



Rotary E-Club of D9700



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Next E-Club Meeting

Tuesday 3rd October 2017

7.00pm

Sorry it has taken me so long to write this update of the club. I have been rather swamped with Rotary work of late.

Report of meeting of 2nd September with guest Dr Luc.

Firstly, My apologies for those who missed the meeting with Dr Luc, due to my mistake regarding the time. It's amazing how much an **a** and **p** can make such a difference. I tried to notify everyone, re the time mistake, however not everyone got the message in time. So sorry.



Thankyou to all those members and guests who attended the meeting of 2nd September, when Dr Luc and his wife Delice addressed regarding their work in the DR Congo. Dr Luc's passion for his people and particularly the women who have been left unprotected and alone with no support over the past 10 years is inspirational. It is nice to hear of the work he and his mission are doing to improve the lives of the Congolese women.

The Global Grant that this District has been successful in obtaining is an exciting project in assisting the most vulnerable women in the DR Congo training women to establish businesses in Pig Raising and Fish Farming. This will enable the women to feed and clothe themselves as well as their children, and also the ability to send their children to school. These women have been left unprotected by the political war in which their husbands and sons were either murdered or stolen to become soldiers.

The program also increases protein into their diet. They will then also be able to buy stock to establish market gardens to increase their ability to support their families.

This Global Grant has been made available by D9700 using the funds raised by members giving to the Rotary Foundation plus the Foundation matching the amount raised. The total of \$35,000 US was granted to this District for Dr Luc's mission. Dr Luc was grateful to this District for the support he has received in helping these desperate women.



Thank you to PDG Michael Milston and Heidi Roberts for being our guests.





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Tuesday 3rd October, 7.00, our guest will be Evan Burrell who is a Rotarian who began his Rotary life as a Rotaract. Evan is an amazing fellow who is passionate about Rotary and puts an amazing amount of effort into Public Image. I am sure you will find his enthusiasm contagious. Please join us and it would be nice if you could invite a guest. It is a great opportunity for them to understand Rotary and hear Evan speak of the value of Rotary and the humanitarian work that Rotary does.

Please note the different day, which was changed to suit Evan.

Our the Wednesday, 18th of October, our own member Mal Dunnett will give us a presentation on his work in the Solomon Island. For those of you who missed hearing his wife Rosie, speak recently, she has a wonderful project working with the women in Solomon Islands, working on a project similar to "Days for Girls" teaching them to produce their own kits. This is a fabulous initiative which is totally sustainable and liberating for these women. Well done Rosie.

Membership Sustainability Grant.

The club has been successful in applying for a membership sustainability grant and Debbie and John are in the initial process of creating brochures for the club along with business cards. More information will be available shortly. I am sure Debbie and John would be grateful if anyone could assist them with this task. Please contact John or Debbie. We do need to share the load.

Kivu Loans

Kivu Loans are working well and we have received a first payment on our loan which is exciting and it is wonderful to know that our little club is making a huge difference in people lives who struggle to not only exist but find their self worth. We should be proud of our involvement.



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Club Logo

Recently I showed a logo I designed for the club and it was suggested that I refer to RI Parramatta for advice. They were happy with the design but made a suggestion which I think is better. President John, I haven't had time to show you in advance, but I think you will approve. Comments from members would be appreciated. I am happy with it, hope you are too.



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Finally, there was short meeting last week due to the fact that most of us were unable to make the Wednesday meeting. I can't report much because I was late for this meeting, which is really pathetic when you are late to a meeting in your own home. I am so hopeless sometimes. I misread the time of the meeting! However, there is always room for improvement. However, for those of us who attended, (If only for a short time, it was great fellowship and enjoyable. Who says Rotarians have to be in the same town!



Great to see Ruth Barber back from her travels, it would be great to hear about her train trip across Russia sometime. Sooooo Envious!



As usual this is a very quick newsletter, as I have been a little frantic the past weeks as I have had a lot on my plate as District Secretary and I do have a District Board meeting along with the District AGM to prepare, so forgive my rushed effort. I can't seem to get through my long to do list. Again please excuse "spellos" and grammatical errors, haven't got time to re-read.

Hope this newsletter finds every one well. Take care!

Marilyn

Admin Director

PS. Yeh! Another item off my to do list!

