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February - Peace and Conflict Prevention /Resolution Month

Sarah Hughes – A Year in France

Returned exchange student Sarah Hughes chose to go to France for her year away because of its interesting culture, life style and the opportunity to learn a complex foreign language. Sarah illustrated her presentation about her year of experiences and memories with a comprehensive group of pictures.



She had spent a year in Angoulême, France, which is 1 hour NE of Bordeaux, 4 hours south of Paris and 90 minutes from the coast. Angoulême is a fortified town perched on a rocky spur, and around the heart of the historic centre are more than two kilometres of the ramparts remaining intact, while the boulevards that follow the walls are wide, open streets with good views across the surrounding countryside.

Sarah was hosted by the Rotary Club of Angoulême les Eaux Claires, - an all male Club with 23 members. In a District of over 70 Clubs, the Club promotes many annual events and is an enthusiastic participant in the Rotary Exchange program. The exchange program is seen to be good value for the community and helps with multiculturalism and acceptance at school. The Club meets each Wednesday evening – although not necessarily for dinner. This gives all the current inbound exchange students an opportunity to attend the Club and meet with the members.

While in France, Sarah was hosted by three families. Each family had sent one or two of the children overseas on exchange – Australia, USA, Chile – and Sarah was very fortunate to be staying with congenial hosts and exchange siblings. Her hosts took her to visit many areas, including a trip to Paris and Orleans. She made good friends with an exchange student from India who was staying with her second host family. As schooling in India is very competitive, this lass only stayed in France for a month and a half.



Sarah attended a private school - Saint Paul High School. The school caters for K – 12, but Sarah was on the senior campus, where there are 500 students. Her school

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Rotary Graces

Oh Lord, the giver
of all good,
We thank you for
our daily food.
May Rotary friends
and Rotary ways
Help us to serve
you all our days.
Amen

For good food,
For good
fellowship.
And the
opportunity for
service in Rotary,
We give thanks.
Amen

Today we are
thankful for all
we've received.
However we live,
we firmly believe
All is a blessing
that we must pass
on
No matter our
status or where we
have gone.
Kindness and
generosity are what
we impart
Showing the world
what's in Rotary's
heart.

day was long – 8 am till 5.20 pm – with 2 x 20 minute breaks and 1h30m for lunch. However, every Wednesday school finished at noon, which gave her an opportunity to spend time with her friends. She was with one class group for the first 6 months, then changed to a second group for the remainder of her time there (this was due to the European school year organisation). Smoking by the students during the various recess breaks she found a little confronting, but some students did spend their time playing soccer during the lunch break. Having to CHOOSE what to wear each day was new – and she is glad to be back to a uniform again!!

There were many Rotary camps Sarah attended - sometimes there would be one a month – but the highlight was the Euro tour. 47 students travelled from Bordeaux – Paris – Brussels – Amsterdam – Berlin – Prague – Bratislava – Vienna – Slovenia (Postojna) – Venice – Milan – Geneva and back to Bordeaux. All in 15 days, the trip was way too fast for Sarah, and she would relish the opportunity to spend more time in each city. Sarah showed us special photos she had taken – both of landmarks like the Eiffel tower – and of special friends she had made.

Sarah reflected on her year, all she had achieved and how she thought she had developed. She felt she had gained in independence, managing things for herself, mastering a difficult second language (in the end) and learning skills to cope with different personalities from a very different culture. She thanked the Rotary Club of Corowa for sponsorship, her Mum and Dad for their support and Rotary International for the opportunity to participate in this unique and special scheme.

President Gary accepted the banner Sarah gave him from the Rotary Club of Angoulême, presented Sarah with a Certificate of Achievement and gave a bottle of the President's muscat to Cassie and Peter.



International Toast –

Rtn Graham toasted the Rotary Club of Firminy-Gorges de la Loire, France which is in District 1710. Founded on 10/01/1964, the Club has 39 members – 30 men and 9 women – and the President is Denis Montagnon. It meets each Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm at the Restaurant la Tour au Chambon Feugerolles.

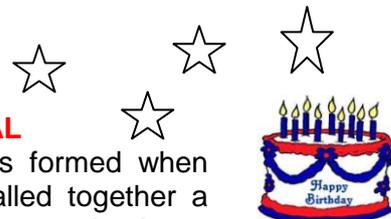
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



The first Rotary Club was formed when attorney Paul P Harris called together a meeting with three business acquaintances in downtown Chicago.

They met at Harris' friend Gustave Loehr's office in the Unity Building, Dearborn Street on February 23 1905. The members chose the name "Rotary" because initially they rotated subsequent weekly Club meetings to each other's offices. Within a year, the Chicago Club had become so large it became necessary to adopt the now common practice of a regular meeting place.



Attendance

There were 20 persons present this evening. Guests included speaker Sarah Hughes, her parents Peter and Cassandra, First Lady Chris P , Howard's guest Jeff Nixon and David P's guest Ayon Guha, as well as Honorary Rotarians Janet and Robert. President Gary welcomed all present.

Rotary 4 Way Test

1: Is it the TRUTH?

2: Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3: Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS

4: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



**CLOCKWISE: Howard with his guest Jeff Nixon;
David Pott's guest Dr Ayon Guha; First Lady Chris P;
Speaker Sarah's parents Peter and Cassandra Hughes**

Special Celebrations

Howard and Jeanette Scheetz are celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary this week. Congratulations and best wishes!!

Condolances

Sincere sympathy is extended to Rotarian Stephen on the death of his father on Thursday 22nd February. Although not an unexpected event, we feel for Stephen at this time and extend our support and best wishes to him.

Announcements

1. President Gary gave Rtn Graham a bottle of the President's muscat which will be presented to President Cate Febey of the Rotary Club of Yarrowonga Mulwala at the BBQ on Monday evening.
2. Rtn Graham thanked the members for their support for the Ride to Conference team and circulated a sponsorship form again for those who may not have had the opportunity to see it.

3. The directional signs for the Whitehead Street Wetlands have now been installed.
4. Rtn Bill is organising a table for the trivia night at St Mary's School Hall on Friday 23rd February. This is to raise funds for the "Who is My Neighbour" group who are sponsoring the visit for 40 to 50 folk from Melbourne and who are looking to augment the transportation costs.



Winners are Grinners

Rtn Graham B won the President's muscat this week. Hon Rtn Janet had the opportunity to draw the joker from the pack of cards, but could only find the 10 of clubs.

Coming Events and Club Meetings

Thurs 01/03 – Meeting – Club Assembly

Sun 04/03 – Rotary Federation Markets

Thurs 08/03 – Meeting – **Bruce Slonim**

Sat 10/03 – Race Meeting

Thurs 15/03 – Meeting - **Bernie Lee – Michell Wool**

Sat 17/03 – KVE catering

Wed 21/03 – Catering BBQ for Ride to Conference team @ Howlong Caravan Park 6.30 for 7.00 Club members invited to attend – let Meredith know for catering. Cost approx \$15-\$20

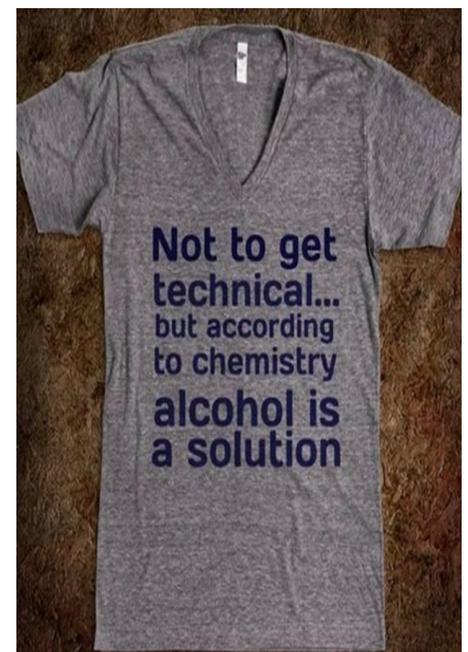
Thurs 22/03 – **NO MEETING** – Club transfer meeting to Friday 23/03

Fri 23/03 – 2018 Conference – **Club Dinner – venue TBA (Corowa)**

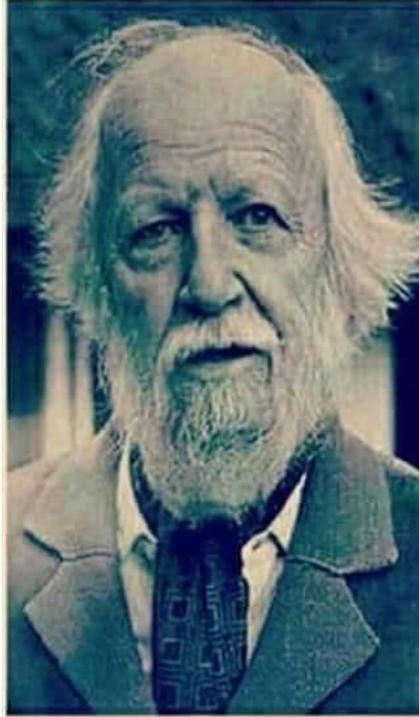
Sat 24/03 and Sun 24/03 - District Conference, Mulwala Services Club

Thurs 29/03 – Meeting - Program TBA

Rib Ticklers



Now here's a man who understands women.....



William Golding
British Novelist, Playwright & Poet
1911 --1993

I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men. They are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she will give you a baby. If you give her a house, she will give you a home. If you give her groceries, she will give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she will give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her. So, if you give her any crap, be ready to receive a ton of shit!

Apologies and Programs

Please remember to notify the Sergeant at Arms, **Paul Miegel** if you **CAN NOT** attend our weekly meetings or if you wish to bring any guests.

If you are arranging a guest speaker, please advise Paul of the number of people attending and if they need the screen and projector.

Paul can be contacted by:

Phone or text on **0499 878 529** or email miegelpm@bigpond.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REPLY DETAILS HAVE CHANGED

The deadline for replies continues to be 11 am on Thursday

Meeting Date	Mar 08	Mar 15	FRIDAY Mar 23
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	TBA
Program	Bruce Slonim	Bernie Lee Michell Wool	Club Dinner Night Conference 2018
Chairman	Paul Miegel	Norman O	Gary P <i>(if required)</i>
Treasurer	Meredith M	Paul Miegel	Norman O <i>(if required)</i>
Rotary Grace	John L	Meredith M	Paul Miegel <i>(if required)</i>
Loyal Toast	Gail L	John L	Meredith M <i>(if required)</i>
International Toast	Wally C	Gail L	John L <i>(if required)</i>
Rotary Information	Graeme C	Wally C	N/A
Sergeants Help	Graham B	Graeme C	N/A

Please arrange your own replacement if you are unable to fulfill your roster duty.

Wine Packs



Fortified wine pack order form
(within Australia only)

Email orders to admin@corowarotary.org.au

Name: _____

Delivery Address: _____

City Town: _____

State: _____ Post Code: _____

Contact Number: _____

Special Delivery Instructions: _____

	Price	Qty.	Total
Fortified Wine Pack	\$60.00		
Postage & Handling (Traceable Post Pack)	\$10.00		
Total			

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cheques made payable to Rotary Club of Corowa
Credit Card Payments, please complete this authority
Card Type – (circle) VISA, MASTERCARD

Card number _____ Exp. ____ / ____

Card Holder Name _____

Card Holders Signature _____

DECLARATION: This wine has not been purchased for resale by a licensed person or their representative. I am over 18 years of age.

Signed: _____

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Or phone Gail: 0412 442 838