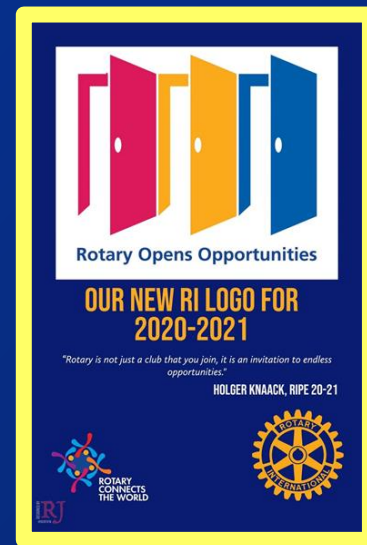




Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc.

Rotary Club 21222 - Charter granted 10th August 1983
March 15th, 2021 - Volume 38 Number 15
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On March 15th, our Guest Speaker was Professor Clare Hanlon. She is pictured holding her Speaker's gift, a Rotary 4-Way Test mouse mat, with Program Director Lou Gionfriddo. Clare is the inaugural Susan Alberti Women in Sport Chair at Victoria University.

Meeting Report - President Michael Donnelly

March 15th, 2021



President Michael opened the Meeting and welcomed Members, visitors and our Guest Speaker, Clare Hanlon.

Apologies - Cherrie Osborn, Lloyd Lancaster, Ken Allan, David Bennett, Paul Perrottet, John and Barbara Rafter and Bob McMartin

Visitor Robert Chessell is formally from Brimbank Central Rotary Club and Strathmore Rotary Club and soon to become a member of Keilor East Rotary.

Guest Speaker for the evening was Professor Clare Hanlon from Victoria University.

There will be a Club Board meeting via Zoom on Monday 22nd March at 8:00pm.

Care Bear - Marianne Potgieter - Please let Marianne know if Members of our Rotary family are unwell or if there is cause to celebrate e.g., a new arrival. Marianne sends out messages for these occasions. John Youngs thanked her for doing this during his recent illness.

International - Deb Sloggett - We were successful in obtaining a Rotary Foundation District Grant. This will enable to contribute to the WASH Project (a new project bringing clean, safe drinking water to rural schools) which was initiated by [CRST Cambodia Rural Students Trust](#).

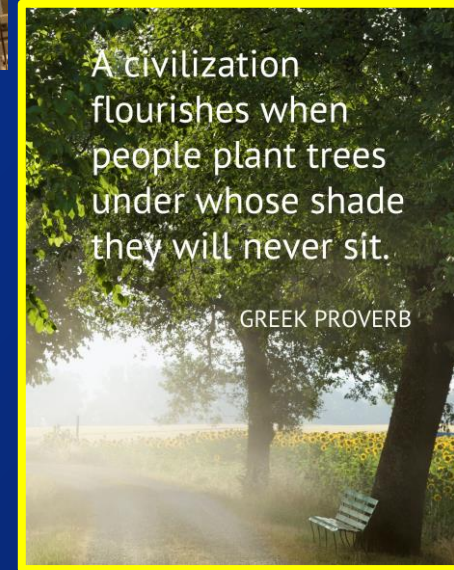
Covid Writing Competition judging has ended, and winners will be announced very soon.

President Michael thanked Members in ongoing roles which contribute to the smooth running of Keilor East Rotary.



A civilization flourishes when people plant trees under whose shade they will never sit.

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RYPEN Weekend 26-28 March 2021 at Weekaway Camp



Hi all,

Here are a couple of photos of Mykal, our RYPEN student, receiving his graduation certificate from DG Philip Archer.



RYPEN is a Rotary sponsored Youth Service program for 15- to 17-year-old students, from schools across District 9800. Students attend a weekend camp designed to develop their potential through a mixture of lecture style sessions and adventure-based learning. It aims to communicate a series of ideas, problems and social experiences that will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards.

Camps are held in March or April and in October.

In 2021 the date for the Term 1 camp is 26th, 27th and 28th March at Weekaway, (not Doxa).

Our thanks go to President Michael Donnelly who drove our RYPEN candidate to and from the Weekend Camp.



Guest Speaker - Professor Clare Hanlon - Victoria University - International Women's Day

March 15th, 2021

President Elect Yvonne Osborn introduced Clare Hanlon.
Clare spoke about the journey of women to become leaders

- Opportunities for children
- Visibility of girls and women
- Leaders create a pathway for others
- Continue the journey with confidence
- Resilience

Females provide
Different experiences,
perspectives, knowledge,
connections & represent
the voice of females.

She asked that we encourage girls to create opportunities not just wait for them

- Networks, mentors and sponsors
- Who you know, what you know, who knows what you know
- Not so positive traits
- Lack of confidence
- Failure
- “What do I need to do to move into ... or a part of...”
- Encourage colleagues
- Concerted, consistent, continuous and collective action

Practical advice for women aspiring to be leaders

- Take the plunge and have faith in yourself
- Be authentic, be yourself
- Don't be so hard on yourself
- Find your passion
- Focus on the goals you want to achieve
- Gain mentors and sponsors
- Create a network of inspiring people around you
- Meet with your President
- Promote your achievements with mentors, networks and President
- Take the lead in your club



Above L to R: Ginny Billson's friend, Clare Hanlon, Barbara Mckean and Yvonne Osborn.



Left : Clare Hanlon and Program Director, Lou Gionfriddo.

Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc. - People of Action - "Fun and Fellowship whilst helping others".

Club News - Rotary Meals



After a discussion with the Bistro Manager and Chef, Garth Rogers, it is proposed that we will hold our Rotary Meetings fortnightly for a month or two to see what transpires Covidwise. We will order our meals via the a la carte menu. Members have been emailed further details regarding the discussions and alternative options.

TIMING of MEALS

- We have been told that if all meals have been ordered by 6:30 then everyone should have received their meal in time for a 7:00 start to the formal meeting.
- There is a degree of uncertainty among us about when the bulk of non-Rotarian diners attend the bistro

In light of the above considerations, we will 'trial' the following revised format at Monday's meeting at which both the Meal and the Formal Meeting will occur downstairs:

6:00 - 6:30:	Ordering of 'a la carte' Meals and FELLOWSHIP
6:30 - 7:00:	Eating of meals and Fellowship
7:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks with handover to Meeting Chair
7:05	Introduction of Guest Speaker, Guest Speaker's presentation and Questions.
7:35	Committee Reports and other Reports (Meeting Chair will facilitate this so that only new information or timely reminders are delivered)
7:50	'Lucky Key' Draw
7:55	President's Thanks, Concluding Remarks and Reminders.
8:00	Finish



What's happening in other local Rotary Clubs ?

Now would be a great time to look for these
and bring them along to Rotary

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Contact Barbara Rafter
Rotary Club of Keilor East

What's On March 29th?

We will meet at Keilor East RSL for a 6.30pm start. The Bombadier Bistro is open from 6.00pm to order from the menu.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening will be Roger Fordham.

Roger was born in 1942 in South Australia where he was educated through the public school system. He started his professional work as a teacher in Papua New Guinea for ten years and returned to Australia and worked for Catholic Education for six years.

Briefly ran an orphanage in Saigon in 1975 with leave from the school in Adelaide and on return worked with a small committee to start a lobby and resettlement organisation for Indo Chinese refugees and in 1979 became the Welfare Director of the Indo China Refugee Association (ICRA) and later again as Welfare Director for the Vietnamese Community in South Australia.

He moved to Thailand in 1985 and later became the Executive Secretary for an organisation which coordinated service to Asylum Seekers liaising between NGOs, the UN organisation and the Royal Thai Government. Was awarded an OAM for services to the Indochinese community in Australia in 1985.

In 1993 appointed to the Refugee Review Tribunal of Australia, a statutory office for determining refugee status, and which was later amalgamated with the AAT.(Administrative Appeals Tribunal), In 2015 to 2017 was a representative for asylum seekers on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea.



Our Club gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship we receive from the Keilor East Bendigo Community Bank and Smart Storage World to assist us in providing services to the Community.

For Club Membership or Sponsorship information
Contact: Past President, Joe Albioli (0438133123)
<http://www.keiloreastrotary.org>

Rotary Thanksgivings

*We give thanks for our daily food. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve all our days.

* For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, we give thanks.

March and April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

March 9: John Compton
March 19: Arnold Vandenharn
March 20: Deb Sloggett
March 25: Daryl Cornish
March 30: Steven Ryan (Past member Joy Ryan's Husband)
April 3: Lois Cameron
April 4: Cathy Wright
April 11: Carmen Puli
April 15: Yew Kong Lye
April 23: Nonie Gionfriddo
April 24: Sonja Cornish



Wedding Anniversaries

March 18: Minh and Kim Nguyen
April 7: Gerard and Tricia Smith
April 8: Ken and Jan Allan
April 8: Don and Jan Tucker (past Member KERC)



Rotary Anniversaries

April 1: John Cowl 1985
April 1: Ken Allan 1985



Member News -

Catching up at Keilor East Rotary



L to R: Manager at Keilor East Bendigo Bank Community Branch Tina Ballos and Board Member of the branch, Gerard Mahoney.

Thank you, Annie Webb.

Looking after little Ben as his mother is in hospital. Basil and I enjoying the company.



We would love some of your photos and/or holiday shots for this page. Text to 0411773360 or email keiloreastrotary@gmail.com



Congratulations John and Barbara Rafter - From Rotary District 9800 Website

Long-Serving Rotarians Barbara & John Rafter - A Strong Partnership

John and Barbara have run the Rotary organizational gauntlet, calling for persistence and dedication.

In 1969, John was told by Rotary he did not qualify as a member because he was a tradesman and only business owners, managers and professional people could join. Seven years later he bought a news agency and joined St Albans Rotary.

Over the following fifteen years, John completed several FAIM (now Rotary Australia World Community Service) school projects in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Western Samoa where he met a Bishop, Archbishop and a Cardinal. He was hoping to do a similar project in Rome where he might have had afternoon tea with the Pope!

Rotary St Albans was very active, albeit a small club, and big achievements included funding a local hydrotherapy pool for the disabled and a bicycle traffic education centre at Green Gully, each costing \$100,000.

John became Club President in 1993/94 and recruited 11 new members, including his wife Barbara who went on to help prepare a matching grant with their two Rotary sister clubs located in Shiroy, Japan, and Kishorenganj in Bangladesh to fund a toilet block and a medical /community centre in Bangladesh. In 1997, the Rafters ran a very successful Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) by themselves.

In the same year, St Albans Club was renamed Brimbank Central, and Barbara assisted with the transition. She then became the first female Club President 1999/2000.

Rotary International conventions have proven a big hit with both John and Barbara. After being so impressed with their first convention in Melbourne in 1993, the following year they went to the Taipei convention and have now been to 12 conventions.

At the 2006 Copenhagen convention, delegates were urged to promote the Paul Harris Society in their Districts. On their return, John and Barbara asked then-D9800 Governor Bernie Walsh to form a society (the first in Australia), and John was appointed administrator. John then made contact with other Zone 8 Governors resulting in six Paul Harris Societies being formed by the end of 2009.

It was a sad duty that Barbara performed in overseeing the closure of Rotary Brimbank Central in 2018, with most remaining members joining Rotary Keilor East. Both Barbara and John were both inducted to the club that year. John deeply regretted the loss of Brimbank Central given he had been so heavily involved for 44 years. However, today he can happily say "our club" when describing Keilor East.

Their message is: "Fellowship creates club families wanting to help others. Let's not lose it."

