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your meal.**

## *The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin*

### **Ted's Tips**

Hi all,

The next two weekends will be busy.

The monthly markets this coming weekend with the Blues festival and another market the following long weekend. Keep a copy of the Roster handy and if you can't keep to your times let someone know.

This week's meeting is a Partners night, with 'our Katie' giving her presentation to the Club, its hard to believe Katie has been with us now for some ten weeks and is due to change Host families next weekend. There will be a gap in the Pacey/Deck household after their star boarder leaves.

Again a reminder that the Conference in Sussex Inlet is just weeks away and if you are contemplating the weekend away, bookings for accommodation will be at a premium and as well as for the various functions. Just go to the District website and everything is available from there.

Cheers

Ted

### **Tonight**

**Katie Gfeller – Rotary Youth Exchange Student**

## Duties

TASK	25 September	2 October	9 October
Welcome/Wheel	Tony Fahey	Blues Festival	Angie Ulrichsen
Cashier	Angie Ulrichsen	Set Up	Jeremy Ferguson
Toast / thanks	Jeremy Ferguson		John Messner
4-way test	John Messner		George Barker
3-minute talk	George Barker		Laurelle Pacey
FINES	Laurelle Pacey		Bill Hardie
Introduction	Bob Aston		Lin Morey

## Coming Events

25 September	Katie Gfeller – Rotary Youth Exchange
28 September	Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval
2 October	Blues Festival Set Up
3, 4 & 5 October	Blues Festival
9 October	Phil Armstrong – District Vocational Service Rep
16 October	Club Assembly
23 October	Board Meeting

### International Toast

This week we visit Hong Kong to toast the Rotary Club of Victoria, District 3450. The club was chartered in 1976 and has 19 members. Club members meet at lunchtime on Mondays at the Hotel Conrad.

# Massive India flood strands millions

By Ryan Hyland

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Past RI President Rajendra Saboo visited the Saharsa District of Bihar, India, last week to survey the devastation caused by August's massive floods.

The Kosi River in Bihar, one of India's poorest states, overflowed its banks in August after torrential rainfall from heavy monsoons caused a dam to burst in southern Nepal, setting off the worst flooding in 50 years. Millions of people have been displaced, and hundreds of villages are under water in northeast India.

"These are unprecedented conditions. Bihar presented a deadly picture of devastation," says Saboo, a resident in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. "We saw the human spirit fight for survival."

During a two-day visit to the region, Saboo, accompanied by Past Governor Ranjit Bhatia of District 3080 (India), met Governor Lal Bahadur Singh of District 3250 (India) to tour affected areas and assess Rotary's response so far.

"I'm happy to see how Rotary clubs and districts from all over the country are responding," says Saboo. "Rotarians are doing a good job during the intermediate relief stage. As the rehabilitation stage nears, I believe Rotary has tremendous potential of doing good, as we have in many other natural disasters."

Relief aid trucks have been coming in from districts throughout the country. Districts 3131 and 3140 have already sent trucks full of medicine, food, clothes, and blankets. Two doctors from District 3100 arrived to provide medical care.

Because areas in Bihar are so ravaged by the flood and conditions are still too dangerous to return, nearly half of the 1.2 million people left homeless are in government and relief agency camps.

## Homecoming kits

The Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar plans to send 3,500 *ghar wapasi* -- or *homecoming* -- kits, each of which provides comprehensive shelter relief for a family of four, including two roof tarps, a kerosene stove, cooking supplies, 500 chlorine tablets, toothpaste, a mosquito net, and other consumables.

Rotarian volunteers have arrived in Bihar to help distribute kits and other aid to camp refugees as well as families stranded deep inside swampy villages.

Saboo said the main need for people in the flood zones is basic medical care.

As the water recedes, Saboo fears the crowded and often unsanitary conditions in refugee camps could lead to outbreaks of water- and airborne diseases.

Rotary districts in India also are arranging accommodations for visiting volunteer doctors who are coming to provide preventive care in the refugee camps, he adds.

Under the guidance of RI Director Ashok M. Mahajan, funds collected by Rotary in India will be leveraged with support of the RI community and The Rotary Foundation.

Saboo admits to being moved by the spirit and determination of those affected by the flood. "One thing that hit me hard was the realization and the appreciation of the power and strength of these people."

"Rotary's compassion and action will make the difference for victims," says Saboo. "This is the time when the sincerity of purpose will bring a sense of tremendous satisfaction far more than any recognition or credit."

## Last Week

Last week we had a Board Meeting so the dinner meeting was over in a flash! George Barker won the port again! He was able to send it around the table without spilling any of it – a great feat. Ian won the wine and George's fine session was a heads and tails won by John, I am not sure if it was John Melville or John Messner because I just wrote down John as the winner – next week I will try and take better notes. I can report that John Messner gave a depressing update on the financial scene – it looks like I will be working for at least another 15 years just to make up for the losses of the last few weeks.

## The Funny Side

### **BBQ RULES (Thanks to Jack Wightman and the Rotary Club of North Rocks)**

We are about to enter the BBQ season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity when a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine...

- (1) The woman buys the food.
- (2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.
- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces,  
and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.

(4) The woman remains outside the compulsory three meter exclusion zone where the exuberance of testosterone and other manly bonding activities can take place without the interference of the woman.

Here comes the important part:

- (5) **THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.**

More routine...

- (6) The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery.
- (7) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is looking great. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he flips the meat.

Important again:

- (8) **THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.**

More routine...

- (9) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.

(10) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

(11) Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.

(12) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off." And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women.

### **The Vow of Celebracy (or should that be Celibacy!)**

The Pope dies and, naturally, goes to heaven where he's met by a reception committee of angels. After a whirlwind tour, The Pope is told that he can enjoy any of the myriad recreations available.

He decides that he wants to read all of the ancient original text of the Holy Scriptures, so he spends the next eon or so learning the languages.

After becoming a linguistic master, he sits down in the library and begins to pour over every version of the Bible, working back from the most recent "Easy Reading" to the original handwritten script.

The angel librarian hears a loud scream, and goes running toward its source only to find the Pope huddled in a chair, shaking and crying.

"The R! They left out the R!"

"What do you mean?" the angel librarian asks.

After collecting his wits, the Pope sobs again, "The word was supposed to be CELEBRATE!"

## The Blues Festival Roster 2008

Time	Friday 3 October	Saturday 4 October	Sunday 5 October	Sunday Market	Monday 6 October	
6:00am – 9:00am Market Gate				1 Laurelle Pacey		
				2 Angie Ulrichsen		
				3		
				4		
9:00am – 12noon				1Kris Elphick	1 Ted Bladwell	
					2 Kris Elphick	
					3 Phil Gaffney	
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					5	
12noon Power Check Health Inspection	1 Ted Bladwell					
12noon - 3:00pm				1Kris Elphick		
				2 Therese Aston		2 Pat Reid
				3 Marilyn Gibson		3 Jack Wightman
				4 John Messner		4 Marilyn Gibson
3:00pm - 6:00pm						
				1 Max Reid		1 Bill Hardie
				2 Pat Reid		2 Lillian Hardie
				3 Ted Bladwell		3 Micki Thomlinson
	4 Sam Bladwell	4 Ian Thomlinson				
6:00pm – 9:00pm	1 Bob Aston	1 Bob Aston	1 Laurelle Pacey			
	2 Laurelle Pacey	2 Therese Aston	2 Katie Gfeller			
	3 Ted Bladwell	3 Jenni Aston	3 Scott Ferguson			
	4 Sam Bladwell	4 Clare Aston	4 Evan Langham			
9:00pm – 12:00 midnight	1 Laurelle Pacey	1 Bill Hardie	1 Angie Ulrichsen			
	2 Katie Gfeller	2 Jack Wightman	2 John Melville			
	3 Angie Ulrichsen	3 Jeremy Ferguson	3 Jeremy Ferguson			
	4 Bob Antill	4 Neil Ferguson	4 Neil Ferguson			