



L to R: president Ginny Billson, NYSF student Sam Zhao and our Youth Director, Mark Tognon.



NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KEILOR EAST INC.



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CLUB MOTTO – "Fun and Fellowship whilst helping others"

Club Website - www.keiloreastrotary.org



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meeting Report May 14th 2018

What a lovely meeting we had last Monday with the Rotaractors showing us who they are and what they do. Many thanks to Mark for coordinating their visit, it was very inspiring to see the younger generation at work. The Rotaract club is holding fund raising Trivia Night that we should be seen to support if we want to influence them in the future. See the end of the Newsletter. Alex and I are attending and would love to have a few KERK members there too.

- It was also inspiring to hear from our youth science representative Sam Zhao, tell us how he saw and interacted with so many peers and STEM teachers and researchers in Canberra during his time at the forum. The board meeting after the regular meeting has OK'd up to two students this coming year to be sponsored by the club. The students that may gain the most are identified and put forward to a rigorous Rotary selection committee and many do not get chosen to go. We await further information regarding possible candidates.
- On Tuesday evening Alex and I attended the opening of an indigenous art show highlighting bush medicine held at the Brownless Medical Library at Melbourne Uni. A lovely display and presentation by one of the indigenous medicos who spoke about the wide knowledge of bush plants that have kept the people well for thousands of years.
- Wednesday saw an intrepid band of Rotarians visit the Foodbank warehouse in Yarraville. We learnt that the organization is largely supported by volunteers and that over 500 of the most disadvantaged schools have been supplied with food for breakfasts. Each dollar donated can generate up to 8 times more value in products. See below.
- The district assembly will keep me busy on Sunday.
- The move by Leon Lewi regarding trying to set up a "satellite" Club to attract local young enthusiastic people to join Rotary will be in close affiliation with one or more local clubs, including us to guide their way as mentors. The first meeting of young "millennials" will be in early July. I will keep you all posted with how it develops.
- The Pitch for Funding evening will need some volunteers on Wednesday 13th June at Club Italia in Furlong road Sunshine. Gerard will coordinate.
- The upcoming Milleara mall BBQ is being coordinated by Phil who has organized it but will be away. Helpers are always welcome. It will be on Sunday 27th May and we start about 9 am. We will have a separate table with promotional material to educate passers-by about our club.
- Brimbank Central is having a dinner to recognize the many years of service they have supplied to the community. We will have a number attending on the 8th of June. Come if you can. See the email Chris has circulated.

MEETING REPORTS

President Ginny opened the meeting which she co shared with Gateway Rotaract office bearers, Helena and Robert .

Care Bear Marianne Potgieter announced that former Club Member John Bergbauer and his fiancé Debbie Gaehl are getting married on Saturday 19th May. She also updated us on Lois Cameron's progress and the sad news that Janet and Bob McMartin's sister in law passed away in Townsville. We offer the family our thoughts and sincere condolences during this difficult time.

International –Cherrie Osborn reported on the success of the Days for Girls workshop at St Columbas last Wednesday. She was very happy with the response from the Year 12 students who are keen to help us support girls in developing nations to stay at school.

Brimbank Central Rotary Club will be relinquishing its Charter at a Farewell Function on the Friday 8th June 2018, 43 years after its Charter was presented on the 9th May 1975. We are encouraged to join them for the evening – details later in this Newsletter.

Club Service – Joe Albioli - We will have the opportunity to take over the monthly Bunnings BBOs at Watergardens which were formerly operated by Brimbank Central Rotary.

Sam Zhao (right) attends PEGS (Penleigh Essendon Grammar School). He was our candidate for NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) in Canberra in January this year. On Monday evening a more confident, excited Sam spoke about his experiences at the camp and thanked our Club for the wonderful opportunity he had been given. Our congratulations go to Sam with our very best wishes for the remainder of his Year 12 studies.



FOODBANK VISIT WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY



We had a very interesting time at Foodbank - Ginny, Alex, Cherrie, Marianne, Marisa, Terri and myself. (Wednesday, followed by a yummy lunch at "Alpha Bakehouse"). – Annie Webb.

- Each month, Foodbank Victoria provides food to over **100,000 Victorians** – more than a quarter of whom are children. To do this, we source a range of staple and fresh food items and distribute them through our network of over **900 community partners**, including over 400 community organisations and 500 primary schools.
- People of all walks of life and at different times need to access food relief. It may be through necessity, difficult times, hardship, drought or fire. As a result, it's not always those you immediately think of that require food relief. While **homelessness is prevalent in 33% of recipients**, more commonly our agencies assist **low income families, single parent families** and the **unemployed**.
- Our network of community partners vary in size and the type of food relief they provide.
- Many of these partners are large charitable organisations such as **The Salvation Army, Anglicare** and **Uniting Care**, however, we also service **Regional Food Hubs** and smaller organisations like local community centres and volunteer-run church groups.
- Our food is then used by the front line agency staff in their various food relief programs and formats; ranging from the supply of **mixed groceries/food parcels**, the provision of **daily meal services** in full time welfare facilities, **mini supermarket** style offers through to mobile operations such as **soup vans, food trucks** and **pop ups**.
- In 2016, our reach doubled in size with the introduction of the School Breakfast Clubs Program, distributing food to 500 of the most disadvantaged primary schools in Victoria.



GUEST SPEAKERS – GATEWAY ROTARACTORS – MONDAY 21ST MAY 2018



Gateway Rotaractors Emelia, Sally, Michael, Helena and Robert are pictured with our Youth Director, Mark Tognon and our Club President, Ginny Billson.



Gateway Rotaractor Helena reported that Rotaractors attend many Rotary meetings and invited us to attend a [Rotaract](#) Meeting whenever possible. Rotaractors are young people between 18 and 30. They are not all students. They are young professionals and others interested in helping others. The pillars of Rotaract are to help, learn and enjoy. Interestingly, only a small percentage of Rotaractors go on to join Rotary.

Michael told of his time at RYLA (a weeklong personal development program for 18 to 30 year-olds. He felt it was lifechanging and most worthy of Rotary Clubs' support.

The team spoke about their current Paper Cranes Peace Project. They have made 450 of their 1000 origami crane target. These will be sent to Japan when they are ready.

Keilor Rotary Club sponsored the Gateway Rotaract Club (formerly Tullamarine Rotaract Club). Strathmore Rotary Club also gives its support.

The next event organized by Gateway Rotaractors will be a Trivia Night at 7.00pm on June 16th. It will raise funds for Stephanie Woollard's Seven Women Project.

Gateway's Rob announced the raffle of a food hamper which was held during the evening to raise funds for their projects. The main raffle prize was won by Terri Limosani from our Club.



Join us for our annual Trivia evening to raise funds for the 'Seven Women' Foundation, who provide empowerment to marginalized women in Nepal. Through training and employment opportunities in this fair trade organization, the lives of many are changed.

WHEN: 16 June 2018, 6:30pm for 7.00pm start

WHERE: Pascoe Vale RSL, 40 Cumberland Rd, Pascoe Vale VIC 3044

PRICE: \$15 per person, \$60 for 5 & \$100 for 8 (All profits support 'Seven Women' Foundation.)



BRIMBANK CENTRAL ROTARY FAREWELL DINNER

FRIDAY 8TH JUNE 2018



The Rotary Club of Brimbank Central will be relinquishing its Charter at a Farewell Function on the Friday 8th June 2018, 43 years after its Charter was presented on the 9th May 1975.

We would like ask you to circulate this notice to your members, either by email or through your Club Newsletter in the hope that some of your members who may have had contact with our Club might wish to join us for this function to help us celebrate 43 years of Rotary Service as well as to Farwell members past and present. Our Farwell and 43rd Birthday Dinner will be held on Friday 8th June at the Taylors Lakes Reception Centre (Melway Ref: Map 14, A2) Starlight Room Taylors Lakes Hotel 7 Melton Highway, Taylors Lakes 6.30pm for 7.00pm Start 2 Course Meal, Tea & Coffee, Drinks at Bar Prices

Cost for the evening will be at cost \$55.00, a Club subsidized early Bird price of \$40.00 is being offered if paid by Wednesday 1st June. RSVP is also the 1st June please.

As the timing for this function is very short, there will not be any reminders, if we have not heard from you, we will assume that you are unable to join us on this night.

If members of the Keilor East Rotary Club would like to attend, or even make up a table, please contact me John Rafter by email to: jsvrafter@gmail.com or Mobile on 0419 135 185 RSVP and any payments are required by the 1st June

Bank details: National Bank, BSB 083 338 Account No; 574198685

Cheques can be posted to: The Rotary Club of Brimbank Central, PO Box 81 Keilor Vic. 3036.

RSVP and any payments with names of all attending are required by the 1st June

For further information please contact me: John Rafter Mobile: 0419 135 185 Email: jsvrafter@gmail.com

WHAT'S NEXT?

Date	Event
Monday 21st May	Pride of Workmanship Awards – Presented by Ben Carroll, MP for Niddrie.
Monday 28th May	Rotarian behind the Badge - TBC
Monday 4th June	TBA - Board Meeting on Sunday afternoon June 3rd
Monday 11th June	No Meeting - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 18th June	TBA

Program Director 2017-18
Ian Wright



- 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.

Rotary Club of Keilor East meets on
6.30pm for 6.45pm at Keilor East RSL,
Hoffmans Rd, West Essendon
For Club Membership or Sponsorship information
Contact: Immediate President, Joe Albioli (0438133123)
<http://www.keiloreastro.org/>

ROTARY GRACES

- o We give thanks for our daily food. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve all our days.
- o For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, we give thanks.



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MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

May 4 Linda Lye
May 11 Barry Mullen
May 18th Betty Lancaster and Ginny Billson
May 20 Barbara McKeon
May 24 Maryanne Walsh
May 31st Brett Bedson and Grandma Win Osborn



Wedding Anniversaries

May 4th David and Laraine Barnes
May 5th Lloyd and Betty Lancaster
May 25th Bruce and Lois Cameron
May 26th Bob and Janet McMartin



Rotary Anniversaries

May 6th Jeselee Vytilingam 2002
May 8th Yew Kong Lye 2000
May 10th Ginny Billson 2004
May 19th Les Norton



MEMBER NEWS



L to R: Cherrie Osborn, Marisa Sanna, Annie Webb, Leticia (Foodbank Guide),Terri Limosani, Alex Billson, Marianne Potgieter and Ginny Billson. Photo by Annie Webb.



Volunteers come in to put together the requests from various organizations.



It's SO cold in the chiller. Marianne can attest to that. We were in one of the two fridge units - a very chilly 2.4degrees!!!



Our warmest Congratulations to past Keilor East Rotarian John Bergbauer and Debbie Gaehl who were married at Rhumbas, Mt Aitken on Saturday 19th May. We wish them a long and happy marriage.