



Denmark River Probus News

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Hello all,

Some studies suggest that as much as 40% of our political values are shaped by our genes.

They say we are predisposed towards one of two groups:

- those excited by and open to new experiences
- those who are more cautious and likely to preserve the status quo

No matter which group you belong to today you will either be rejoicing or disappointed with the outcome of yesterday's election. Also no matter which group you identify with I am sure that you are all thankful that the political circus is over for the next three years.

Cheers Carmel

PRESIDENTS POST

Dear DRP Members

How wonderful has Denmark's weather been this past week or so, just paradise for autumn. We see the year zipping by at a rapid rate and it's the middle of May already.

Sun Lovers are preparing to travel north for the winter, whilst the rest of us are stocking up the woodpile.

The May general meeting of DRP was very well attended, with 49 staying for lunch- an excellent turnout for the Italian fare.

Thank you to those who provided food, well done.

Three new members were inducted at the May meeting, Tracy Barton, Andrew Maitland and - Welcome to our wonderful club. Three more new members are to be inducted in June and this brings our club to capacity for the time being.

Please introduce yourself to the new members, making their new "adventure" start well, enjoying fellowship from the very beginning. Let's not wait for months to pass before we say hello.

I did hear of one particular couple -who are members now and have been for some years- that when they first joined, no-one at meetings engaged them in conversation for nearly a year. It's marvellous that they stuck with us, and are now valued members and love the club. So, it is important to ensure we talk to our 'newbies'.

The Resolution to increase numbers was soundly defeated when a show of hands was called for and the committee respect that view.

The next outing for the club is a visit to the Woodworks Gallery on the 22nd May and should be very interesting. The skill, dedication, ability to create and patience to carve from wood is an outstanding vocation. See you there.

Thought For the Day:

Strangers are just friends waiting to happen.

Best Regards from The President

NEXT MEETING

5th June 2019 10h00 Denmark Country Club

Speaker - Bob Hay - PNG experiences

June Birthdays

15	Carmel Stott	29	Wendy Lind
19	Malcolm Dickie	29	Neville Thorn
23	Fran Pederick	30	Kevin Stone
29	Barrv Barton		Bruce Grieve



Denmark Community Foundation (WA) Inc. was discussed by **Dr Gillian Sellar** this month.

Gillian who has lived in Denmark for more than 40

years started her talk by gauging if anyone in the group was born in Denmark. As no one was born and bred here her next question was - Why we chose to move here? And then what does it mean to live here? Gillian has a very strong community spirit and this showed throughout her talk. Especially at the end when questions were asked about general donating to charity. As she mentioned donating here means the money stays here in the Denmark area and all the staff are volunteers so the funds are not going to large overheads.

The next part of the talk was general information about Community Foundations (CF). Their mission is to strengthen and increase opportunities through purposeful grant making. Interesting there is:

- 1700 World Wide
- 40 Australia Wide
- 3 Western Australia
- 1 Denmark

Australia wide CF's steward \$435Million in Charitable Assets, with over 3000 grants for the 40 groups.

Some of their main goals are: Opportunities for Youth; Promote Health and Wellbeing; Support Seniors. This is achieved through a Tree Analogy. The roots were an initial Donation wisely invested, and then grown through additional donations and bequests, and when appropriate they "shake the tree" and share the money through grants. So far they have donated \$45,000 to School Uniform Voucher Program, and an additional \$75,000 in other grants. These include Radiation Machine Project, Emergency Disaster Fund, Leech-Parrington Biological Art Prize. Other recipients can be found on their website at <https://www.dcfwa.org.au/what-we-do>

Gillian talked about how several people had approached them for assistance in how to get grants and organise their charitable wishes. Gillian also discussed the benefits of donating or bequeathing money to the organisation and the benefits of the foundation including: - Giving Options; Tax Benefits; Money is committed to the Denmark community; Broad Perspective; Investment expertise; Accountability and the choice of Recognition or Anonymity. There are also opportunities for

volunteering, becoming a board member or donating/ bequeathing. Gillian's commitment to the community is very strong and showed throughout her talk.

Happenings



Fran's" Coffee Morning

Come join us at The Teahouse Bookshop

Tuesday 21st May 10.00am



Wine Appreciation Group

Wine tasting **23rd May 2019**

-5:00pm to 7:00pm

Garden Room Community Resource Centre

The theme for the evening will be a blind tasting of whites and reds.

Bring plate of nibbles.

\$3.00 towards hire of room.

\$5.00 for tastings

All Probus members welcome.

Walking Group

May 28th - 09.30

Meet at Helen Johnson's, 162 Ocean Beach Rd

C h e c k : <http://www.denmarkprobus.com/events.html>



Singing

3.45pm 4th June

The Sanctuary



Outings

Wednesday 22nd May - 10.00am

Dean Malcolm's WoodWorks Gallery.

50750 South Coast

followed by:

Lunch at Boston Brewery



KEVIN'S FUNNIES

Potentially, a Government is the most dangerous threat to man's rights; for it holds a legal monopoly on the use of physical force against legally disarmed victims.

Ayn Rand

Just letting you know that the book, "Understanding Women" is now out in paperback



RALPH'S STILL TALKING

H.M.S. BREXIT

Latest news from the UK Minister of the Navy

The Royal Navy is proud to announce its new fleet of Type 45 destroyers. Having initially named the first two ships HMS Daring and HMS Dauntless, the Naming Committee has, after intensive pressure from the European Union in Brussels, renamed them HMS Cautious and HMS Prudence.

The next five ships are to be HMS Empathy, HMS Circumspect, HMS Nervous, HMS Timorous and HMS Apologist.

Costing £850 million each, they comply with the very latest employment, equality, health & safety and human rights laws. The Royal Navy fully expects any future enemy to be jolly decent and to comply with the same high standards of behaviour.

The new user-friendly crew's nest has excellent wheelchair access. Live ammunition has been replaced with paintballs to reduce the risk of anyone getting hurt and to cut down on the number of compensation claims. Stress counsellors and lawyers will be on board, as will a full sympathetic industrial tribunal.

The crew will be 50/50 men and women, and will contain the correct balance of race, gender, sexuality and disability. Sailors will only work a maximum of 37 hours per week as per Brussels Rules on Working Hours, even in wartime. All the vessels are equipped with a maternity ward, a creche and a gay disco.

Tobacco will be banned throughout the ship, but recreational cannabis will be allowed in wardrooms and messes.

The Royal Navy is eager to shed its traditional reputation for "Rum, Sodomy and the Lash" so out has gone the rum ration, replaced by sparkling water. Sodomy remains, now extended to include all ratings under 18. The lash will still be available on request.

Saluting of officers is now considered elitist and has been replaced by "Hello Sailor."

All information on notice boards will be in 37 different languages and Braille.

Crew members will now no longer have to ask permission to grow beards and/or moustaches. This applies equally to female crew.

The MoD is inviting suggestions for a "non-specific" flag because the White Ensign may offend minorities. The Union Jack must never be seen.

The newly re-named HMS Cautious will be commissioned shortly by Captain Hook from the Finsbury Park Mosque who will break a petrol bomb over the hull. She will gently slide into the sea as the Royal Marines Band plays the Village People's "In the Navy." Her first deployment will be to escort boatloads of illegal immigrants to ports on England's south coast.

The Prime Minister said, "Our ships reflect the very latest in modern thinking and they will always be able to comply with any new legislation from Brussels."

His final words were, "Britannia waives the rules."