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| <p>RI President: Holger Knaack Dist. Gov 9705: Michael Moore Area Three Gov: Martin Brown Club President: David Payne Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier</p> | | <p>THE FOUR WAY TEST: Of the things we think, say or do: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it the truth? • Is it fair to all concerned? • Will it build goodwill & better friendships? • Will it be beneficial to all concerned? |
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BULLETIN NO: 8.

Thursday 20th August, 2020.

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH.

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, 6:00 PM for 6.30 PM (unless stated below).

Duty Officers' Roster: -

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

| DATE: | Thursday 27 th August. | Thursday 3 rd September. | Thursday 10 th September. |
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| PROGRAMME: | David & Kerry Morton (Holbrook) | Social Night | Music Trivia Quiz (Mike Murray) |
| ATTENDANCE: | Mike Murray Barry Francis | Karel Bijker David Friedlieb | Karel Bijker Paul Galloway |
| GREETER: | Not Required (COVID) | Not Required (COVID) | Not Required (COVID) |
| SHORT & SWEET: | David Friedlieb | Paul Galloway | Nepal Ghosh |
| FINES-MASTER: | Mike Murray | Gerry Page | Don Pembleton |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKER: | David Cannon | Not required | Not Required |
| VOTE OF THANKS: | David Wynne | Not required | Not Required |
| BULLETIN REPORTER: | Gerry Page | Ellen Brasier | John Heazlewood |
| C'TTEE MEETINGS: | BBQ Committee 6.00PM Attendance 8.00 PM | Bulletin Committee 6.00PM | International Service 6.00PM |

Invocation: *For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.*

Unable to attend a meeting? **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE ☎ 6922 6444**

by **2.30 pm Wednesday** (or pre-record it in the book provided at the meeting attendance table – IN BLOCK LETTERS).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.



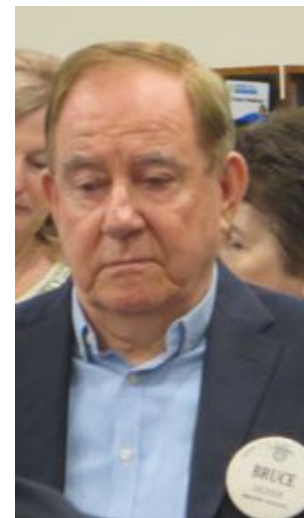
The meeting opened at 6.30 pm with 37 members in attendance – (84% of membership), with apologies received from Rajinder Singh, Alf Barzen, David Kennedy, Peter Murray, Peter Smart, Allan Duffus, Neil Hilpern and John Heazlewood. President David Payne welcomed our guest speaker Veterinary Scholarship winner Alice Burwell and member guest Kathy Ellsome (guest of Lyndal Seymour). Also welcomed were Club guest Bruce Dicker together with his wife Christine, his son James Dicker and longtime employee and friend Ron de Brueys (all guests of Alok Sharma). President David Payne also welcomed back Gerry Page, who had been on a family holiday in Queensland.

Changeover Matters.

Paul Harris Fellow.....Bruce Dicker

Citation from President David:

Bruce Dicker was born in Paddington NSW in 1942 when Paddington was the rough end of town. He moved to Kingsgrove aged 10 in 1952 to a housing commission house and remained there until Jan 1958. Bruce came to Wagga straight from school as a 15 year old to join the RAAF School of Engineering where he completed 3 years training as an aircraft engineer at Forest Hill. He was then posted to 34 VIP Squadron in Canberra and remained there until June 1965 when he was discharged from the RAAF.



Bruce moved to Wagga Wagga with his wife (married in 1963) and took a job at P.L. Walsh Pty Ltd who were wholesalers of hardware products in the Riverina. He left P.L. Walsh in 1974 and leased a panel van from Hillis Ford for \$66 per month to commence Bee Dee Bags.

His first employee Ron de Brueys joined Bruce in 1978 and from that point onwards there was a slow accumulation of more staff as Bee Dee Bags grew between Wagga, Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne branches.

Since 1974, Bee Dee Bags has over the years grown to be a leader in the retail packaging segment. They pride themselves on their company culture that encompasses a 'can-do' attitude ably supported by their in-house Graphics Design team. They have an enthusiastic team of 55+ people based across their showrooms/warehouses located in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Auckland, as well as Head Office based in Wagga Wagga,



They have a customer base of over 17,000, including retail chain stores, stand-alone stores, online businesses and wholesalers. Supplying this broad spectrum of clientele for so many years they have developed the experience and knowledge to satisfy all types of business requirements with professional service and high-quality products.

Bee Dee Bags supplies a large range of stock products: paper bags, plastic bags, reusable bags, postal satchels, tissue paper, wrapping paper and garment bags (and more), which are available for immediate delivery or pick up from any of their Showroom locations.

A joint venture Paper Bag factory was established in 2001 in Dalian a city in North Eastern China, with a Chinese partner. The joint venture has been very successful. Bee Dee Bags are currently moving into takeaway food packaging to ensure the future as more retail shops move to the internet.

The China Paper Bag factory joint venture was the result of an opportunity to purchase a paper bag factory that was owned by the Chinese Government. The manager of the factory and Bee Dee Bags Asia jointly bought the factory in 2001. The factory name is DKL Dalian. The DKL representing the two directors Dicker and Liu. The factory is shipping 3 containers of paper bags per week to Australia.

When initially purchased the factory was a 'basket case' with outdated processes and lack of quality control. New machinery and processes of quality control have been introduced to bring it up to quality required for the Australian market.

The COVID-19 Virus has not disrupted the China factory at all, however Bee Dee Bags Australia dropped by 50% in sales for March and April. During May, the company has experienced a gradual return to higher sales and on current projections anticipate normal level of sales returning by September.

Bruce and Christine have been very supportive of our Rotary Book Fair by donating very many carry bags that have enabled thousands of books to pass through our sales desk, as well as supporting our Darkness to Light Fundraising dinners.

It's been a very interesting journey for Bruce, and I would ask him to come forward to receive a Paul Harris Fellowship.



Response by Bruce Dicker:

Bruce had been under the impression that he had been invited to the meeting to tell members about Bee Dee Bags, and was surprised and humbled by the presentation of the Paul Harris Fellowship award. His response was brief and heartfelt, and was met with a standing ovation and applause from all those present.



General Matters.

- President David advised members that Allan Duffus had a nasty fall during the past week and Neil Hilpern's wife Shirley is in Hospital. We wish them both a speedy and full recovery.
- Philip Cross has advised that Ross Moxon, who was a member of our Club from March 1990 to June 2002, passed away on 16th August 2020 aged 79. Ross was an Architect.
- President David also reported that the Presidents of Wagga's 6 Rotary Clubs had a 90 minute meeting during the past week to discuss the impact of the Pandemic on our weekly meeting and other activities.
- President David referred back to last week's meeting when we were addressed by Ben Holt of Erin Earth. Since then Ben Holt has spoken to President David. He invites feedback from members regarding his public speaking skills which he would like to improve. Any members who are happy to provide feedback for Ben should contact President David.

Raffle Winner.

Our guest speaker Alice Burwell drew the raffle. The bottle of wine was collected by Margaret Keys!

Short & Sweet.

Barry Francis presented a session of "Short and Sweet". Barry enumerated the many homes he has lived in during his life and the many pests and uninvited 'guests' they/he had to contend with – in alphabetical order... animals, birds, cockroaches, critters, unwanted cats and white ants. Through many years, in houses of varying size and condition, the long-suffering Barry and Chris have seemingly endured a continuous procession of welcome and unwelcome wildlife. Barry's account raised a laugh from members!



Fines-Master Session.

Terry Mecham used the tactic of delivering a mixture of thought-provoking subjects to extract substantial sums of money from his audience. He started with a list of 14 neologisms*. Three Examples were

- *Coffee* - “The person upon whom one coughs”
- *Willy-nilly* - “Impotent” and
- *Flatulence* - “emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller”.

He continued with a question posed by an imaginary grandson. “*How old is grandma?* He went on to enumerate an extraordinary list of changes to Western Culture between 1952 and 2019 (grandma’s lifetime). We were fined for the development of TV, polio vaccination, frozen food, photocopying, frisbees, credit cards, laser beams, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, fast food, the price of fuel, inflation, the 1969 moon walk plus a whole range of other modern social changes.

Needless to say, the collection of funds brought a smile to the face of Club Treasurer Nepal Ghosh. Well done Terry!

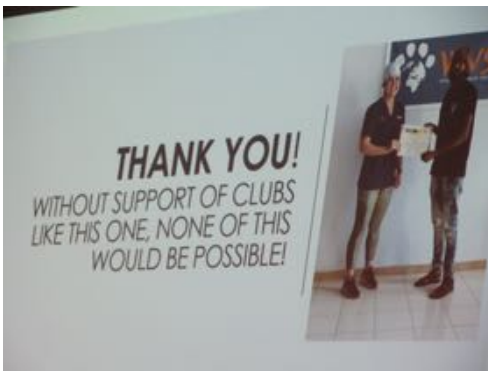
**neologism: a newly coined term or phrase that may be commonly used in life but have yet to be accepted as mainstream.*

Guest Speaker: Alex Burwell



Veterinary Scholarship Winner Alice Burwell was introduced by Philip Cross. (Alice had been scheduled to make her presentation to our Club on 5th April last, but COVID-19 restrictions prevented that from happening.) Alice was born in Stoke on Trent, UK. Her family migrated to Australia in 2010 “via Queensland for a year to start our lives in Australia”. Her current hometown is Walcha (population 3,000). Alice noted that there are considerably more cows and sheep around Walcha than there are people!

Alice is currently in her 5th year of veterinary science at CSU here in Wagga. She told us about her “trip of a lifetime” to India earlier this year to complete Surgery Clinic. Our Club sponsored her for this trip. The group consisted of 12 students, 8 from CSU in Wagga, 2 from Budapest (of Irish origin) and 2 from Estonia (of Finnish origin). So impressed was Alice with the surgery clinic the students experienced at the World-wide Veterinary Services (WVS) in Bangalore, she re-stated that she would consider heading back to WVS in Bangalore as a tutor in the future for these clinics!



Her presentation to us was supported by well-prepared visual aids

There were a number of questions from members. Mike Murray expressed disappointment that Alice appeared to have lost her English accent! (The missing Manchester dialect is called Mancunian!).



The vote of thanks was delivered by Graham Russell in his usual, inimitable way. Alice was thrilled to learn that ten children somewhere in the world will be immunised against Polio on her behalf.



PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

27th August 2020

BBQ Committee 6.00 PM

27th August 2020

Attendance Committee 8.00 PM

3rd September 2020

Bulletin Committee 6.00 PM

10th September 2020

International Service Committee 6.00 PM

17th September 2020

Board Meeting 8.00 PM

~~**17/18th October 2020**~~

~~**Wagga Rotary Club Book Fair. Canceled (COVID)**~~

~~**3rd December 2020**~~

~~**Shine Awards. Canceled (COVID)**~~

10th December 2020

District governor Michael Moore on Zoom.

17th December 2020

Club Christmas function.



THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(23rd Aug – 29th Aug)



Birthdays: Chris Francis (26/8). Marilyn Roberts (28/8)
Rotary Anniversaries: Howard Mendel (24/8/2017)
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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4. Bali
5. Australia
6. Barbados
7. Italy
8. Kenya
9. Stay home
10. Cuba
11. New York
12. Jamaica
13. Greece
14. Thailand
15. The Maldives



BREAKING NEWS... swimming pools to re-open from the 4th July, but due to continued social distancing regulations there will be no water in lanes 1, 3 and 5.....

Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll sit in a boat all day and drink beer.



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