



The Rotary Club of Samford Valley Inc

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Club Bulletin

March 8, 2011

President John Broadbent
Treasurer Paul Jackson

Regular Meetings
Samford Homestead Restaurant
Main Street Samford
Every Tuesday 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Members: If you are unable to attend our next meeting, please advise your apologies to: Tony Freeman at 0412 373 381 or freemanmarketing@bigpond.com before 12 noon on the Tuesday of the meeting.

Duty Roster for March 8, 2011:

Chairman :	Brian Hansford
Asst Treasurer :	Lorelle Holcroft
Meet & Greet:	Warren Hampton
Sergeant:	Tony Freeman
Bulletin Article:	Simon Grant
Hot Seat:	Paul Jackson
Speaker:	Katie Cochrane: "Reflections of a Pilgrim"

Here's a rundown on last Tuesday's meeting:

Tony Freeman was in the chair. Guest speaker was Dr. James Lergessner; writer, historian and raconteur. Apologies from Rob Robinson, Peter Gloor, Brian Hansford.

Make-ups from Lorelle and Tony who attended training at Caboolture.

Lee gave a marvelous talk on how the Club could make around \$10,000 profit from the proposed Golf Day at Keperra later this year based on a minimum of 72 and maximum of 116 players, paying around \$50 per game with lunch an extra \$20-30. Kick –off (Tee-off? ~ see I told you I knew nothing about this strange game) around 7.30 -8.00 am, day to be decided: perhaps late June. In addition a hole-in-one would attract a prize of \$20,000 (insured) or a small car if Lee can persuade a dealer to sponsor this. All members need to be available on the day for logistics.

Paul spoke about money matters, closing of an account and something about needing more money. Speak up man, especially when asking for money.

Warren said that the Club PR arm would be wielded again in the near future.

Ian bemoaned the fact that the club has no official secretary at the moment. 17 arms may have been raised to volunteer for the position, but I failed to notice as I was pouring myself another glass of wine, between scribbling in my notebook. He also encouraged members to obtain the Blue Card for working in schools. He updated us on the Avenue of Honour project saying that we hoped to have a number of schemes for public scrutiny by Anzac Day this year. Finally, and bobbing furiously, he deservedly praised last week's speaker, Pantea Beigi and encouraged us all to lavish hospitality on her while she was studying in Brisbane as she is a passionate Rotarian herself.

Bob Dunn stood up to inform all us that we were to attend the school at 7.00am sharp this Saturday to pack containers and seemed that he would brook no excuses. (He may also have tempered his demands by offering to shout all volunteers at the pub afterwards and throw in some re-treads: but again I was examining the contents of my bottle of wine at the time and may have got this wrong.)

Lorelle reminded us that Guess Who's Coming to Dinner kicks off again on May 29.

Simon mused, somewhat unpersuasively, about the forthcoming Great Debate with the Albany Creek Rotary club on the 24th May. I think we may have lost already.

Janelle proudly announced that she was up to 65 Dilly bags and was guest speaker for District 9680, at their conference in Canberra this year and moreover, that they themselves had sponsored 16 Dilly Bags.

By this time I had become bored with my bottle of wine and was pondering whether or not to take the remainder home when Tony introduced the guest speaker, who read snippets from one of his books, "A Baby Boomers Diary". I thought I had had too much to drink when Jim referred to me as one of the later Baby Boomers, born in the 60's; and nearly choked on the idea that I may have spent my late teens listening to the Disco music of the 70s and 80s! I reassured Jim that I was born shortly after "The War" and that Sex Drugs and Rock and Roll were the devotional incantations of my peers and not Olivia Newton John, flared pants and Disco balls.

Jim continued, nonplussed, with interesting reminiscences of Brisbane in its glory days mentioning Cloudland, the visit of the Beatles, Rock and Roll George and the rampant destruction of our architectural heritage by Sir Joh. (As an aside, have you noticed that Uni students today seem to have lost the Art of protesting?? While we were marching to Ban the Bomb, end Vietnam and stop errant Rugby tours; getting bloodied by police for our efforts; our youth today seem content to take out their wrath and frustrations complaining about the poor reception on their iPhones or studying accountancy and IT. What miss-spent youth!)

While some of our younger members, (we do have a few), were curious what a dab of Brylcream could do, most of us were well entertained by Jim's talk.

Ian gave thanks and the coffee mug to Jim, who resumed his state of being nonplussed on receiving our honoured gift.

Next was Sergeant Bob Millar. Not one of his most inspiring moments, although for once most people were able to give the correct answers.

Heads and Tails produced the Jack of hearts or Diamonds: no-one involved had their glasses on: and finally General Business. President John requested numbers attending the Combined Services Club Dinner on the 6th April and before I knew it I was left alone with a third of a bottle of Red, which I decided to take home to throw in some Spag Boll this week.

Eric.

Rotary Grace

**O Lord, and giver of all good,
We thank Thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days.**

The Four Way Test

Of things we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better friend-ships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**