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Rotary Club of Howrah



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A switched on club working for our community.

Thursday 18th July 2019

Cathy Booth - Umoja Orphanage Kenya –*Partners Night*

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

Cathy Booth's passion for helping to give vulnerable children a second chance at life is inspirational. As a school teacher, mother of four, and grandmother of four, Cathy has always been an advocate for helping children to reach their full potential.

After a short visit to Kenya in 2010, Cathy returned to Australia determined to start her own charity to combat child abandonment and orphaned children.

In 2016, after five long years of fundraising in Australia and creating the required infrastructure in Kenya, her dream of opening a self-sustainable children's village in Ukunda, Kenya was finally a reality. Hear the difficulties of running the Umoja Project in a poverty stricken area of Kenya .

Cathy will speak about how Umoja is so much more than just a children's home. Umoja is a project which also helps the community, and how the support of Rotary and Rotarian Volunteers, has helped her team truly achieve the extraordinary while Cathy has continued to work full time up until the end of June this year in her profession, whilst overseeing the project from Australia.

Cathy returns to Kenya twice a year to take Rotary Volunteers and other ,volunteers to the project.

We hope that you will see how determination persistence, have made this project what it is today. Cathy hopes she can be and passion your inspiration.

FROM CLUB ASSEMBLY



Corporal Graham W started proceedings for the evening

Then he seemed to be given the task of guarding the raffle prizes.

Fines a little down with "winter numbers" in attendance but still OK.

Reg ~ indicated that the Prison requested that funds from the "Vanessa G Project" go to helping build a 'standup paddle board' construction activity by the Prison Workshop. Could become a recurring project as the finished product will be donated to us to sell at Wooden Boat Festival.

Fri Aug 9 Warrane TAFE ~ Creating my Career Day ~ Anyone to help, can be short stints ~ did get a fair response for volunteers

Roger ~ Shared discussion points re the organisation KIVA (see previous RDU to reacquaint your knowledge re this project) ~ It offers *micro loans* to the 3rd world (about \$2000) ~ usually for women to buy a buffalo to till the land or for sewing machines to develop a business in a micro way. It is a "heads-up" program ~ would like to focus on the Pacific region, SE Asia & sub continent ~ Roger excited to see it go ahead, start small and see.

Gayle Club Dues of \$100 now due. Gayle indicated how our raffle and fines contributed \$90 each towards our subs

HERE AND THERE

- ♦ **Raffle:** You wouldn't believe it but Basil won the chocolates and Lindsay took the white wine as second prize.
- ♦ Thanks Robyn for offered to act as Secretary during Glen's absence
- ♦ On the 25th July the Academy is unavailable. A social evening at Lauderdale Tavern is being investigated. Watch this space.

MORE ABOUT KIVA

In case you didn't see the RDU article or haven't checked kiva.org.

It is a non-profit organisation started in San Francisco that raises money by crowd funding for areas underserved by financial services. As mentioned it makes micro loans and has 3.3 million borrowers, has loaned \$1.3B and has a 96.7% repayment rate.

Apparently, when you drink a pint of beer, you shorten your lifespan by 9 minutes.

So according to my calculations, I died sometime in 1644.



Thanks George—
great - as barman
you're taking your
customer's welfare
seriously.

COMING EVENTS

JULY

Thurs. 25th Academy unavailable. Venue TBA

AUGUST

Thurs. 1st Club Assembly and Board Meeting

Thurs. 8th Leo Watkins - Dad's Without Partners

Thurs. 15th Clarence High School - Cambodia/Laos team.

Thurs. 22nd Graham Freeman - NZ PDE report.

Thurs. 29th Gina Porter and Ian - Dept. of Justice

SEPTEMBER

Thurs. 5th Bob Hardy - Galapagos Islands

Thurs. 12th Club Assembly and Board Meeting

Nov 10 Gov House Open Day **Nov 23** Fashion Parade

	DUTY	ROSTER	
Date	Chair	Registration	Duty
JULY 18th	John A	Gloria Robyn	Graham David H
AUG 1	Peter L	Helen Susie	John Basil
AUG 8	Bob	Kumar Roger	Rob

ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

Members who are unable to attend Thursday meetings should **contact**

ROBYN before lunchtime on Tuesdays. Also advise if partners attending or you don't require a meal.

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