Tonight:  Jeiji and Maurie Abbott; WINES
Fellowships:  Craig Saunders and Trevor Schofield

Future Programs:
29 Jan  Rotary Park Pizza and Prawn night
       6pm, guests $10
5 Feb  Liezl Maritz, ‘Black Dog’ [to be confirmed]
       Fellowships: Issa Shalhoub and Alison Tyquin
       Introduction:  Alan Foreman
       Vote of Thanks:  Jeff Franklin

Meeting 15 Jan 2013
PP Dick Crouch chaired the meeting and welcomed all, specially our guests; Myron Bosak, Jenny Cantrill, Alf Rowen and Leonie Smith.

Clive Cross toasted ‘Julian Day Calendar’.

Alison Tyquin received a thank you note from Ulladulla Public School re our sponsoring ‘Most Improved Student’ and a note from Shoalhaven Anglican School re our Club supporting the Brick Fest.

PP Phil Brown needs volunteers for the Jumping Castle, Sat 26 Jan at the Mollymook Park.
Attendance as per Peter Culham 78%

Best wishes to Keith Bennett, not well.

Tony Fondacaro raised; our BBQs are in need of signage to be kept clean and a working bee is also needed.

Glenn Rowen spoke on the dangers, he and his family encounter while travelling, earthquake in LA, cyclone-high winds-tidal surge in Fiji and tsunami in Samoa. If you are after excitement while on holidays please join Glenn.
PP John Hozack mentioned an article by Jeffrey Kluger, which appeared in the ‘Time’ magazine, (7 Jan 2013), titled: ‘Killing Polio’ and the one thing which stands in the way of wiping out the virus for good: the Taliban’. John thanked Clive Cross for his efforts with the Safe Moneyboxes.

Here are excerpts from the article;

“A great scourge might soon be gone, but war, mistrust and even the death of Osama Bin Laden could get in the way.

By almost any measure, the rear guard protecting the poliovirus is outgunned by the forces trying to eliminate it. A lot of the progress that's been made so far is due to the efforts of Rotary International, which in 1979--the year polio was declared eradicated in the U.S., decided to make it the mission of its then 18,000 clubs and 850,000 members worldwide to wipe out the disease everywhere.

Rotary and other groups calculate that $1 billion spent per year over the next few years to extinguish the last fugitive strains of polio could save up to $50 billion over the next 20 years, both in treatment costs for infected children and in the perpetual, hold-the-line vaccination programs that must be maintained as long as the virus is at large.

"Once polio is gone, you eliminate those costs forever," Gates told TIME. What's more, the medical infrastructure put in place to get the polio vaccine out there--the supply chains, volunteer networks and innovations like GPS trackers on vaccine shipments to prevent them from going astray--can then be repurposed to fight other diseases. But the polio battle must first be won.

The most worrisome place in terms of caseload is Nigeria. It's the only country whose polio rates actually went up in 2012, to 118 cases compared with 62 in 2011.”

End of meeting report

'Engage Rotary, Change Lives' is 2013-14 RI theme.

RI President-elect Ron Burton unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2013 (14 Jan) International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, the annual training event for incoming district governors.

Burton insists that membership development is the responsibility of every Rotarian. He told the audience that although he had been an active member of the Key Club, a youth program of Kiwanis International, he went on to join Rotary simply because the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, invited him to.

“"You have to ask"”, he said.

But Burton emphasised that the job doesn't end when a new member joins: “It's not done until that new member is engaged in Rotary, inspired by Rotary, and uses the power of Rotary service to change lives.”

RIPE Ron D Burton and PP Clive Cross in Canberra on 21 July 2012 with the Safe Moneyboxes.

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