ROTARY CLUB



OF WODEN INC.

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The Club's crest & bulletin name reflect 'Odin' (Anglo-Saxon 'Woden'), the ancient Nordic God of Wisdom. Odin had two ravens called Hugin and Munin (Thought and Memory) who flew forth every day and returned at night to tell him what they had seen, so contributing to his wisdom.



On the net for your information:

Donation of Cough Assist Machine to Canberra Hospital www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/machinea-breath-of-fresh-air-20120618-20kjm.html



Attendance last week

Club Guests: Damian Nott Visitors: Patrick Mahony Members attending: 18

Makeups:

Percentage: 69%

APOLOGIES & GUESTS

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

Piers Booth 6286 6149

boothpn@netspeed.com.au To assist with catering requirements, please advise Piers of apologies and/or guests by 3 pm Tuesday.

DINNER ROSTER

THIS WEEK - 27th June

NEXT WEEK - 4th July

Changeover Dinner TBA Program

Introduction Bernadette Cappello **Bob Harvie**

Appreciation

Bernadette Cappello Fellowship Des Pain

Des Pain Keith Avent Keith Avent Christine Bell

Raven Recorder Christine Bell **Birthdays** Nil Nil **Anniversaries** Nil Nil

PARKING AT THOROUGHBRED PARK - not at present



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The Raven

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Woden

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Dr, Red Hill, ACT.

Rotary International theme for 2011/2012. "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity'



Cotter Dam overflowing March 2012





Dates for your diary

27 June - Changeover Dinner 1 July - District Changeover Dinner 11 July - Visionary Planning Evening 21-22 July - Aust. Rotary Success Conf.

TONIGHT

The Changeover

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

Things you should know about

Visionary Planning

The Visionary Planning evening will happen on Wednesday 11th July 2012 at 140 Gladstone Street, Fyshwick, (John Robson's place of business).

RAVEN REPORTER

Bob Harvie, Keith Avent
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Bruce Wyatt, Richard
Briggs (C.T.)

All Rotarians are strongly encouraged to attend this vital four-hour planning activity and to bring along interested partners, friends, potential new members etc. The key aim of the evening is to identify the way in which members wish their Rotary Club to evolve in the short & long-term future.

Brindabella Rotaract Club

The new Brindabella Rotaract Club will hold its charter event at the Kremlin Bar on 30 June – RSVP to brindabellarotaract@gmail.com.

Position vacant: Program Director

Neale Emanuel is standing down after a long spell in the speaker seeker role, and we needed a volunteer to undertake this task. President Bernie said that the place of the speaker program in our dinners was under review — whether to have speakers, how often, etc. She asks us to consider this and provide comment to herself and to incoming President John Robson.

District Changeover Dinner

The District Changeover Dinner is on Sunday 1 July (12 for 12:30 pm) at The Abbey, O'Hanlon Place, Nichols ACT. The District Website (www.rotarytd9710.org.au) has registration details. Cost is \$35.

Cough Assist Machine

President Bernie, Noel, DJ and Keith visited the Canberra Hospital on Monday 18 June for the formal presentation of the cough assist machine that we are funding from our Wishing Well proceeds. The need for this was recognised by the Hospital as a high priority, and Noel has been negotiating with them on the matter.

They met the ACT Chief Minister and Health Minister, Katy Gallagher, and a number of the Hospital staff and the Hospital's Foundation personnel. June Gunning, Executive Director of Acute Support, welcomed them.

President Bernie unveiled the machine – quite small but, believe me, very good at helping people with cough and breathing problems, such as Sarah, whose need for it galvanised the project and who was present for the occasion.

Katy Gallagher thanked Woden Rotary for the donation, and commended us on the project as an example of community involvement with the Hospital. We were presented with a framed certificate of appreciation from the Canberra Hospital Foundation, which in recent years has co-ordinated and led fundraising there. After the formalities, we helped in consuming an impressive array of eats and drinks. A happy and fulfilling occasion. But wait, there's more! Noel is already working with the Hospital people on several other items they need.

Last week

Displaying vast erudition, Sergeant Shukry announced the 'penultimate appearance' as President, Bernadette Cappello to upstanding applause. She then welcomed all with great aplomb, including guests Patrick Mahony from the newly formed Rotaract Club of Brindabella and the guest speaker Damien Knot.

One of the perks of office Bernadette will miss are the occasions of meeting the high fliers as when she recently supped with the Chief Minister to launch our Club's gift of a Cough Assist Machine to the Canberra Hospital as mentioned in the Canberra Times. This machine, invaluable for lung conditions such as muscular dystrophy, is currently fully utilized.

Pres Bernie has booked for Friday 20th July a dinner to host Rotarians visiting the Australian Rotary Conference at the Deliscio Restaurant at Curtin.

After encouraging all to view the Club's web page, the members resumed table talk which included, at one, the origin of the skewered meat which turned out to be chicken again(!!!!). However some healthy appetites managed to demolish the excess.

Sergeant Shukry found spurious excuses for fines and the two-up was won by Bish who was not given a bottle of Tabasco but something else (also red!).

The guest speaker, **Damien Knot**, was introduced by Norma Donaldson. He is one of the engineers on the construction of the enlarged Cotter Dam. He has a young family and has been living here for 4 years.

He gave a quick overview of the project and events such as the recent flooding. The dam will increase the capacity from 4 to 78 gigalitres needing two saddle dams, ancillary tasks such as public precinct trails and parks, environmental native fish conservation, foundation grouting to avoid leaks, baffle blocks to calm flows, and variations of concrete both internal and external. A major concern is thermal expansion from temperature changes



causing cracks. The recent flood was anticipated but the construction team was unable to completely avoid some damage to equipment and the wall.

Patrick Mahoney is the President of a new Rotaract Club and as such is visiting Rotary Clubs to make Rotarians aware of the new group. They wish to cooperate in our projects such as providing labour but they do require speakers.

Attendees for the changeover dinner must register by this Friday unless they can persuade President Bernie otherwise.