



Coolamon Rotary News

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Weekly Meeting – 24 October, 2011

In attendance: Craig Corrigan, Ian Durham, Henk Hulsman, Dick Jennings, Ian Jennings, Neil Munro, Marg Perkin, Garth Perkin, Jason Sachs, Leslie Weston, and Paul Weston

Visiting Rotarians: Peter Gissing

Guests: Marilyn Jennings, Corinna Lewis, Christine Lorraine, John Winter

The meeting was held at the Sports and Rec Club. President Marg called the meeting to order precisely at 7:00 pm. Ian Durham reported that he had purchased a digital projector, screen and laser pointer/remote for the club, as per prior authorization.

Koorina Lewis from Family Link Care & Support Services was the guest speaker and described the services provided by this NGO operating out of Wagga. The core service is to provide respite to carers of disabled family members. The organization does receive some financial support from Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care, but is largely dependent on donations from private donations. Family Link has grown significantly since it began; their client base has grown from ca. 30 several years ago to over 350 currently.

In addition to providing respite for carers, Family Link also provides groceries for needy families and mentoring for youth in the juvenile justice system in an effort to get them back on the right track.

The organisation is currently raising funds for a wheelchair-accessible vehicle. To date \$15,000 out of a goal of \$65,000 has been raised. Volunteers are always welcome; the only requirement is a first aid certificate (the rest of the training is provided on the job).

Jason thanked Koorina for an interesting presentation and presented her with the token kangaroo-hide change purse.

Dick Jennings, Sargent-at-arms, led a lively fine session, and as usual no one was spared, although Dick had to stretch a bit to find fineable offenses for some members!

Two prizes were on offer in the raffle; winners were Marilyn Jennings and Jason Sachs (yes, that's two in a row for Jason).

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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Coolamon Club Secretary
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Jason Sachs thanks Koorina Lewis for her presentation about Family Link Support Service.



Coolamon Rotary makes its presence felt around the world – Coolamon House in Hout Bay, South Africa

Operation Medial Hope – Update

John Glassford has received word from Hout Bay Rotary Club that progress continues on the renovation of medical facilities in Coolamon House in Hout Bay, South Africa. Extensive upgrade, expansion, and renovation have enabled the facility to better meet the needs of TB and HIV/AIDS patients. As most of you know, funds raised by the team from Australia (including our own John Glassford and Craig Corrigan) that climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro several years ago were instrumental in funding this project (in combination with funds from the Rotary Club of Tokyo and Rotary International). John's upcoming climb of the Mountains of the Moon in Uganda (in December) will further support this vital effort to meet the medical needs of needy patients, preventing the spread of infectious diseases and allowing detection and intervention at earlier stages of infection.

In addition to assisting Operation Medical Hope, funds raised by the Mountains of the Moon climb will benefit other worthy causes including Orphan Rescue; Bishop Masareka's Medical Centre in Kasese, Uganda; and School of St. Jude's in Moshono, Tanzania. For additional information, including how to become a sponsor, have a look at the Mountains of the Moon flyer (<http://club.coolamonrotary.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/RFFA-Flyer.pdf>).

Important reminder

Coolamon RC Annual General Meeting (Monday 7 November) – The AGM will be conducted at our first weekly meeting in November. President Marg has requested that all members attend. Election of officers will take place at the meeting, so please let Marg know NOW if you are interested in becoming an office bearer.

Diary

(NOTE: All Coolamon RC meetings are 6:30 for 7:00)

- 30 Oct Sunday Coolamon RC outing to Gundagai Winery
31 Oct No meeting
7 Nov Coolamon RC board meeting and AGM (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Attendance is expected for all full members. Dining will be self-catered barbecue; phone Garth to confirm attendance (0428 695 117).
12 Nov Ladies' Day fundraiser "Swags for Street People". Location: Perkin's residence.
14 Nov Coolamon RC weekly meeting (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Guest speaker: Ian Jennings speaking on his recent trip to the Kimberley.

2012 dates:

- 4 Feb Street Raffle
6-9 May Rotary International conference in Bangkok. Further information can be located on www.rotary.org/convention.

Websites of Interest

Coolamon Rotary Club: <http://coolamonrotary.com>

Mountains of the Moon Climb 2011: <http://www.mountainsofthemoon.org>

Rotary Down Under on line: <http://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/26587/49598/pub>

Rotarians For Fighting AIDS: <http://www.rffa.org>

Our Rotary Centennial Twin Club Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa:

<http://www.rotaryhoutbay.org>

Don't forget to regularly check our club web site for current information such as bingo rosters and various newsletters from the District Governor, the School of St. Jude's, the monthly membership on the move newsletter as well as several other club bulletins.

Signs that make you think twice (or more!)

