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Where we meet

Meets Thursdays 12.15 for 12.30
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Apologies
Please contact Pres Elizabeth before
12 noon Thursday of the meeting or
earlier

Last meeting details
T.B.A.

**This week's international
toast**
Chris Gray
Next Week– Keith Gray

Rotary Grace
For good food, good
fellowship, and the
privilege to serve,
through Rotary we give
thanks.

National Youth Science Forum

Our guest speaker today was Simon Kenny a Year 12 student from Marist College. Simon attended the meeting with his mother Kathleen Kenny.

Simon is in Year 12 and he is studying Double Major Maths, Physics and Chemistry. He is also doing ANU Secondary College Chemistry. He plays Rugby and Basketball and rows with the Canberra Rowing Club. He is a Questacon Explainer and is interested in doing further studies in Science and Engineering at university. In Year 8 he went to a forensic camp at Armidale.

Following his attendance at NYSF he has applied for a six week Research Scholarship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) – two of which are being made available to students who completed NYSF in Australia. Two, six week consolation scholarships in research are being made available at the Australian National University.

Simon told the meeting about NYSF – he explained that it is run each January over two weeks for Australian and International students. This year there were three Canadian students and three New Zealand students. The program is run twice each year and involves lectures and laboratory visits around the ACT. It has been running for twenty five years and next year there will be a third program (possibly in Perth).

Rotary plays a major part in the NYSF program – they sponsor students, help with the logistics, run a bush dance and provide home hospitality.

Simon emphasized that it was not only the learning experiences that were important but the friendships formed (there was 144 students at each program) and the contacts he made. Simon, through his specific interest in Chemistry, was placed in the Rutherford Group. He went on five laboratory visits – to ADFA, two to ANU, to Dunkoona Winery and the National Gallery – each visit offered the opportunity to do practical work that he would not be able to do at college.

There was also an Industry/University Day where students attended talks by various industry and university representatives.



Simon said that the program demonstrated the wide range of career opportunities available in science. His participation also gave him the opportunity to attend special open days at universities. He has already attended one in Melbourne.

Simon believes that the Program influenced students – in their attitude and commitment to science. Next year he is considering doing and ADFA Gap year, or going overseas or going straight to university, or

More information, on NYSF can be obtained from www.nysf.edu.au

Article and photo's by Tony McGloughlin

Coming Events and Speakers

27th March – Group Study Exchange USA team
3rd April – Polish GSE team
5-6th April – District Assembly
10th April – Richard Hardman – Rotary International Boating Fellowship
17th April - Elanor Grassby – Experience with foreign students
24th April – T.B.A.

This Week – Group Study Exchange Team

Our guests at this week's meeting will be a Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Vermont and New Hampshire (Districts 9690 and 7870) in the USA. The Team is made up of two Veterinarians, one Educator/Mediator, one Writer and one Pharmacist. The Team's host Club is Holroyd in NSW and the co-ordinator for the visit to Canberra is President Elect Trevor Elias from that Club who will accompany the Team together with his wife Gloria, PDG Warwick Tester, Marie Lewis (the Team's host whilst in Australia) and an Indian student, Jito, who is sponsored in Australia by the Holroyd Club. These Teams are made up of a Team Leader plus four (or sometimes five) carefully selected members and visit their host countries for up to six weeks at a time to enable them to make contacts in the host country in their own vocations, further develop friendly relations between their own country and that of their hosts whilst experiencing social, business, economic and cultural conditions. It is one of the most significant programs arranged through Rotary International. Members of the Team will talk to us about their lives and vocations and members are urged to come along and enjoy what should be a very interesting meeting – particularly our newer members for whom a GSE Team may be a new experience.

Philip Hawke - Secretary

Door Roster

Thursday 27th March – Tony McGloughlin and Tony Waring

Thursday 3rd April – Graeme Howieson and Olek Gancarz

If you can't to do the door duties please arrange your own replacement.

The Rotary 4-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Not Just Door Knocking!

Red Shield Appeal will be held on the 25th of May 2008. We are looking to participate. Can I have some idea of levels of interest and areas in which people may wish to assist? They are looking for help in counting, processing, drivers and door knockers!

We may be working with some people from Canberra Recovery Services (where some of the funds go) and they have offered to provide a speaker from this program at a later stage if we are interested.

Regards, Sharon Green Ph. (02) 6239 5188



Pictured is PP Jenny Swanson farewelling Kelly (functions manager at the Yacht club) on her last day at the Yacht club as she departs on an overseas journey.

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Lunch with His Honour Justice Michael Kirby

Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries (and AGs for information),
On the 14th April at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Canberra at the Commonwealth Club (25 Forster St Yarralumla) we are privileged to have His Honour Justice Michael Kirby (Honorary Rotarian) who has agreed to speak to us.

We would like to extend an invitation to Rotarians across District 9710 to join us for that meeting. For Rotarians and up to one guest each the cost will be \$25 per person. There are only 120 places which will be available to those who are first to register. Registration is managed through our website:

www.rotarycanberra.act.inaust.org

We look forward to welcoming you to this talk from His Honour who is due to retire towards the end of this year. We ask you to be there at 12.00 so that we are all settled for a prompt start to the meeting.

Michael Moore

President Rotary Club of Canberra

Rotary Website

Most members will use Internet Explorer browser to access the internet.

To set up your computer so our ROTARY website is the default opening page

Go to "Explorer" preferences in the main menu, click on it and then set your preferences as graphic.

Chris Gray did provide graphic to assist with these instructions but I have been unable to get them onto our Bulletin. I have printed copies that will be available at this weeks meeting.

Ed.



Pictured above is Jack Olsen - an honorary member of our club present at last weeks meeting.

Also pictured is PP Jenny Swanson running 'heads and tails' for a bottle of wine she donated - Ross was the winner.