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**Apologies to
Phil Gaffney
the Tuesday
before the
meeting on
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you will be
charged for
your meal.**

The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hi all,

The dull day last Sunday week, did little to dampen the lunch at Pub Hill Farm. It was a great opportunity for Club fellowship as well as a great lunch by our hosts Ian & Micki, our thanks to them for allowing us to enjoy their beautiful home.

As mentioned last week, our AGM will be held at the meeting on the 14th December, at which we will be electing the Club officers and Directors for the next Rotary Year. If you have a desire to support our Club in any capacity, don't leave it 'till then to tell the Board. A full program for the next few weeks prior to Christmas, with a visit to the Astons, Carols by candlelight on the 14th December for the van, and our Christmas Party on the 18th.

Our Assistant District Governor Maureen Manning, made mention of the inter club Barefoot Bowls to be held on Saturday 17 January. There is no need for any experience at the game. All you have to do is to roll a large black ball towards a little white ball, easy! It is usually a good fun day and a time to meet with other local Rotarians.

Last weekend, our outbound Exchange Student, Erin, and Katie went to Cooma for a Youth Exchange Briefing with Tony and Sue. Let's hope they didn't have problems with snow on their return trip.

Although not a Partner's night this Thursday, we would welcome all Partners wanting to come to hear our guest speaker Frank Bottomley, his subject will be 'Stop the 4 O'clock Knock' which deals with Road safety among young drivers.

Cheers
Ted

Tonight

Frank Bottomley – Stop the 4 O'clock Knock!

Duties

TASK	27 November	4 December	11 December
Welcome/Wheel	Bill Hardie	No	Paul Smith
Cashier	Paul Smith	Meeting	Bob Antill
Toast / thanks	Bob Antill	In –Lieu	Marilyn Gibson
4-way test	Marilyn Gibson	Of	Chris O'Brien
3-minute talk	Chris O'Brien	Cocktails at	Kris Elphick
FINES	Kris Elphick	Bob & Therese's	John Messner
Introduction	Angie Ulrichsen	On 6 December	John Melville

Coming Events

27 November	Frank Bottomley
30 November	Special Narooma Rotary Market at NATA Oval
4 December	No Meeting
6 December	Cocktails (And Beer) @ Chez Aston's
11 December	Club AGM
14 December	Carols by Candlelight
18 December	Club Christmas Party
28 December	Narooma Rotary Markets
17 January	Barefoot Bowls at Bodalla Bowling Club

Stop Press

Because last weekend's Markets were washed out a Special Christmas Market will be held this Sunday 30 November – More information on Thursday night!

The week that was

Our last meeting was on Sunday 16 November at Pub Hill Farm, although the weather was windy and cold the company was excellent and the food was of the highest standard. It was great to see Kevin and Maureen in attendance along with our hosts at the Whale Matt and Jen. The only news to report was that the Young's won the raffle!



At Pub Hill Farm - Clockwise from top left Jack cooking the sausages, George & Pam, Sam & Kerry and Marilyn bracing against the cold wind.

Cocktails @Chez Aston's



There will be no meeting on 4 December instead there will be a Cocktail (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) Party at Bob and Therese Aston's place on Saturday 6 December. Beer and soft drink will also be available.

The cost will be \$20.00 to cover the cost of the grog and those coming are asked to bring a plate of finger food (we will get in touch with you via email next week to sort out the details).

The Party will get underway at 6.30pm and for those who don't know we live at 8 Tarourga Place Dalmeny.



Doing our bit

Earlier this month, Foundation Chairman Jack, explained why members were receiving receipts from The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust for contributions to the Foundation's PolioPlus fund. Money donated by members with the dinner fee over the past few months was sent before the rate of exchange for USD1.00 went from AUD 1.19 to 1.48. (RI sets the rate month by month). \$641.10 was sent on behalf of contributing members just in time at the end of October to give PolioPlus US\$538.74. Sending it during this month would have reduced the contribution by US\$105.56. Also sent in the club's name was \$80 (US\$67.23) contributed anonymously by members via the Foundation Box passed around at meetings.

The PolioPlus program of Rotary International has the highest priority over all other programs until the certification of eradication is achieved the program includes any activity that directly supports the eradication of polio. These include supporting National Immunization Days (NIDs), tracking the virus through surveillance programs, vaccinating vulnerable children in hard-to-reach places, and informing national governments and other funding sources of the urgency, need and benefits of investing funds to eradicate polio.

Rotarians meet Taliban supporter of Afghan polio immunization drive

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News -- 7 November 2008

On the eve of Afghanistan's 19-21 October National Immunization Days, Stephen Brown, past governor of District 5340 (California, USA), had an extraordinary opportunity to witness the country's drive to end polio in action.

Brown and Fary Moini, a fellow member of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, were in Afghanistan to help develop Rotary humanitarian and educational projects. They were invited by Dr. Ajmal Pardis, chair of the country's National PolioPlus Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, to attend a 15 October meeting of Islamic leaders, or mullahs, in Jalalabad.

The meeting emphasized the importance of the polio eradication initiative and linked immunization against the disease to the duties of parents to protect their children, as explained in the Quran.

"The most interesting speech, to us, was from a powerful Taliban mullah, Imam Abdul Wakil, who talked very passionately about the importance of this effort," Brown reported in his online journal. "He was clearly very well spoken, and everyone was on the edge of their seats listening to him. There were about 40 mullahs present, about 30 elders, about 10 students from the Taliban madras [Islamic] school, and local and national media."

On 18 October, Brown and Moini attended a kickoff event for the NIDs, attended by Nangarhar provincial officials, immunization supervisors, and the media. Brown gave a short speech and administered oral polio vaccine to a child.

Briefing

Pardis also invited Brown to a 20 October briefing on the status of polio eradication in Afghanistan. The briefing, which included two medical officers from the World Health Organization, covered the NIDs underway, aimed at reaching 7.5 million children under age five.

"Approximately 50,000 workers [public health staff and volunteers] are involved. It is a massive undertaking," Brown reported.

According to WHO, a major focus of the country's polio eradication effort is the security-compromised southern region.

"There is no evidence of poliovirus transmission in all areas in Afghanistan that have been safely accessed by polio vaccinators," said Dr. Tahir Mir, a WHO medical officer for the polio eradication initiative, at a September press conference in Kabul. "Only areas that are inaccessible to our teams have reported polio cases."

In addition to participating in NIDs, Brown and Moini have led several Rotary efforts in Afghanistan since 2002, including helping to establish and equip schools and to coordinate Rotary Foundation scholarships and Group Study Exchange teams.

During their October visit, they briefed USAID staff in Afghanistan "about efforts of Rotary that tend not to show up on our government's radar," Brown reported. "I think those attending were surprised at how much we have been able to accomplish primarily through a volunteer network."

International Toast

Tonight we toast the Rotary Club of Grimstad, Norway. The Club was chartered in 1949 and has 60 members. The Club meets on Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The last Thursday of every month (except July) is "Friendship Night". Meetings start at the normal time, and members enjoy some good food and drinks and finish whenever they feel like it ...

Check out their website at:

http://www1.protu.no/grimstad_rk/no/maindesign_no.asp?aid=10885&gid=5354

The Funny Side

21 economic models explained with cows - These have been around in one form or another for awhile. Thanks to Ian for sharing this version

After the recent tethering-on-the-edge-of-total-economic-and-financial-meltdown couple of weeks, it seems economic systems and their workings have pushed their way into the need-to-know-category.

Well, thanks to a friend from rural Ireland we can now simplify this all down to what makes sense and explain 21 economic models with cows. It is remarkable how much sense it all makes from this real world perspective.

SOCIALISM

You have 2 cows.

You give one to your neighbour.

COMMUNISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both and gives you some milk.

FASCISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both and sells you some milk.

NAZISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both and shoots you.

BUREAUCRATISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other, and then throws the milk away...

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM

You have two cows.

You sell one and buy a bull.

Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows.

You sell them and retire on the income.

SURREALISM

You have two giraffes.

The government requires you to take harmonica lessons.

AN AMERICAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows. Later, you hire a consultant to analyse why the cow has dropped dead.

ENRON VENTURE CAPITALISM

You have two cows.

You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows. The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island Company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more. You sell one cow to buy a new president of the United States, leaving you with nine cows. No balance sheet provided with the release. The public then buys your bull.

A FRENCH CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You go on strike, organise a riot, and block the roads, because you want three cows.

A JAPANESE CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk. You then create a clever cow cartoon image called 'Cowkimon' and market it worldwide.

A GERMAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You re-engineer them so they live for 100 years, eat once a month, and milk themselves.

AN ITALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows, but you don't know where they are.

You decide to have lunch.

A RUSSIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You count them and learn you have five cows.

You count them again and learn you have 42 cows.

You count them again and learn you have 2 cows.

You stop counting cows and open another bottle of vodka.

A SWISS CORPORATION

You have 5000 cows. None of them belong to you.

You charge the owners for storing them.

A CHINESE CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You have 300 people milking them.

You claim that you have full employment, and high bovine productivity.

You arrest the newsman who reported the real situation.

AN INDIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You worship them.

A BRITISH CORPORATION

You have two cows.
Both are mad.

AN IRAQI CORPORATION

Everyone thinks you have lots of cows.
You tell them that you have none.
No-one believes you, so they bomb the sh#t out of you and invade your country.
You still have no cows, but at least now you are part of a Democracy...

AN AUSTRALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.
Business seems pretty good.
You close the office and go for a few beers to celebrate.

A NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION

You have two cows.
The one on the left looks very attractive.

