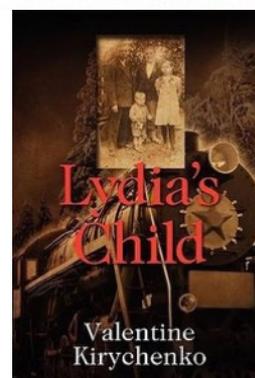


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Tuesday 11th August: Valentine Kirychenko - Lydia's Child - his mother's history

The amazing true story of the struggle and survival of the author's family, caught up in the upheavals of World War I, the Russian revolution, Communist rule, and World War II.



Plus a visit over the internet from past exchange student Matias Tiittonen.

Fines from Sergeant Barry

Suggestions are:

- what you would have spent if you took our exchange students out for a meal or otherwise entertained them
- an amount related to age if you have had a birthday since we last met at the Upper Duck

PP Charlie has already kicked in for his 80th, PP Derek for his 73rd and President Richard for his new grandson, Otis

Contributions can be sent to Bendigo Bank - Mosman Rotary 633000 142267566

**NORMAL MEETINGS SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19
VIRUS - REPLACED BY E-MEETINGS AT 6PM VIA ZOOM**

The Balmoral Wishing Well

When Alstair Bluett, the son of Roger Bluett, a long-standing resident of Mosman, died from melanoma in 1985, Roger obtained permission from Mosman Council to erect a wishing well on Balmoral promenade to serve as a warning of the menace of melanoma. Our club agreed to take on the upkeep of the wishing well, collecting the coins, banking them in the Project Fund and sending an annual donation to the Melanoma Foundation (now the Melanoma Institute).

The Wishing Well was officially opened on 26 October 1986. Since then a number of our stalwarts have undertaken the somewhat messy task of emptying the Well, cleaning the coins and banking them. In 2000 Ken Palmer took over the task. Until his death last year, Ken continued as the custodian of the well, while undertaking his regular morning swim and taking the temperature of the water at Balmoral. The coin collection has now been taken over by PP Mark with PP Barry arranging to bank the proceeds.

Before he died Ken together with Peter Young and Mike Blakeney was very involved in restoring the wishing well and enhancing it with flower beds and seating. Considerable financial assistance was provided by the Bluett Family, Mosman Council and our local State MP, Felicity Wilson. In a typical year the well raises around \$5000.

Below are photos of the original well and its enhanced version. On the bench in front of the well are plaques remembering Ken and Howard Godfrey [Sandy's father]. And a photo of PP Mark at the well showing how much he enjoys collecting all these coins and sundry items.



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Rotary and Toastmasters

There has been a growing relationship over the last year or so with members of both organisations encouraged to visit the other. Liz is a strong supporter of Toastmasters and has sent through an article published recently in Toastmasters International - reproduced in part below:

As a Toastmaster and a Rotarian, I'm now watching the [alliance between the two organizations](#) spark new learning and leadership opportunities for members of both groups. For example, [Rotarians](#) are enthusiastically enrolling in the custom public speaking/leadership development courses Toastmasters created for Rotary members. A mutual benefit for members of each organization would be for Rotarians to practice new speaking skills before a Toastmasters club, and for Toastmasters to hone their skills outside the club setting by speaking at a Rotary meeting. Both organizations work to transform lives, although in different ways. Both have had an impact on my life, starting many years ago.

When I was tapped to serve as president of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, California, I knew I needed to step up my game. I wanted a higher level of skill and self-confidence in order to lead my club and represent Rotary in the community. Coincidentally, my wife had been a Toastmaster for a year, and I had visited her club a few times to watch her speak. She had really begun to blossom. This program could help me!

I initially thought of Toastmasters as merely a "public speaking" class. My original plan was to stay for six months or so, and then depart and focus on Rotary. My, how things can change. In a very short while, I was a dedicated Toastmaster.

These were also momentous times in my Rotary life. Shortly after I joined Toastmasters, a Rotary group I led was approved as the Rotary Means Business (RMB) International Fellowship, which provides a business networking platform within Rotary. Soon, I was responsible for an international organization with members all over the globe. The fellowship brought Rotary full circle, as the organization was originally a business networking group before evolving into a global service organization.

Toastmasters helped me discover that I was best able to step forward when forced outside my comfort zone. Another "big learn"? I love telling stories.

I've also gained insight from club evaluations, especially the quick ones that provided me an array of opinions from many members. I have gleaned many gems from these mini-evals that have helped my growth as a speaker.

I've learned that both organizations can support and benefit one another. The alliance is a way for Toastmasters to expand opportunities, especially within their communities, and for Rotarians to enhance leadership and speaking skills.

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