



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme for the Month:

The Family of Rotary

Meeting – 26 November 2014

Guest Speakers – Farhad Khan and
Geoff Bowland



CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME to our
newest members, Allan and Andrew.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The progressive dinner will take place on 13 December.

The Christmas party on TUESDAY 16 December will be combined with Bombala Rotary and Nimmitabel Lions at Nimmitabel.

Denise, wife of DG Rowley Tompsett, is raising funds to help fight malnutrition in Timor Leste. Mark JN has tickets, \$5 each.

Ned Jeffries is participating in Movember, raising funds for the treatment and research of leukaemia.

Thank you letters have been received from the hospital for the donation towards outdoor furniture for the dialysis unit and also from the Life Cycle bike riders who came through Cooma raising funds for leukaemia research. They sent certificates of appreciation to John King and Tony for their help.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (Richard)

Where there is no vision, the people perish.



THREE MINUTER

Tony spoke about Fort Denison, originally a small penal colony in Sydney Harbour, called Rock Island by Governor Phillip. Later it was known as Pinchgut, a reference to the time when convicts were sentenced to spend time there and barely survived. It was the location of a gibbet and hangings were carried out.



DECEMBER ROSTER

Attendance John Chapman / Darrell

Property Helen / Geoff

Fellowship Claire / Margaret

Markets 21st Dec John K - Co-Ord

Alyson – PA Peter – BBQ

Graham Joe

Brian Les Jim



MEETING STATISTICS:

Attendance – 88.6%

Apologies – Tom, Dave B

Guests –Farhad Khan and Anna Pfeff (club),
Danielle Trigg, Tom Shirvington and John
Bujalski (Mark JN)

Leave - Joe

FUTURE MEETINGS:

3 Dec – AGM (no guests)

10 Dec – Bowls from 5.30pm, buffet
dinner and induction of new members

16 Dec (Tuesday night) – Christmas party
combined with Bombala Rotary and
Nimmitabel Lions at Nimmitabel

NO MEETINGS – 24 and 31

December



DECEMBER DATES:

Birthdays:

Les 4th, Mark JN 9th, John Clarke 10th, Judy (Des) 5th, Jeannette (John Clarke) 8th, Carol (Tony) 21st, Lainie (Richard) 30th

Anniversaries:

Jan and Mark JN 14th, Carol and Tony 20th, Kim and Chris 24th, Alyson and Brian 28th, Marilyn and Darrell 30th

Date joined Rotary:

Richard 7th, Elaine M 16th



GUEST SPEAKER: Farhad Khan

Farhad, pastor of the Cooma Baptist Church, spoke about his concept of taking young people to the Philippines to experience poverty at first hand. He has undertaken these familiarisation trips for a number of years and at present he is involved in raising funds to help rehabilitate the slums of Lorega, on the island of Cebu, an area that has been devastated by earthquake and typhoon. Between one hundred and one million people can live in these slums. In every instance those who have been on the familiarisation trips have come back as changed people.

Interesting statistics: Two thirds of the world's population live in poverty; 80% lives on less than \$10 per month; the top 10% of people in wealthy nations enjoy 90% of the world's wealth.

Farhad draws a distinction between being poor and living in poverty. The people living in slum areas in developing countries live in poverty and do not have the choices we have such as what to eat, what schools to attend, if they are fortunate to attend school, and whether they can get medical attention when they are sick. In Australia we have choices and while we have many people who can be classed as poor, they are not in poverty.

One of the disappointments about fundraising for such projects is that the funds often do not get to where they should go. Farhad stated that any money that he and his church raise for any such project goes directly to where it is needed most. There is clear accountability for such money.

He was looking forward to the weekend when Rotary members were going to help the Baptist Church and the Snowy Mountains Christian School in raising funds by catering at the dog show.



Geoff spoke about the function, to be held on January 21 in Canberra, to raise funds for the orphanage for boys at Phajoding in Bhutan. This project, originally developed by Patrick Kwan, is part of a long range program to raise \$400,000 to build an apartment block that will fund the upkeep of 100 underprivileged boys. There is a planning meeting on 8 December at 9.30am at High Country Motel.

