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For ZOOM, when available, at normal meetings the link is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/703546388>

### IMPORTANT REMINDER


**MAKE SURE YOU APOLOGISE IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING PHYSICAL MEETINGS, OR TO ADVISE DETAILS OF GUESTS FOR NEXT THURSDAY'S MEETING, EMAIL [attendancercf@gmail.com](mailto:attendancercf@gmail.com) BY NOON ON THE MONDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING.**

## The President's Report



### **This week: Club Assembly**

PE David Cross will be conducting his first Club Assembly. Please attend this meeting and have an input into the running and future direction of the Club.

<p><b>Rotary Club of Frankston</b>          President: Suzanne Caldwell          Secretary: Trish Anderson          PO Box 278 Frankston 3199  <a href="http://www.rotaryfrankston.org.au">www.rotaryfrankston.org.au</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofFrankston">https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofFrankston</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Apologies and          guest notifications to David          Cross by noon on Monday          by email to  <a href="mailto:attendancercf@gmail.com">attendancercf@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>The TIDE</b>          Editor: Bob Tanner  <a href="mailto:rwtanner@bigpond.net.au">rwtanner@bigpond.net.au</a>  <a href="mailto:rwtanner@bigpond.net.au">mailto:rwtanner@bigpond.net.au</a> Copy          for the TIDE must be received by 7pm          Monday.</p> <p><b>Meeting Venue: Mt Eliza Bowling Club</b>          90 Canadian Bay Rd, Mt Eliza          Phone (03) 9787 3047</p>
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### **Last week: Membership survey results**

A big thanks to Bill Redfern for summarising the results from the membership survey and to Kay Barrow for her assistance in collating the results.

There were many positive results from the survey with a high level of satisfaction with people's membership of Rotary, meetings and social activities. There are some areas that need to be considered including our allocation of money raised from our activities, community service projects as well and members' involvement in the decision-making processes of the Club.

### **Golf Day: Sunday 23 October:**

Please check the roster and ensure that you are available as scheduled and that you understand your role on the day. Many thanks to all members of the Golf Day Committee for their work over years to get this activity ready to go!

### **Club AGM:**

The Club's AGM will be held on 1 December. A Club Assembly will also be held that night. The timeline for the Nomination process for the President 2024/25 and Treasurer 2023/24 will be put to the next Board meeting for approval on 11 October then published to members.

### **Craft event:**

PP (Hon) Angela Cecil is inviting members and partners to participate in a fortnightly craft group. Please ensure that the flyer, which was emailed to members, is shared with your partners please.

### **District Governor Nominee 2024/25:**

The first DGN for the merged District 9815 (a merger of Districts 9810 and 9820) is Colin Byron from RC Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills. It will be a big job governing 80+ clubs from the Bay across to Gippsland/NSW border.

### **Zone 8 Regionalisation project:**

We were delighted with the result with more than 89% of clubs across the zone expressing a YES vote. This lets us know that there is strong support for a pilot which will enable us to trial, explore, design and evaluate a new regional approach to supporting and governing Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island region.

We are pleased to advise that 20 out of 21 Districts achieved the required threshold of two thirds majority of clubs voting Yes. The club vote was also endorsed by all 21 District Governors in their role as Rotary International Officers.

Whilst one district had more than 50% of clubs vote yes, it did not meet the two thirds threshold.

At this point in time, we will advise the Rotary International Board of the outcome as well as seek guidance on the path forward.

## **End Polio Now Update:**

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones appeared on the main stage at the star-studded Global Citizen Festival on 24 September to highlight Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and announce an additional US\$150 million pledge toward that end.

Jones, who spoke in front of 60,000 people in New York City and tens of thousands more online and on TV, noted the state of emergency that the governor of New York state recently declared to combat a resurgence of polio in the region.

Jones stressed that polio is preventable through vaccines and that wild poliovirus is endemic in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Although female vaccinators are critical to building relationships with mothers and reaching children in these areas, they sometimes can face harassment or even attacks.

In Pakistan, "frontline female health workers put themselves at risk every day," Jones said. "They are committed, even with obstacles, to reaching every last child with polio vaccines." The vaccination program works with the local police and government to ensure the safety of these health workers.

Jones talked about the effect of polio vaccinations in some countries being disrupted by COVID-19. She pointed out that in 2021, about 25 million children went without critical immunizations. "The world has beaten back this disease significantly, but we must redouble efforts," Jones said.

The additional funding Jones announced will go to the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), which said in August that it was seeking new funding commitments for its 2022-26 polio eradication strategy. "We want this to be the start of a massive effort to reach the initiative's US\$4.8 billion funding goal," Jones said.

Rotary members have been at the centre of the worldwide effort to eradicate polio for more than three decades. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and helped found the GPEI in 1988, when there were an estimated 350,000 polio cases across more than 125 countries in one year. Since then, cases have plummeted more than 99.9%, sparing more than 20 million people from paralysis. Rotary has helped immunize nearly 3 billion children against polio, contributed more than US\$2.6 billion to global polio eradication efforts, and helped secure more than US\$10 billion from donor governments.

*"Imagine, a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference." Jennifer Jones, RI President 2022-23*

Let us **Imagine** what will make this Rotary year extraordinary.

***Suzanne Caldwell***  
***President 2022/23***

## FACEBOOK

For those that are not on Facebook or are having trouble viewing our Club page or our Seaford Farmers Market page this is how!

In your Browser address bar type in:

[www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfFrankston](http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfFrankston) or

[www.facebook.com/SeafordFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/SeafordFarmersMarket)

The Club website is [www.rotaryfrankston.org.au](http://www.rotaryfrankston.org.au)

## OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH



## ANNIVERSARIES

**Members: Birthdays:** Nil.

**Partners Birthdays:** Nil.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil.

**Induction Anniversary:** Robin Stewart (8/10), Marie Hardwick (12/10).

## MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Please use the following email address: [attendancercf@gmail.com](mailto:attendancercf@gmail.com) to communicate with David Cross.

### **Rotarians:**

If you are **not** attending a meeting, then you need to make an **apology** for the meeting to **David Cross, on email: [attendancercf@gmail.com](mailto:attendancercf@gmail.com) by noon on Monday prior to the meeting.**

**Members are assumed** to be attending so if you cannot attend, you must apologise. If you do not attend, you will **be invoiced for the cost of the meal.** NOTE: Members currently by noon on Monday too. If you **do not do this**, then your partner or guest **will not have a** registered as not attending, e.g., they are on leave, need do nothing – except let David know when they intend to return./

### **Partners or guests:**

If your partner or a guest is attending, you will need to notify David on [attendancercf@gmail.com](mailto:attendancercf@gmail.com) **meal provided to them.**

## ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Trish Anderson, Kay Barrow, Neil Black, Campbell Bolwell, Graham Bryans, Suzanne Caldwell, Angela Cecil, Peter Cecil, David Cross, Peter Dusting, Norm Farmer, Marie Hardwick, Graham Henderson, Campbell Johns, Keith Kimpton, David Lee, Peter MacKenzie, Lou Monteret, Greg Morgan. Richard Parker, Geoff Pritchard, Luke Provis, Bill Redfern, Ken Rowe, Terry Schneider, Rob Stewart, Bob Tanner, Grant Wishnowsky, John Wright.

**Partners:** Anita Cross, Ann Henderson, Anthea (Monteret), Robin Provis.

**Guests:** Nil.

**Zoom:** Alan Daniel, Wayne and Sue Gillan.

**Apologies:** Chris Crewther, John Crowder, Jenny Cuddihy, Alan Daniel, Nina DeSilva, Ann Enno, Wayne Gillan, Norm Farmer, Grahame Gordon, Gerry Harrison, Brian Ivey, Terry Jones, Max Lane, Quinn McCormack, Audrey Mutton, Shane O'Neill, Geoff Raukawa, Chris Sayers, Bob Seiffert, Lee Anne Smith, Barry Thomas, Chris Van Der Laan, Dennis Viner, Greg Waterland.

## WANTED



Used clean empty 2 litre ice-cream containers with lids.

We need at least twelve in the next two weeks.

Please bring to Rotary, will be used to hold raffle ticket stubs for the Golf Day.

PP Terry Schneider

## CLUB ASSEMBLY – 13 OCTOBER

Board meeting discussion, it was decided that this needs to be raised with all Club members. Under Section 14 of our by-laws, it states:

*“dues for a member joining this Club during any semi-annual period shall be pro-rated for the period of the membership.”* Some years ago the Board agreed for new members not to pay dues for their first year of membership. Do we want to continue this practice, and if so, we need to change. This week will be my first Club Assembly and I'd love to hear what you have to say, so I hope you've all now registered to attend this Thursday's meeting.

There'll be plenty of time to listen to suggestions and comments from the floor, so put your thinking caps on – but to kick off matters, here's a few things I'd particularly like to discuss:

1. Our meeting venue and catering arrangements – all suggestions welcome (note that our caterer Kathy is on holidays this week, enabling us to hold a frank discussion without risk of offending her)
2. Running our bar – we need people who have Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) accreditation (very easy to obtain) to step up and take their turn – Graham Henderson seems to be behind the bar every week, we need to share the workload.
3. Identification of a potential project for next year – there was clearly some interest in this at Bill's Membership survey presentation last week.
4. Art Show – I'll be inviting Neil Black to say a few words about his thoughts and expectations on this event. The funds raised will probably align with the point above.
5. Charging new members – following a recent the relevant by-law.
6. Rotary Youth Exchange – The District 9820 is requesting feedback from Clubs and individuals about this. Does our Club have an appetite to re-engage with this program? Judging from the number of members who have current Working With Children (WWC) cards and Rotary Form 3 requirements (8 and 3 respectively), I suspect not.

Following on, any relevant matters that you would like to raise can be discussed, so please come prepared. If you have an item that you'd like to give prior notice to, please email me the details so I can give it some consideration and research beforehand.

I'm looking forward seeing many of you on Thursday at my first Club Assembly, and partaking in robust but respectful and meaningful discussions. I'd like to acknowledge the extremely helpful information that President Suzanne has provided me with, to help guide me towards a hopefully productive evening.

**PE David Cross**

## **GOLF DAY UPDATE**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**With the Golf Day being less than two weeks away, we still need players. Therefore, please don't give up promoting our Golf Day amongst your family and acquaintances.**

**The Committee will be meeting again this Thursday to fine tune the detailed planning for the day. Unfortunately, I cannot stay for the dinner meeting as I have another commitment at 6.00pm.**

**Nonetheless, I am sure that Ken and President Suzanne will capably brief you regarding the roster and any other key matters.**

**Speaking of Ken, he has done a magnificent job in producing the roster so let's get behind him and the Committee in ensuring that we have adequate coverage for all of the tasks on the day. And please read the material with the roster so that you are familiar with your role and the requirements for the day.**

**As I have mentioned previously, we have secured a record number of sponsors for our Golf Day which makes it imperative for us to stage a highly professional and enjoyable event for players and sponsors alike. I am sure that our wonderful Club will rise to the occasion to achieve this.**

**Bob Seiffert**

# ROTARY-WRANGLERS CHARITY GOLF DAY

Sunday 23rd October 2022

**Rotary**  
Club of Frankston

Frankston Wranglers  
Charity Club

**Clublinks**



**Breaking News**

**Steffan Scutti**

2019 Australian Long Drive Champion

You will have the option for Steffan to drive the ball  
up to 350 metres for you on a Par 5 hole

**4 Ball Open Ambrose Competition**  
at Centenary Park Golf Course, Frankston  
**\$10,000 HOLE IN ONE Prize**

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Longest Drive  
Straightest Drive  
Nearest to the Pin

Entry Fee  
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includes  
BBQ Breakfast  
Catered Lunch &  
A Fun Day for All

Enquiries: email [rotarywranglersgolfday@gmail.com](mailto:rotarywranglersgolfday@gmail.com)

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**GOLF DAY WORKFORCE**  
**SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2022**

We will need all hands on deck for the Golf Day. Some people will be starting at 6.00am.

If you will be unavailable for all or part of the day please let me know ASAP.

Ken Rowe

**SPEAKERS PROGRAMME – A LOOK FORWARD**

Date	Venue	Activity or Speaker	Subject	Chairman
20-Oct	MEBC/D	Peter Shepherd	Banksia Tree Planting project, Seaford	Lee Anne Smith
27-Oct	MEBC	Phil Bernadou	My Aussie Motor Sport	Campbell Bolwell
3-Nov	MEBC/D	Tom Moore	Toastmasters	Graham Bryans
10-Nov	MEBC/D	David Howell	Military History Surprises	Peter Dusting
17 Nov	MEBC/D	Lara Olsen	CEO South East Water	Bob Tanner
24-Nov	MEBC/D	Norm Farmer	Comm Games Life Saving Sport	Peter Cecil
1-Dec	MEBC/D	Various	Club Assembly	PE David Cross
8 Dec	MEBC/D	Terry Jones	V2G Vehicle to Power Grid	Terry Schneider
15-Dec	Ranelagh Club	Christmas Dinner		Wayne Gillan

**WEEKS AND WEEKENDS AWAY 2022/23**

**BENDIGO**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Any queries, please contact me. (Please don't contact Bendigo)

Ken Rowe 0408 109 769

**WANGARATTA 2023**  
**Painters Island Caravan Park**

**Friday 24- Thursday 30 March 2023**

**Phillip Island 2023**

**November 2023**

**Friday 10 November – Tuesday 14 November 2023**

**THE CLUB'S BANK ACCOUNTS EXPLAINED**

The CLUB has Three Bank Accounts:

**GENERAL:** Account No: 147 471 700 – All Club matters,

**SERVICE:** Account No: 147 486 880 – Anything with Donations & Fund Raising.

**SOCIAL:** Account No: 162 387 666 – All Club Social Functions

**ALL have the same:** BSB: 633 000

**GARDEN WALK**

**Sunday 27th Nov. 2022 1pm-4pm**



Your Social Committee are busy organising a “Social Garden Walk.”

We will visit

1. Ken and Sue Rowe's Garden which features a very productive Vegetable Garden.
2. Bill and Bev Redfern's Garden. A large “English” Garden with lots of established trees, hedges and stone walls.
3. Ann and Graham Henderson's Garden. This is a recently established Garden. A delicious Afternoon Tea will be served at approx. 3pm at the Henderson's.

We are all putting in lots of hours of hard work, so please put this date in your calendar for a great Rotary Social Get Together,

Ann Henderson

## Other Activities

DATE	CONTACT/LOCATION	SUBJECT	CHAIR
16 Oct 2022	Seaford	Seaford Farmer's Market	
16 Oct 2022	Frankston	Joy of the Earth Community Garden Open Day	
23 Oct 2022	Centenary Park	Rotary/Wranglers Golf Day	PP Bob Seiffert
28-30 Oct 2022	Canberra	Zone 8 Conference, New Regional Structure	Pres Suzanne Caldwell
4-7 Nov 2022	Bendigo	Weekend Away Ascot Big4 Holiday Park	PP Ken Rowe
20 Nov 2022	Seaford	Seaford Farmers Market	
27 Nov 2022	Mt Eliza	Sunday Garden Walk	Ann Henderson & PP Ken Rowe
4 Dec 2022	Frankston	Bunnings BBQ	Graham Bryans
18 Dec 2022	Seaford	Seaford Farmers Market	
31 Dec 2022	Mt Eliza	New Year's Evening at the Rowes	Ken & Sue Rowe

## MEETING DUTY ROTA – 2022/23

Month	Welcome	Cashier	Clean-up at end of meeting	
<b>September</b>	Marie Hardwick	Lee Anne Smith	Lee Anne Smith	Norm Farmer
<b>October</b>	John Crowder	David Cross	David Cross	Terry Schneider
<b>November</b>	Kay Barrow	Grant Wishnowsky	Grant Wishnowsky	Luke Provis
<b>December</b>	Brian Ivey	Chris Sayers	Chris Sayers	Keith Kimpton

If you are absent from a meeting where you are rostered on, please find a replacement, and inform the President and Secretary.

### **JOY OF THE EARTH COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN DAY**

Joy of the Earth community garden warmly invite members of the community to attend an Open Day. Plant stall and Devonshire tea.  
10.00 am-3.00pm, Sunday 16th October.

## AN IMPORTANT EVENT

**From:** [Rae Mackay](#)

**Sent:** Saturday, 10 September 2022 11:18 AM

**To:** [Suzanne Caldwell](#)

**Subject:** Traralgon Rotary Jazz Night - 22 October 2022

Dear Suzanne Caldwell,

Traralgon Rotary would be delighted if you could promote this event with your club members and friends. It is shaping up to be an excellent evening and funds raised are supporting Gippsland Rotary Centenary House.

Tickets can purchased online through eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/traralgon-jazz-night-tickets-416426732567>

or people can contact Rae Mackay (0407912230) or Gavan Hodgson (0427594455).

\Details of cost, location and timing in the flyer below:



Looking forward to a grand evening.

Kind regards

Rae Mackay

Traralgon Rotary



## **BUNNINGS BBQ ‘**

Next BBQ is on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### **TOOLS FOR FORT GREY**








The club allocated 1000 dollars to be spent on very necessary tools to make life that little bit easier at Fort Grey.

Total Tools was approached and they kindly enlarged the initial order to 1500 dollars' worth and only charged us 378 dollars.

The tools included a special Jack, axle stands ,gauges ,tyre levers and a coil spring clamp all of the very highest quality.

Thanks Total Tools

# LAST WEEK

 <h2>Membership Satisfaction Survey</h2> <p>Rotary Club of Frankston</p> 	<h3>Membership Satisfaction Survey:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of Results</li> <li>• Overview of Member's Feedback</li> <li>• President's Observations - Themes and Issues for further actions</li> <li>• Open Discussion</li> </ul> 
<h3>Membership Satisfaction Survey</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey was undertaken in April/May 2022</li> <li>• All members were invited to complete the survey</li> <li>• 34 responses were received (64% of members)</li> </ul> 	<h3>Overall Satisfaction</h3> <p>Question: Overall, how satisfied are you with your membership in our Rotary club?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 97.8% said either Satisfied or Somewhat satisfied</li> </ul> 
<h3>Club's culture, members and meetings</h3> <p>Question: Considering our club's culture, members and meetings, indicate your agreement with the following statements.</p> <p>Results: Respondents who agree or somewhat agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club meetings are a good use of my time: 97.1%</li> <li>• Club members care about one another: 93.9%</li> <li>• Our club reflects the demographic profile of our area: 53.2%</li> <li>• Amount of fundraising is appropriate: 88.2%</li> </ul> 	<h3>Weekly Meetings</h3> <p>Question: How would you rate the follow aspects of our weekly meetings?</p> <p>Results: Respondents who said either 'excellent' or 'good':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Length: 100%</li> <li>• Socialising: 85.3%</li> <li>• Topics: 87.6%</li> <li>• Location: 62.5% (31.2% said fair or poor)</li> <li>• Time &amp; day: 96.9%</li> <li>• Meals &amp; Refreshments: 65.7% (34.4% said fair or poor)</li> <li>• Speakers: 84.8%</li> </ul> 
<h3>Service Projects</h3> <p>Question: What are your opinions about our service projects?</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of community service projects: 53.6% said 'just right' and 46.4% said 'too few'</li> <li>• Projects are well organised: 93.3% 'just right'</li> <li>• Projects make a difference: 96.2% 'just right'</li> <li>• Projects are meaningful to me: 96.2% 'just right'</li> </ul> 	<h3>Communication and Responsiveness</h3> <p>Question: How would you rate the communication and responsiveness of our club?</p> <p>Results: Respondents who agree or somewhat agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My club does a good job communicating to members: 96.7%</li> <li>• My club does a good job listening to members: 92.6%</li> <li>• My club seeks input &amp; ideas from members: 88.5%</li> <li>• My club regularly acts on members' input &amp; ideas: 84.6%</li> </ul> 
<h3>Value of your membership</h3> <p>Question: Indicate your agreement with the following statements about the value of your membership.</p> <p>Results: Respondents who agree or somewhat agree :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I feel welcome in my club: 97%</li> <li>• I make valuable connections: 83.9%</li> <li>• My experience is worth the money I spend: 97%</li> <li>• My experience is worth the time I give: 90.9%</li> <li>• Through Rotary, I make a difference in my community: 81.8%</li> </ul> 	<h3>Club Engagement</h3> <p>Question: Indicate your agreement with the following statements about club engagement.</p> <p>Results: Respondents who agree or somewhat agree :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I invite friends, family &amp; colleagues to club events: 68.8%</li> <li>• I invite prospective members to join my club: 71.9%</li> <li>• I frequently participate in club activities: 90.9%</li> <li>• I am proud of my club: 100%</li> </ul> 

### Costs

Question: Thinking about the costs associated with club membership, how would you rate the following:  
Results: Respondents who said - 'too low' or 'just right'

- Club dues:                    Too low: 40.6%    Just right: 53.1%
- Cost of meals:              Too low: 9.4%     Just right: 81.3%
- Club fines:                    Too low: 15.6%    Just right: 75.0%

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### Members Comments

**Culture, members, meetings and engagement**

- Tendency to fall into comfort zones and be unwilling to try anything new.
- Needs to improve diversity in demographic profile and recruit more females.
- "Social activities are very inclusive, however some members are hesitant to take on leadership and participating roles."
- My family see Rotary as being for me and not for them.
- The strong relationships I have formed at my Rotary club and the range of social activities are very important aspects of my life.
- "We are getting too old and slow!" Our 'highfliers' are in or near their eighties. Where is the next generation of these people?
- "My pride in Rotary and my Club increase when I participate in other events such as District Conference, training, etc."

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### Members Comments

**Service Projects**

- "This is why I joined Rotary."
- Need to be mindful of balancing club activities according to the availability of members.
- Other fund raising activities need to be added to Seaford market and occasional Bunnings BBQ - golf day may improve this.
- Need to have a clear line of service outcomes flowing from fund raising activities. In "recent years members haven't known what they are working for"
- Need specific & identifiable projects – community based and environmental.
- Fund raising activities should be outlined upfront with advice as to how the funds will be used.

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### Members Comments

**Weekly Meetings**

- "Not everyone has the time to give up 2.5 hours for a meal each week ..."
- Do we need a dinner meeting each week?
- We could meet at 7 pm after an early dinner at home.
- Zoom meetings, and the ability to attend via Zoom, are very important.
- We need to secure an ongoing venue and catering arrangement.
- Important to try to have our meetings in Frankston.
- All members need to be included within friendship groups.

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### President Suzanne: Some Observations

- Getting to know different members at meetings
- Diversity of membership
- Weekly dinner
- Allocation of funds to projects
- Community service projects
- Sharing the workload

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## TIME FOR SOME HUMOUR







### A CLEVER DUCK

A duck walks into a pub and orders a pint of beer and a ham sandwich. The barman looks at him and says, "Hang on! You're a duck." "I see your eyes are working," replies the duck. "And you can talk!" Exclaims the barman.

"I see your ears are working, too," says the duck.

"Now if you don't mind, can I have my beer and my sandwich please?"

"Certainly, sorry about that,"

Says the barman as he pulls the duck's pint.

"It's just we don't get many ducks in this pub. What are you doing around this way?"

"I'm working on the building site across the road," Explains the duck.

"I'm a plasterer."

The flabbergasted barman cannot believe the duck and wants to learn more, but takes the hint when the duck pulls out a newspaper from his bag and proceeds to read it.

So, the duck reads his paper, drinks his beer, eats his sandwich, bids the barman good day and leaves.

The same thing happens for two weeks.

Then one day the circus comes to town.

The ringmaster comes into the pub for a pint and the barman says to him

"You're with the circus, aren't you? Well, I know this duck that could be just brilliant in your circus. He talks, drinks beer, eats sandwiches, reads the newspaper and everything!"

"Sounds marvellous," says the ringmaster, handing over his business card.

"Get him to give me a call."

So the next day when the duck comes into the pub the barman says,

"Hey Mr Duck, I reckon I can line you up with a top job, paying really good money."

"I'm always looking for the next job,"

Says the duck.

"Where is it?"

"At the circus,"

Says the barman.

"The circus?"

Repeats the duck.

"That's right,"

Replies the barman.

"The circus?"

The duck asks again.

"With the big tent?"

"Yeah," the barman replies.

"With all the animals who live in cages, and performers who live in caravans?" says the duck.

"Of course," the barman replies.

"And the tent has canvas sides and a big canvas roof with a hole in the middle?" persists the duck.

"That's right!" says the barman.

The duck shakes his head in amazement, and says ... ..

"What the hell would they want with a plasterer??!"