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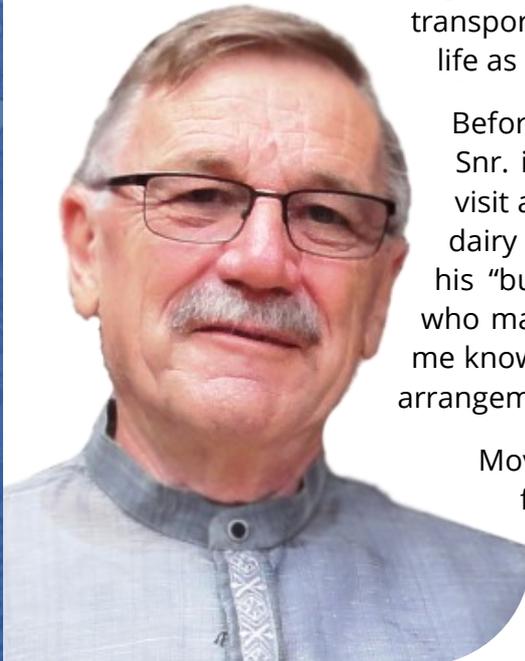
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Rotarians

What a night!! I don't think we could have asked for anything better than to be riveted to our seats listening to Yuot not so much simply retell the epic trek of The Lost Boys of Sudan, that would have been too easy. He set the scene, laid out the background and projected it into current times. In short he took his blank canvas and coloured it with words and all with a sense of humour. His father, Mr. Mecak Alaak, was icing on the cake, we got two guest speakers for the price of one and both were superb. Mr. Alaak Snr. honed his spoken Amharic with Giovanna; he was thrilled to be able to converse with someone in the Ethiopian language and took great delight in telling his son just that. For those of you who were unable to attend last night, I highly recommend buying a copy of the book "Father of the Lost Boys – A Memoir", I think Ian may still have a few copies left. Giovanna is busily reading it and says that she feels as if she is transported back to Ethiopia as Yuot recounts his life as a boy there.



Before I move on; whilst talking to Mr. Alaak Snr. in passing he said he would really like to visit an Australian farm, does not matter if it is dairy or broad acre, I took it to be that it's on his "bucket list". Is there anyone in the Club who may be able to help? If so either let Ian or me know and we can try and make some suitable arrangements.

Moving on, as I had to do last night, which I found quite difficult to put on one side all that had been put before us and get

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back to normal business. Martin - in a fit of inspiration - arranged a virtual follow the Joker but unfortunately, Abby could not read his mind to pick the card he had thought of, meaning we are off and running and once more chasing the Joker.

Next Monday is "Lift the Lid Hat Day" night and no expense has been spared, as in none whatsoever, to award the winner judged to be wearing the most appropriate headdress. Heather does not, if you pardon the pun, have a head start by turning up with her creation on Monday night.

It was great to see Betty, not quite doing the 100-metre after her knee replacement, but obviously her faculties are still 110% as at one stage she was quick to point out the amount of groats it had cost her. (**Groat:** *traditional name of a long-defunct Scottish coin*). Although I am not quite sure if this saved her from the Happy \$ session.

Christmas is fast approaching; frightening isn't it, and a plan is formulating to do something different this year. As Ian says the best part of this year has been turned on its head with Covid-19 so why not continue the trend for Christmas. I'll put some ideas to the Board next Tuesday and let you know the outcome.

Don't forget that next week we are back at The Kardinya Tavern, 6.00 for 6.30 when our guest speaker will be Jo Smith, Artistic Director of Circus WA. Do not forget your hat.

All the best and see you next week

Neil

## Guest Speaker — 12 October JO SMITH, Artistic Director, Circus WA



Her skills lie in design, development and presentation of community arts projects.

She also artistically directs, manages and coordinates festivals. Jo loves working with community and has primarily worked with adults, but have set and presented young adult, teenager and children-focused events and workshops.

CircusWA offers classes for all ages and all abilities from 2+ years to seasoned performers. The exploration, development, and showcasing of skills is fundamental to their programs along with a strong sense for community spirit.

They aim to promote circus skills in the community as a means to cultivate wellbeing and as a form of artistic expression.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## THANK YOU

Thank you, Ian and Jacquie, for the moreish after-dinner treats

## GUESTS, 05 OCTOBER

Yuot Alaak (guest speaker) and Macek Alaak

Alistair and Colleen Pugsley

Ivan and Vanda Bacich

Angela Bromfield

**PARTNERS:** Jenny Calcei, Jacquie Pittaway, Yvonne Rate, Graeme Thygesen



## HAT DAY!

Hat Day, Australian Rotary Health's annual national mental health research fundraising event is coming up on 10<sup>th</sup> October. **Members are encouraged to wear silly/funny or favourite hats to the meeting on Monday, 12 October.**

## Breast Cancer Foundation Fundraiser

Please join us in raising money for the Breast Cancer Foundation

Date: Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Time: 2pm onwards

Place: 34a Doney Street, Alfred Cove.

Cost: \$40 per head

Includes: High Tea, Live Music, Raffle & Silent Auction. BYO Alcohol.

Wear a little splash of pink to show your support!

Please pay before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to confirm your attendance to:

Name: J & PA Sharp

BSB: 736-031 Account No.: 556935

For further info please contact Trish Sharp on 0409 833 955, Jo Barstow 0418 919 625 or

Lesley Walton 0424 133 488

If members would like to make a contribution, please contact John or Trish

Note: as requested, this appeal will run until the event day

## ESCORTED TOURS

Escorted tours for travel in WA in November 2020 are being looked into/ investigated and an email was sent out to members to see if anyone is interested in joining either or both of these departures. Please contact Bev for any further information on these, or to indicate your interest

➤ **Yuot Alaak**, author of *Father of The Lost Boys*, a life-affirming memoir, a touching story of a family's triumph, love and loyalty



Father and son — love and respect is evident here, and it's beautiful

Below, Ian presents tokens of appreciation and members and guests line up for a signed book



Mecak Ajang Alaak and Yuot







# October 2020 (Breast Cancer Awareness Month)

## Rotary Observance: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <b>BIRTHDAY</b> Ron Day <b>ANNIVERSARY</b> Elaine & Mal Bennett
4	5 Dinner Meeting <b>PARTNERS &amp; FRIENDS NIGHT</b> <b>TRADEWINDS HOTEL</b> Speaker: Yuot Alaak, Author, Father of the Lost Boys Speaker Chair: Ian Pittaway Host: Shelley Konig  <b>ANNIVERSARY</b> Donna & Mike van Trier	6	7 <b>BIRTHDAY</b> Robyn Robinson	8	9	10
11	12 Dinner Meeting <b>LIFT THE LID HAT DAY</b> Speaker: Jo Smith Artistic Director, Circus WA Speaker Chair: Gillian Baker Host: George Lewkowski	13 <b>BIRTHDAYS</b> Wendy Castles Jean Smailes	14	15	16	17
18 <b>Trish Sharp's Breast Cancer Foundation Fundraising. Details on p3</b>	19 Dinner Meeting Speaker: TBC Host: Winston Marsh	20	21	22 <b>BIRTHDAYS</b> Greg James Winston Marsh	23	24 <b>WORLD POLIO DAY</b>
25	26 Dinner Meeting Speaker: Philip Payne, Study Perth Rotary Global Citizen Program Speaker Chair: Kerry Parsons Host: Gail McCulloch	27 <b>BIRTHDAY</b> Charles Moffat	28 <b>ANNIVERSARY</b> Giovanna & Neil	29	30	31 <b>HAPPY HALLOWE'EN</b> 



# How together we can make Polio history.

This October we are asking to  
**#walkwithus** for those who can't

REGISTER

We know we now only have two countries still with the Wild Polio Virus, and this year we are also celebrating the life of Past Rotary International President Sir Clem Renouf, who brought 1.2 million people together and made the promise to rid the world of Polio. We would like to set a challenge to all clubs in District 9465 to walk, run or roll 10, 20, or 50km or further throughout the month of October and raise vital funds that will help eradicate and prepare us for a Polio free world. It would be amazing if each Club could set up a team and challenge other clubs in our District.

Refer the link below to set up a team for your club. <https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/how>

The District Leadership team under the guidance of PDG Jodie Sparks has commenced a team and if you do not wish to be part of a team but would like to donate or sponsor the District team then please follow the link below and look for **D9465 Dawdlers**. <https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/fundraiser/d9465dawdlers>

All donations go to the team total. Individuals, clubs and districts will be identified with RI via The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust and recognised for the donations.

Be part of something special: "Walk With Us" this October for those that can't. Be part of the end game strategy and raise funds to help make Polio history, ensuring that no child ever again will be threatened by Polio.

I look forward to your support, and please share this great initiative with your members, family, friends and colleagues .

Thank you for your continued support

Regards

Wayne Milnes  
Foundation Fundraising Chair  
Past District Governor (2019-2020)  
District 9465, Western Australia

# Greek Athlete Carries Disabled Woman Up Mount Olympus—Fulfilling her Lifelong Dream

By [Judy Cole](#)



Greek mythology is filled with tales of heroic strength. Perhaps most famously, Atlas, who singlehandedly held the heavens aloft.

In a singularly uplifting modern-day version of Atlas come to life, one courageous athlete recently climbed Mount Olympus—home to the ancient gods—carrying a disabled comrade to the summit with him piggy-back style.

Long-distance runner Marios Giannakou has a long track record of taking on challenges: He's trekked 168 miles across the Al Marmoum Desert and he also took first place in a frigid 93-mile cross-country race in Antarctica.

Prior to his latest endeavor, he'd already successfully taken in the view from atop Mount Olympus' highest peak 50 times.

When Giannakou met and befriended 22-year-old biology student Eleftheria Tosiou and learned of her dream to experience the summit herself, it seemed only natural that he was more than ready to rise to the occasion.

"For me, all international races, the medals and the distinctions so far, mean little compared to that goal," he told the Greek Reporter.

With Tosiou securely harnessed in a specially modified backpack, Giannakos, along with an eight-member support team, started to the grueling ascent of Olympus's tallest peak, Mount Mytikas.

When they reached 2,400 meters, the party stopped to rest. After making camp for the night, they resumed their climb at 6 a.m. the following morning.

Three hours later, at 9:02 local time — having put in more than 10 hours climbing all told — the triumphant pair reached the 2,918-meter summit.

"There is nothing more real than the dream," an ecstatic Giannakou posted to his Instagram.

It's heartening to know that while we generally think of heroes as the stuff of myth and legend, there are actually some shining examples — like Marios Giannakou — who exist in real life as well.

## HOSTING ROSTER

### SEPTEMBER

- 07 Mick Donnes
- 14 Martin Houchin
- 21 Greg James
- 28 *Public holiday - no meeting*

### OCTOBER

- 05 Shelley Konig
- 12 George Lewkowski
- 19 Winston Marsh
- 26 Gail McCulloch

### NOVEMBER

- 02 Giovanna McKay
- 09 Keith McNaught
- 16 Bev Moffat
- 23 Abby Parsons
- 30 Kerry Parsons

### DECEMBER

- 07 Ian Pittaway
- 14 Rod Rate (**Christmas Meeting**)

## DUTIES OF HOST

- Welcome each Rotarian and Guest to the meeting
- Advise President of arrival of Speaker and special guests
- Issue badges and indicate location of Attendance Officer
- At conclusion of meeting, collect members' badges for the box
- Ensure all guest badges have been collected

### **MOST IMPORTANT**

**If you are unable to be Host on the night allocated, it is your responsibility to provide a replacement**

## GUEST SPEAKER CHAIR DUTIES

### **Guest Speaker Chair shall:**

- Read the Bulletin in advance and then contact Program Officer for CV of speaker
- Arrive at Dinner Meeting venue at least 30 minutes before starting time
- Greet the Speaker at entrance
- Introduce the Speaker to President and at least four Rotarians
- Assist Speaker to setup his/her audio/visual and any other aids
- Show Speaker where to sit down for dinner on President's table and where to speak
- Advise Speaker to speak for 20-30 minutes including questions
- Introduce Speaker by name and topic when requested by Sergeant or President
- Formally introduce Speaker by written CV addressing name, vocation, qualifications, family (if appropriate), interests and lastly topic
- Chair the speaker session allowing one question per Rotarian or Guest
- Terminate session with presentation of gift (from Secretary)
- Escort Speaker to door after meeting

### **Rotarians asking Questions**

Upon recognition by the Speaker Chair, Rotarians:

- should stand and introduce themselves
- may ask one question and refrain from prefacing question with a statement

The Speaker shall be afforded all courtesies of a guest