Four-way test: Sergeant. Alan

Welcome Guests:

- Speaker: Chihara Iitsuka
- Guests: Dr Patrick Murry, his daughter Kathy Gugich
- Other guests: Jacquie Roberts, Dimetry, Yana, Jacinta Potts

Fellowship

Chair: Guy Adamson.

President's Notices

1. Message of thanks from Greg James.
2. Thanks for the help at Dubs on the Hill. Especially Andrew Mallan and Jane Collard and again for the extra effort given by Mark Weaver.
3. North Qld Flood relief Appeal
4. Kokoda Trek 2020: 22nd April to 2nd May. Early bird discount till 5th April
5. TAFE Dinner: May 2nd Very important to have number and pre-pay.

Member’s air time:

- Mark – RTR- Thank you to help on the week end. Steel picket not such a good idea.
- Bill – Tafe Dinner to be 2 May
- David – Glennie school – rotary membership
- David lost trades major event for our club – please make your self available
- Sandra – International women’s day - $200 dollars raised for rotary drought appeal

Guest speaker: Mrs Chihara Iitsuka: Previous (and First) exchange student from Mitzakido, Japan now living in Bermuda.

Introduced by Dr Patrick Murry Horary member, Chiharu gave a heartfelt speech about her time with her host family and where her life has taken her and the valuable work she does today.

Chiharu also talked warmly and proudly about her family and her second family here in Australia. Chiharu shared many stories about determination and commitment against the odds and how
rotary help shape this from Japan to Australia and Bermuda. I am sure that we are all very proud of this partnership of exchange student and will endeavour to keep it active.

Closing

- Presentations: Flag from our club to Bermuda Club, and thanked guest speaker.

Next Meeting: Monday 18 March 2019. Venue: Burke & Wills Hotel

Activity: Ride the Range Preparation: Tim Davis.

Meeting: 25th March. David Russell - Wipples ‘It’s a Bloke thing.’

Attendance: Jeff Collard – again unless some jumps into help

Raffle: Amanda
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Charity: Jeff
Chair: Bruce Manning

Date claimers
- Milne Bay Military Challenge April 28th 2019 – sponsored by the edge
- 11th May Rotaract drought relief Gala dinner
- David Hack May 19th 2019
- Lost Trades 4 &amp; 5th May Labour day long weekend
- RTR 31st March
- Eastern Members Forum: 9th June
- District Change Over: 30th June

Remember: if you unavailable to complete your duties please find a replacement

Thought – Thank you form Chiharu to Toowoomba Rotary club for hosting me, it gave her values that she carries today

Below are copies of two emails from Chiharu, our guest speaker last Monday. This first is a thank you and the second is the message from The Mitsukaido Rotary Club.

Dear Chris,

I would like to thank you for having me as a guest last night at the meeting and giving me an opportunity to thank your club in person.

I have sent you the translation of the letter from Mitsukaido RC separately to the message. The next President of the Mitsukaido is looking into an adult group visit to your club during his tenure.

Also there is a private message addressing how Mr. & Mrs. Armitage enjoyed their time in Tokyo with Rotarians. I would be grateful if I can have Mr. & Mrs. Armitage’s response.

Regarding the Certificate of Bermuda Rotary, there are nine Coat of arms which represent 9 parishes in Bermuda. The next district governor is my neighbor Mr. Greg Soars who was also an exchange student from Bermuda to Thailand. He was thrilled to hear that I was going to Toowoomba, Australia and thought it would be great if I can present his club's certificate to your club. Perhaps we are starting a new tie with Bermuda? Bermuda is part of District 7230 which also covers New York City, Bronx, States Island and Westchester County. He is very enthusiastic about youth program.

There is a question about Bermuda cost of living from Mr. Clive Hermitage. Bermuda is rated a high-cost economy by the World Bank. We rely everything on import which is subject to a duty. The average salary is $85,000USD per year.

Mr. Bill Armagnac asked me my title. Please tell him that I have a business role as Certified Tourism Ambassador of Bermuda.

Sincerely,
Toowoomba Rotarians

I am the president of the Mitsukaido Rotary Club, Hideo Someya. I hear that a daughter of the late member Mr Mitsuo Iitsuka is visiting your club. I asked her to deliver a message from our club.

Toowoomba Rotary Club and Mitsukaido Rotary Club has been deepening the friendship through the summer exchange program. This program has a history of more than 30 years. Students who participated in the program return home not only with the understanding of Australian Customs and cultures but also with the global understanding. Currently many returning students are working in society utilizing their acquired knowledge.

Every year we are looking forward to receiving students from Toowoomba as this program is one of the most valuable projects of our club. We hope many participants of this program like Mrs. Chiharu Iitsuka spreading goodwill between Australia and Japan.

Last year Mr. & Mrs. Clive & Concita Armitage of Toowoomba Club visited Japan and our club members Mr. Seto and the International Service Director Mr. Kiyoshi Osawa had the privilege of accompanying them on the Tokyo Tour.

Mr Seto will be the next president of the club. He has started planning his upcoming year projects including a possible visit to Toowoomba Club. He is hoping to have many members to accompany him for a visit.

Finally, I wish your club prosperity and the members and the families good health and happiness.

Kind Regards,

Hideo Someya
President of Mitsukaido Rotary Club

PS. The Message to Mr.&Mrs. Armitage:

“Mr. & Mrs Armitage, did you enjoy your Tokyo visit? I wish I could have joined you. I hope we can meet up with each other one day.”

Joke
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