



Bulletin 3rd March, 2025

President Mark Dossor **Secretary** Catriona Jarman **Treasurer** Peter Holland

Next event is at Seymour Bowls Club 'LYS' dinner 11 March.

Duty Rota

If you cannot fulfill your duties please arrange someone else and inform Pres.

Date	10th No Meeting 11th March	17th March	24th March
Guest Speaker	Love You Sister Dinner	St Patrick's Day Wear green	TBC
Chair		Mark Dossor	
Greeter	Jane Challis	Trevor Harmes	
Loyal Toast		Sam M	
Cashier		Jane Challis	

Invocation ALL

*For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to Serve through
Rotary We Give Thanks*

We started tonight with the Invocation followed by the toasts from Bonnie. Bonnie's International Club is the Rotary Club of Kingston, Jamaica. When it was chartered in 1959 it had 30 charter members but another 10 joined before the charter Banquet. Now it has 116 members and is the biggest Rotary Club in Jamaica. Starting with Kingston there are now 22 Clubs throughout Jamaica, all working within the premise of Service Above Self.



Over the years Rotarians in Jamaica have funded projects in Schools, Hospitals and the Community. Up to 86 major projects since 1970.

We had no guests this week and 11 apologies from; Paulette Andrews, Vivian Beaumont, Greg Byers, Bill Dwyer, Cathie and Hugh Lawrence, Mary Green-shields. Liam Jones, Fiona McCarthy, David Palmer and Fred Sartori.

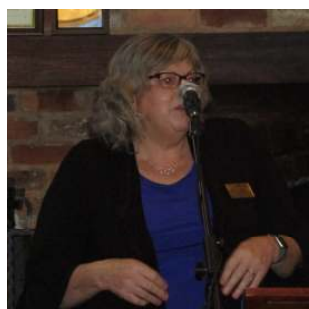
Upcoming Events			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
March	8-10	Shake the Can	John Keefe
	11	Love your Sister	Ruth Byers
	16	Market	Mark Dossor
	19	Golf Event—Alexandra	Alexandra
April	6	Daylight Savings ends	
	11—13	District Conference	Kathy Mills
	Easter	Shake the Can	John Keefe
	20	Market	Mark Dossor
	25	Anzac Day	

President Mark was called up next. Mark said he had always wanted to visit Jamaica to see a Test Cricket match but there may still be time. He wished Fiona - March 2, and Jane - March 8 a very Happy Birthday. Thanked us all for coming and hoped we all enjoyed the warm weather later this week.

Our Chair Gary then asked Directors for any reports.

Sec. no report.

Tres. Peter was happy to declare that the Golf Day has made around \$5000.



Ruth reminded us that the Love Your Sister event was next week and the cutoff for tickets was Tuesday Night, 75 have booked tickets so far. There will be a raffle on the night and prizes include 4 autographed books by Samuel Johnson.

Jane explained how difficult it can be to get articles into the Papers and therefore showing the community who we are can be a challenge.

John came next, and explained that Shake the Can was next week and he had emailed out the roster for the 2 days we are active. He felt our presence was as, if not more, important that how much we get. Someone suggested an EFT machine but John thought it should go to the board first. And used next time if okayed.

Alison told that the Seymour Bowls Club's Charity bowls day was approaching if anyone was interested. Anyone could enter but each team should have 2 reasonable bowls players and 2 non players. The team could win \$1000 for their Charity/Organisation. Anyway please think about it. Date 30 March, 2025.



Behind the Badge talks.



First up Kathy Mills.

Kathy grew up in Glenroy with 2 siblings, her mother, a house keeper and her father, a bus driver for MMTB.

Kathy was educated at both public and private schools before having to leave following her father's heart attack. After working for 12 months she returned to school to finish year 11. By her 18th birthday Kathy was married and training as a nurse but this was not to be as she fell pregnant with Katrina followed by Clifford 2 years later then Heath 2 and a half years later. During this time she found work at the Lancemore Hill Conference Centre becoming full time in 1989. She became headwaitress in charge of the dining rooms and was to become the breadwinner for the family.

During the following years her family moved around before settling in Heathcote where her husband left her and she became a single mother. At work she progressed to receptionist, conference co-ordinator and operations manager, finally becoming General Manager; but after 19 years Kathy decided to leave and pursue other options.

In 2000 Kathy was divorced and later that year met her soul mate in David Mills. Sometime later she moved to Seymour so the boys could walk to school. 2008 saw her move in with David and a few years later completed several Uni degrees.

Kathy spent 12 months working for the Mitchell Shire before joining the Department of Defence and finished her working career at Pucka.

Deciding she wanted to give to the community she became a Rotarian and hopes to give many years of service.

Next up Jane Challis

Christine Jane Challis was born in 1956, into a family of 5 girls, and grew up around Kyneton. She lived on a farm where there was fun as well as hard times; developing a strong sense of responsibility and community and also patience and perseverance.

Jane says she is a daughter, sister, sister-in-law, mother, grandmother, aunt, niece and friend.

Jane always wanted to be a teacher and has found the work very fulfilling, especially with primary aged children. Jane will retire later this year.

Jane is a widow and has 3 children; a girl now married with 2 children of her own, a boy also married and also with 2 children and another girl who lives with her in Tallarook. Hannah is soon to move to Seymour.



Jane has spent the last decade regenerating her property to create a corridor for native fauna. This has involved planting over 6000 assorted trees, controlling weeds and erosion and fencing to manage stock. Jane has been rewarded by seeing a more diverse and natural environment develop.

Jane adores her grandchildren and loves every opportunity to be with them. Jane, also, loves to travel and recently visited London and Malaysia for family weddings. Jane is active and enjoys bike riding, walking and pilates. These keep her energised and connected to community.

In 2016 Jane became a Rotarian and has many opportunities to make friends and for personal growth. Through her many roles Jane has come to appreciate the Rotary does both locally and internationally. Jane is excited to continue to be involved in Rotary and see it grow and thrive over the coming years.

Finally it was Trevor's turn.

Trevor chose to speak about his mother who has recently passed.

His mum was born in 1935. Her father came out to Australia with Lysardt, the steel maker. He fought for Australia in WW2 but did not come home from Burma.

Trevor's mum was a strong person and knew who she wanted to marry, a fellow named Warren. Together they had 5 boys and 1 girl.

It didn't seem to matter where they were but his mum was always active in the community usually in canteen services or auxiliaries. Trevor feels his strength of character comes from his mother.

When he was 14 Trevor left home but his mother always knew where he was. Trevor married Kay and they have 2 children.

Trevor's mum always gave and this is carried on by Trevor in his Rotary service to the community.



Raffle tonight - Chaddie took the Chocs and Tony W the wine. Joker Poker jackpots as Chaddie didn't find the Joker.



We had a short Sergeant's session tonight;

Trevor fined due to the anticipation of his upcoming 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Jane for her '35th' birthday on the 8th.

Ian because he has a new Toyota and

Ann because she needs lessons on how to drive a golf cart without hitting gazebos.

The Sergeant put his chairman's hat back on and told us to please support the next Market as we are manning the gates again for the RCH. Therefore extra hands are required.

If interested on Friday, at the Salvos luncheon, available for \$5 a head, Gary will be playing his guitar with other musicians to entertain the diners.

President Mark let us know he always enjoys Behind the Badge talks and stated that Trevor was a lucky man to have such a caring and loving Mother.

See you all next Tuesday night . Good night.