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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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INVOCATION

For good food, for good fellowship, may the giver of all our blessings make us truly thankful.

ROTARY MONTH: MARCH – WATER & SANITATION

Apologies: please call before 1:00 pm Monday

Dr Themba Bulle on 03 6432 2222 or George Austin on 0438 450 801

Duty Roster: Graeme MUIR & Dilani WIJESORIYA

Club website: <http://www.burnierotary.org.au>

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
MARCH 14	NO meeting (public holiday)	RSL
MARCH 21	Allan Jamieson “Value Proposition”	RSL
MARCH 28	Bel. Lynch – BCC Director Corp & Community Service	RSL
Ideas for speakers? Contact George Austin		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – MARCH 2022

	Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary
5	Dr Dilani WIJESORIYA			16	George Austin
21	Douglas FORREST				
28	John PEASE				
30	Amy BARTLETT				
31	Marie CLARK				

RAFFLE WINNER	Two prizes, <i>both</i> won by Women!
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ATTENDANCE	??
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Sec. George:

- Assistance is required for our two significant money-raising activities this month: (a) **Slime Run** - Sat. 19th March (setting-up chores) and Sun. 20th March (assisting during the run and putting on our usual BBQ) and (b) **Charities Golf Day** at Wynyard GC on Sun. 27th March, from around 9:45 am to 4:00 pm (can be covered by operating in two shifts).

Pres. Themba:

- I thank PDG Ken Moore for gaining support from our District to the tune of \$20,000 for our Plumtree Hospital project.
- I counted twelve women in our audience tonight – most fitting because we are commemorating International Women’s Day this evening (the actual Day is tomorrow, March 8th). We will now have three short talks commemorating famous women.

Roopa Mulik

International Women’s Day (“IWD”) – background: The idea was first suggested in America in 1910 by a German women’s socialist, Clara Zetkin. In 1975, The United Nations defined an official Women’s Day! The official colour is purple.

[There is an unofficial UN Men’s Day on 19 November each year.]

Roopa named her most incredible woman: **Jhansi chi Rani Laxmibal** (b. 1823, d. 1858), sometimes called the *Queen of Jhansi*, was the wife of Maharaja of Jhansi until he died in 1853. In 1857, she became one of the leading figures of the Indian Rebellion against the British Raj – she was educated and intelligent, a very competent horsewoman, swordfighter and martial arts expert. Sir Hugh Rose, who led the British forces into Jhansi state, observed that his army was defeated by ‘one man and that man was a *woman*’. Finally, she was shot in the back by a British soldier. She became a symbol of resistance for Indian nationalists during the next century.

Allan Jamieson

Allan referred to two women; **Wisdom**, the confidant of God who is only mentioned in the 28th book of the Hebrew Old Testament, and **Hildegard of Bingen**, a Benedictine nun who lived 1,000 years ago.

Allan observed that the *Bible* gives the definite impression that God acted alone when creating the world. In fact, the feminine was not merely absent from the developed character of God, but had been *excluded* from it. Mankind – ‘made in His image’ – *still* does not acknowledge **Wisdom**.

Two quotes of **Wisdom** from the 28th book:

“... For he who finds me finds life
And obtains favour from the Lord.
But he who misses me destroys himself;
All who hate me love death.”

“Lazybones, go to the ant;
Study its ways and learn.
Without leaders, officers or rulers,
It lays up its stores during the summer,
Gathers in its food at the harvest.
How long will you lie there, lazybones;
When will you wake from your sleep?
A bit more sleep, a bit more slumber,
A bit more hugging yourself in bed,
And poverty will come calling upon you.”

Allan considers **Hildegard of Bingen** to have been a direct descendant of the Old Testament’s **Wisdom**. In her 81 years, **Hildegard** excelled as a writer, composer of music, philosopher, mystic, visionary, and as a medical writer and practitioner. She is the most recorded composer in modern history and is considered to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany. In 1136AD, **Hildegard** was unanimously elected by her fellow nuns as their Director, however, Abbot Kuno asked her to be Prioress, which would be under *his* authority. **Hildegard** wanted more independence and asked Abbot Kuno to allow her and her nuns to move to Rupertsberg. When the abbot declined, she went over his head and received the approval of the Archbishop.

In one of **Hildegard’s** better-known morality plays, the female *Virtues* – not the male *Patriarchs* or *Prophets* – restore the fallen to the community of the faithful. She also wrote: “... if man had remained in paradise, he would not have had the faults within his body, from which many evils proceed. However, because he consented to evil and relinquished good, he became a likeness of the earth, which produces good and useful herbs, as well as bad and useless ones, and which has

in itself both good and evil moistures ... man now has within himself poison and phlegm and diverse illnesses.”

John Glen

From the 17th to the 20th dynasties of ancient Egypt – approximately 3,500 to 3,100 years ago there were 22 pharaohs; 18 kings and four queens.

John focused on **Hatshepsut** (1507–1458 BC), fifth pharaoh of the 18th Dynasty of Egypt and known as “the first great woman in history of whom we are informed.” Though the first born child of pharaoh of Tuthmos I, her younger *step-brother* would be the next pharaoh; she became the boy’s Regent, but after seven years Hatshepsut became pharaoh instead. Before her accession, Egypt had been involved in many battles and had been weakened financially. **Hatshepsut** changed Egypt’s direction and emphasised *commercial* trade with other nations. She oversaw the preparations and funding for a trade mission during the ninth year of her reign. **Hatshepsut** commissioned hundreds of construction projects throughout Egypt, a reflection of the wealth brought to Egypt as a result of her international policies.

Historians calculate that she ruled 25-28% of the world’s population at that time, her legacy lasted for over 1000 years, she was a fair and just ruler, a reformer and visionary.

Guest Speaker: Brielle Gardam

Brielle was our nominee to attend this year’s National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). Normally, this is held in Canberra and/or Brisbane, however, the presence of Covid virus meant this year was different: Week 1 was effectively a “Zoom”-like gathering and Brielle was sitting at home. In Week 2, she did manage to visit Monash University in Melbourne, which she found to be absolutely *huge* and very hard to explore in any detail.



Some things she experienced: extracting DNA from strawberries, talking with scientists at the very large proton accelerating synchrotron in Switzerland and hearing from scientists in Brisbane about the technical issues involved with design and delivery of a Mars lander onto the surface of that planet.

Despite the enforced change of plan, Brielle found NYSF very rewarding. Prior to NYSF, she had just one idea of what she would do in future, but now she has dozens of possibilities to consider.

Throughout her talk to us, it was very obvious that Brielle is a very capable girl who is unlikely to be fazed by any ‘roadblocks’ or challenges put in front of her in future. Brielle was a most suitable girl for us to have as the Guest Speaker this year when we commemorated International Women’s Day.

Close 8:03 pm