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THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?**
- Is it fair to all concerned?**
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?**
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

BULLETIN NO: 36

Thursday 26th March, 2020.

MARCH IS ROTARY WATER & SANITATION MONTH.

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

Greetings members,

This bulletin comes to you from 'the bunker', and I hope it finds you safe and well in yours! In these uncertain times, we all need to do everything we can to keep ourselves, our loved ones and the whole community safe. As a mother of two daughters who work in front-line health fields and a son who has been entering the minefield of a school each day as a teacher, I am hoping and praying that the wider community can play its part in keeping them (and all others in the same position) safe and well by heeding all advice, warnings and regulations.

Whilst there are some serious messages regarding this crisis included in this bulletin, I hope you will also find some things which will turn your mind to brighter things.

Thank you to all members who have offered contributions towards this publication. If they don't appear this week, I will probably use them in later issues. I ask that any member who finds anything which may be of interest to others please email it to me. I am not a journalist, but want this bulletin to 'hit a spot' and fill the void created by our inability to meet every Thursday evening.

Stay well,

Vicky

From the President.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It already seems a long time since we met! I hope each of you is well and adjusting to this very new world.

Catherine and I have been holed up on the South Coast since Sunday, pending the arrival at Moruya yesterday of our latest grandson Samuel. We hope to visit Carrie and family in the next few days, then head back home early next week.

I will then try to get some semblance of contact with as many of you as possible, within the new and emerging confines of social distancing. It's becoming clear that any organised gathering cannot happen, so we must use our imaginations to create new habits to maintain connectedness between us.

Personally I am trying to telephone a few people every day, which is of course quite old technology. Also some scheduled Skype/Facetime/Zoom sessions.

I am very grateful that Vicky wants to keep producing our weekly Crow About, and perhaps it could become our weekly Blog, with each of us contributing some snippet each week? A short tale, a joke or cartoon, what you did today, or anything at all. Explore your creative side!

There's not a lot of District or RI news to share, except more closures and suspensions.

Finally, if you or another Rotarian appears to be doing it tough, please let me or our Membership Committee know, we can organise some form of support.

Let's maintain Fellowship!

David Friedlieb

From the Past:-

Mike Murray submitted this photo. He wonders if some of the 'older' Rotarians can identify these 'old farts'. Sadly, several of these blokes are no longer with us. Perhaps members can also shed some light on where and when this photo was taken, as well as what the 'function' was! (No prizes..... I have no spare toilet rolls!)



Raffle Winner

All members' names were placed in the cyber-ice-bucket, and a lucky winner was drawn at random. Graham Russell, I chose 'the red' for you, and will drink it tonight!! Enjoy!!

Short and Sweet

This week, a contribution from Peter Murray, who recently came across a copy of 'The Coronation Cookery Book', published by the CWA in 1937. This verse (written by Jack Moses) appeared below the Foreword at the front of the book:

The meat and the wheat and the fruit that we eat,
And the butter we spread on our bread
All come from the toil of the man of the soil
And that's how the nation is fed.
The birds on the wing joyfully sing,
Times will be better ahead.
While we grow the wheat and the meat that we eat,
And the butter we spread on our bread.



'The View from a Social Distance....' (Finesmaster)

Who said we can't still have 'fines' each week?? I charge each member with the task of finding a suitable container (a small jar for some, a large bucket for others!!) in which to place any fines they are willing to own up to. These will then be sanitized and banked by our honourable treasurer when next we meet!!

Please contribute if:

- *you appear on this week's Birthday, Rotary Anniversary or Wedding Anniversary list.
- *you managed to buy toilet paper within the last seven days.
- *you washed your hands fewer than four times in the last 24 hours.
- *you forgot what day it was at any stage this week because days 'in the bunker' are all the same.
- *your initials are DK and you might have been a guest on Sally Bryant's radio show during the week!
- *your initials are MM and you're suffering withdrawal symptoms because you can't kiss anyone (except your wife)!!

(Looking for members who are willing/able to submit a 'finesmaster' or 'short & sweet' segment for future issues please!)

Guest Speaker

Our speaker this week is none other than Bill Gates! Thank you to Gordon Sagers for 'inviting' Bill to attend our 'meeting' this week. Bill made this speech on in March 2015, in the wake of the Ebola virus, and it makes for interesting listening/viewing.

My computer capacity and skills have not allowed me to snazzily incorporate the hyperlink into the photo of Bill (it works in my Word document, but not when I convert to PDF), so here is the link:

https://www.ted.com/talks/bill_gates_the_next_outbreak_we_re_not_ready?language=en

Copy it and paste it into your browser. It's worth the effort!



Boredom Busters

Each week I hope to bring you suggestions for things you might do to help ease the days of 'distancing'. Here is a list of what I've been up to this week:

*I have decided to learn a language. I am doing 15 minutes a day using a program called Duolingo. I intend to brush up on my Dutch, French and German. Might even try Spanish or Swahili!!! There is a free version of this program which is very adequate. (duolingo.com or an app on your device)

*My garden will be SPECTACULAR by the end of this! Perhaps we can all have drinks on my deck when we're allowed to meet again.

*I use Facetime to read bedtime stories to my grandchildren in Alice Springs each evening.

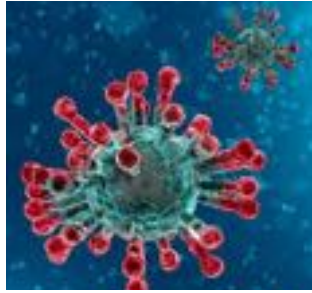
*I am aiming to wash a window every day!

*I am trying NOT to have the news on all day. COVID-overload can be quite draining.

*I am experimenting with Zoom as a means of bringing members together for informal e-gatherings. (Hopefully more about this next week.)

What are you getting up to?? Let me know for future bulletins.

THE WEEK IN PICTURES:-



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(29 March—4 April)

Birthdays: Fran Payne (1/4)

Rotary Anniversaries: nil

Wedding Anniversaries: nil



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I've finally finished my panic room



Which one are you?

