

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

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Meeting Roster



	Guest speaker	Chair	Greeter/ Assist. Sgt.	Thanker/ Asst. Cshr.	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
3-Mar	Workplace Visit - Ambulance Station.	Lynne Carlson	Norm Elliott.	N/A	Peter Cullen.	28/2 John Paton.
10-Mar	Victorian Opera Singer - Michael Lapina	John Paton.	Gary O'Donnell.	Andrea Tierney	Gerry Spencer.	16/3 Alison George.
17-Mar	Community Service Awards	Lynne Carlson.	Bill Walton.	Chris Foster.	Judy Greer.	19/3 Gerry Spencer

Our Club

President: Marion Walton

Secretary: Pearl Macmillan

Where: We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club:

18 The Terrace, Ocean Grove, 3226

When: 6 pm for 6:30pm

Visitors are Welcome

Apologies: 0457 315 900

Web: rotaryoceangrove.org.au

Theme: Peace & Conflict
Prevention/Resolution Month

**Lookout Reserve Maintenance
Roster:**

23/02/20 - 07/03/20 Alan Keyse

08/03/20 - 21/03/20 James Ricchini

22/03/20 - 04/04/20 Adrian Schmidt

05/04/20 - 18/04/20 Chris Watson

Past bulletins

- Available from our club website

Market contact: 0401 606 036

Art Show contact: 0417 319 465

Report of Meeting: 25/2//2020

Visitors: Jenny Wright, looking us over.

Irene Duncan and Drew McPhail (pearl Macmillan's sister and brother)

Ron Ayres, Isobel Paton and Stephanie Templeton, Guest Speaker.

President: Marion asked for suggestions that may be suitable for a District Grant application.

President elect Gil Morgan attended PETS last weekend.

Suggestions/ideas are welcome for how the 100 year anniversary of the founding of Rotary in Australia may be recognised and celebrated on 21/4/2020.

Reports:

-Vocational: There will be a visit to the Ambulance Station on 3/3/2020. An early start will be needed at 5.15 pm at the Station. Dinner will be at the Bowling Club as usual.

-The Service Awards will be presented on 17/3/2020. There has been an excellent response with 24 businesses involved.

-Community: Noel reminded members that the dismantling of the playground equipment at the Lookout Reserve will commence this week.

-John Paton announced that the raffle of the Weber BBQ will be drawn at the meeting on Easter Tuesday. Members were encouraged to take at least one book to sell.

-Foundation: Gordon King informed members that it is 115 years since Rotary was founded in America. He reminded members how important it is for donations to be made to Rotary's charity especially as the value of currencies in the world are affected by fluctuations in value.

Members: Coming Events:

Saying of the week

If one door closes and another door opens... your house is probably haunted.

Humour

Math Teacher: "If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?"

Student: "A drinking problem."

Links

Rotary International:
www.rotary.org

Rotary District 9780:
www.rotary9780.org

Footy Tipping
www.footytips.com.au

Please remember:

- APOLOGIES ARE NECESSARY! IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING. THOSE WHO DO NOT CONFORM WILL BE SENT A BILL, AS THE CLUB HAS TO PAY IF NO APOLOGY IS REGISTERED.
- Members are reminded if you have any used stamps, could you please pass them on to Martin Geerings.

-Art Show Committee: John Calnin has commenced finding sponsors for the show and is finding the going tough. The amount promised at present is much lower than usual especially as two major sponsors have reduced their donations. John asked for new sponsorship suggestions and suggested that some members might consider a small (or large) contribution.

-Fund Raising: Adrian Schmidt reported that almost \$2000.00 was raised at the Sausage sizzle at Bunnings last weekend.

- Market:Volunteers are needed to fill several roles at the Market on 1/3/2020 as are volunteers for the Gold Coin collection for Foundation. See Gordon if you can help.



Guest Speaker: Stephanie Templeton.

Stephanie is the daughter of Jenny and Neil Templeton, currently living in and working out of New York. She was a Rotary Exchange student in France. This no doubt had a great influence on her tertiary studies as she gained a BA in French. She studied several other languages at Melbourne University. Before joining the workforce she was a volunteer in Romania. She works with Program of International Student Assessment that has the main

aim to improve education in developing countries. There are 25 staff working in Washington, San Francisco and New York. There are 65 countries involved, with 85,000 students up to 15 years of age, but there is monitoring of younger students as well.

Stephanie has also gained a Master of Arts in Educational Development specialising in International Policy and development at Columbia University. She is currently working in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and has seen service in Niger, Mali and Morocco.

The programs are heavily sponsored and funded by USAID and DFID (Dept for International Development) an organisation funded by Great Britain. The general program aims to ensure equitable learning and reading in grades 1-4 yrs and to involve the parents as well as consultation with the governments of the countries where operations are active. Stephanie is mainly involved in Data Collection and training of the collectors to ensure programs are conducted and implemented with fidelity. In Niger the program is run on similar lines as the Congo but only assists with children in years 1-2. Activity was in 2019 and the students were taught in their own language. This is seen as very important. Evaluation of this program is not yet complete. In Morocco the program commenced as a pilot where reading for success commenced in 2015 until 2022. Reading is in Arabic and involves teacher training and extracurricular activities. Some results of the program have been evaluated through data

collection in 2019 with satisfactory results.

In Mali a program of Selected Integrated Reading was introduced in into four regions. Currently the program is widespread involving many students. Skills development workshops including data collection analysis and report writing is included.

There is limited use of computers as connection in many areas is unreliable or non existent.

Implementation of projects is monitored where possible to ensure programs and funding is used correctly. In some areas security is not good and in most places the provision of facilities is limited resulting in crowding and difficulties for instruction.

Stephanie noticed that the major focus is on development of males although there were some token women included in the groups.

Thank you: A George.

Working Bee - Lookout Reserve Ocean Grove

