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by 9.00pm Monday

Dinner Fee: \$20.00 if it is a normal Dinner Meeting.

Tonight: Club Night followed by a Board Meeting.

Meeting Date:	This Week – 18 October	Next Week – 25 October
Chairperson:	John Teychenne	Shane Chilcott
Registration:	Max Wade	John Castle
Fellowship:	Brendan Walker	Stephen Chalmer
Invocation:	Trevor Watt	Viv Braham
Toast:		
BTB (Partner):	Michael Page	Chris O’Kane
Scribe	Dallas Andrew	Doug Dyer

BIRTHDAYS:
Member’s Birthdays
 Doug Dyer 16 October
 Leo Morrissy 22 October
 Scott Rossetti 31 October
Partner’s Birthdays
 Annette Graham 20 October
 Julie Hollonds 25 October
Rotary Birthdays
 Di Rowarth 16 October
 Bernard Goss 17 October

WHAT’S COMING UP??

DIARY DATES:

20-23 October Go Youth Mount Hotham

26 October Vocation Expo
 Joint venture with EVGT

28/29 October Sale Show
 Parking and Gate Duty

11 November (Thursday) - Joint Clubs Dinner at Maffra
 Visit of Victorian Division of Rotary Recreational Vehicle/Caravan Group. Possibly no club meeting this week

22 November Club AGM

4 December (Sunday) Christmas Party

24-26 February District Conference
 Registration Forms from Secretary Brian

Programme
 Details of the proposed programme for the next couple of months will be provided following the Board Meeting tonight.
 Our Programme Organiser, Past President Jim Pennell, is doing a great job arranging outstanding and interesting speakers and opportunities.
 Thank you Jim.

Rotaractors build bonds between India and Pakistan By M. Kathleen Pratt (*The Rotarian*)

Dharmendra Gangrade's first glimpse of Pakistan was obscured by tears. When the 30-year-old member of the Rotaract Club of Mumbai Borivli East, India, stepped over the border between his native India and its northern neighbor in February, the first thing he did was embrace Hussnain Kazmi, a member of the Rotaract Club of Lahore Garrison, Pakistan. Kazmi and Gangrade had worked together for more than a year to coordinate a rare cultural exchange between their estranged countries. "When I met him at the border, I hugged him," says Gangrade. "I cried, actually."

The border crossing was part of an award-winning Rotaract project called "Pahel: Friendship Beyond Boundaries." The word *pahel* means "good beginning" in Hindi and Urdu, and Gangrade hoped the effort would be the start of some good personal relationships between young people from India and Pakistan.

Political tensions between the two countries date back to their independence from Great Britain and the subsequent partition of the subcontinent nearly 60 years ago, and they run deep. Visas are hard to obtain, and few Indian citizens even attempt to cross into Pakistan. At times during the planning process, Gangrade thought he'd never see the other side of the tightly guarded border. But when he finally did enter Pakistan for a five-day visit, a large group of Rotaractors and Rotarians was there to greet him and a carefully selected group of seven other young people. They sang songs of welcome and released white pigeons into the air as a symbol of peace.

(For further details, and the full story, check the new on the Rotary website)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
 20 members and 5 partners joined with the Assistant District Governor, Rob Noble and Helen, to welcome the District Governor Ray Stewart and Shelley.

HEADS AND TAILS
 Won by Vere Gray.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR RAY GIVES US THE ‘GOOD OIL’

It was a pleasure to welcome Ray and Shelley to our meeting last week for ‘the official visit’.

Before the Dinner Meeting, Ray met with Secretary Brian and me to discuss the plans for the club and its programme for the year. The meeting was both informative and constructive. We seem to be travelling quite well, but there are opportunities for us to extend ourselves a little and accept further challenges. Ray was impressed by the initiatives taken both within the community and overseas, in particular the Vanuatu project and the Skate Park project.

At Dinner Ray commented on the Club’s activities and offered a challenge or two. He mentioned his plans for the District this year and alerted members to various Rotary agencies, several of which he commended to us quite passionately. Ray’s presentation was both interesting and informative. The District Conference will be held in Geelong in February next year and as many as possible are encourage to attend. Speakers of an outstanding calibre and great interest have been booked. Greg Champion will act as MC the whole conference.

It will be a great event to be held in a fabulous venue.
 Hope you all can be participants.