROTARY CLUB OF CANBERRA CITY

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Hi fellow RCCC Rotarians. This will be my last RotaPress as I launch into my year as Club President on 18 June 2019. I first started doing RotaPress in May 2016 and at that point I said “As a new member of the club, I thought I’d get to know you and you to know me a little through putting together our RotaPress each month. This is my first edition, and is by no means my best effort, but I hope it will always be informative and useful.” I hope I have come close to achieving what I set out to do three years ago. I think I’ve gotten to know Club members pretty well and I think you’ve figured out a few things about me... But honestly, I have enjoyed my time doing RotaPress and thank the incoming Communications Director for continuing on the Club information sharing receptacle that is RotaPress!!!



I am indulging myself in this last edition and including a picture of my lovely cousin Veerashini (whom many of you met back in 2016) at her wedding in Singapore in March, with me as her chief supporter and wearing my first ever saree (just for her!!)

My final quote of the month to live by: “We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated.” Maya Angelou

Thank you for enjoying my efforts to keep you amused and enlightened over the last three years with RotaPress.

Ciao for now... Helen Green

Upcoming Meetings

7 May Door Team: Rick, Andrea & Walter
Speaker: Ray – UC equity scholarship recipient
Chair: Rob
VoT: Tim
Sergeant: Ian

14 May Door Team: Rick, Andrea & Walter
Speaker: Sam Soares – Timor Leste & Florio Soares – NYSF candidate
Chair: Heather
VoT: Bruce
Sergeant: Dirk

21 May Door Team: Rick, Andrea & Walter
Speaker: Katelyn – UC equity scholarship recipient
Chair: Anthony
VoT: Rick
Sergeant: Roger

28 May Door Team: Rick, Col & Walter
Speaker: Olga Srbovski – The Smith Family
Chair: Jim H
VoT: Bruce
Sergeant: Les

4 June Door Team: Rick, Col & Walter
Speaker: Glenda Bloomfield - Wills
Chair: Les
VoT: Dirk
Sergeant: Rob

11 June Door Team: Rick, Col & Andrea
Speaker: John Peach – Corrective Services ACT
Chair: Frank
VoT: Bruce
Sergeant: Walter

18 June Door Team: Jim N & George
Speaker: Change Over Dinner
Chair: Anthony/Helen
Sergeant: Robert

Events on the Horizon



Our Club Change Over Dinner is on 18 June (tiara's optional!!!) at the Pavilion at the usual time, 6pm for 6.30pm. And as in previous years, we do not wish to collect payments on the night. The cost will be \$55 per head, the same as our last Xmas function. You can pay the Door Team (cash, credit or debit card) or by Bank Transfer to [REDACTED], before the night. Please ensure you include your 'Name' and 'C/O Dinner' on the bank transfer so we will know who has paid.

Also we will run the 'extra' usual raffle, so please bring an item of \$20 nominal value on the night – they will be pooled as raffle prizes. Tickets will be \$5 each, or five tickets for \$20. The proceeds will go to a charitable cause (yet to be decided). An attendance sheet will be circulated in the coming weeks. And don't forget to bring warm socks (in the spirit of the late Paul Rafferty who initiated this club donation drive) to be distributed to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in the ACT region.



MEMBERSHIP DUES. The Board at its meeting on 7 May decided to increase Club membership fees by \$10 per year for the next Financial Year (\$380 per year or \$190 for a half year). This is an increase of about the cost of two coffees. The increase is driven by the decline in membership numbers (10% in the past 12 months) meaning that club costs are shared by fewer people. Also, Rotary International has increased its fees by \$US2pa that translates to \$A3.20 after factoring in exchange and GST. RDU and District fees have not been increased for the coming Financial Year. Please note that the membership fee proposed is subsidised by about 10% from the income generated from the raffle and fines. Payments fall due on 1 July 2019. You can pay the Door Team (cash, credit or debit card) or by Bank Transfer to [REDACTED]. Please ensure you include your 'Name' and 'Fees' on the bank transfer so we will know who has paid. If you have any queries, please contact Jim Noble (noble.james@bigpond.com or 0401312589).



IMPORTANT: if you do not intend to continue your membership, please advise your intention to resign at the earliest convenience as the Club is required to pay dues for all members on our books as at 30 June 2019. Resigning after 30 June 2019 without paying your fees passes a significant cost to the Club; a cost that is ultimately borne by the members.



I set a fundraising target of \$2,000 and have already raised almost \$2,200 – so thank you to everyone in the Club who has generously donated so far and nudge those who haven't

but are thinking about giving a tax deductible donation before the sleepout at the airport on Thursday 20 June!!! Just go to this site and donate as much as you can to this worthy cause!!!!

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/helengreen>

Club member Dr Andrea Parisi is starting a fundraising campaign for her participation in Homeward Bound and has decided that anything that goes beyond the sum she needs she will donate to End Polio.



Homeward Bound is a global 12-month leadership initiative for women with a background in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine) which aims to prompt women into leadership positions, and enhance their influence toward

the sustainability of the planet and the greater good of all people. The program includes online learning to increase leadership capacity, strategic capability and collaboration, and culminates in a meeting of all 100 participants encompassing 33 nationalities and 25 STEMM disciplines in Ushuaia, Argentina, before embarking on a life-changing expedition to one of the most ecologically sensitive and inspiring areas on Earth, Antarctica, at the end of 2019.

Although Andrea has been generously supported on her journey by ANU as well as work colleagues, she still has to raise \$8,000 to cover the program fees (\$25,000) and the costs associated with the travel to Antarctica. Any funds exceeding \$8,000 will be donated to End Polio. To read about Andrea's journey and make a donation, go to <https://chuffed.org/project/andreas-leadership-journey-to-the-end-of-the-earth>



Also don't forget, our NYSF alumni Lucia-Sarah Horcui (Lulu) has been selected to attend the 24th international summer science school in Heidelberg, Germany. The International Summer Science School (ISH) is a project for young people from Heidelberg's sister cities and partner organisations who are interested in natural sciences. If you would like to make a donation to support Lulu to get to Heidelberg, go to her gofund me page at

https://www.gofundme.com/international-summer-science-school-heidelberg?member=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvit esupporters

Also for your diary...

Careers Xpo – 7 and 8 August 2019

Antiques and Collectables Fair Spring 2019 – 23, 24 and 25 August 2019

Check out our Web page: <https://rotaryclubofcanberracity.org.au/>

The Four Way Test – of the things we think, say and do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?