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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Last week we welcomed club guest Maureen Manning who spoke to us passionately about membership recruitment, following on from Bernie's talk a fortnight ago. Although these talks are timely, considering our recent spate of membership losses, I feel it is now time to focus on other things. We have a membership of 15 at the moment and I believe it is quality not quantity that ultimately counts!

We have a number of big events coming up soon. If you haven't already registered for the District conference please do so soon. Last year our club had the best attendance and was awarded the attendance shield. It would be nice to hang on to it for another year. If you can't attend for both days of conference, please try to get there on the Saturday.

Also coming up soon is our Narooma Blues Festival. We will need all hands on deck plus family and friends for the food van. A roster will be going around to members shortly. This is always a fun experience. We have teams of four working in the van at any one time. It is also a good opportunity to hear some fabulous music as you crunch the donut machine!

Tonight we have our dinner meeting followed by a board meeting. Please give any agenda items to Ian or the appropriate Service director for discussion by the board.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones,

Pres. Maz

Last Week

Last week PP Maureen Manning spoke to the Club about membership and the new 'Two Up' program. It was a most interesting and worthwhile discussion. We need to get our thinking caps on and invite prospective members to meetings. We can not grow unless we get out there and as someone along.

Chris Eliphick's three minute talk was on climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge during a storm and John Messner stirred up a storm with his innovative fine session on financial advice and tax avoidance.

I was good to see Marshall Binstock back again after a few weeks off due to illness and it was a pleasure to have ADG Phil Armstrong and his brother Keith as guests – even if they did win the port and wine.

SEPTEMBER IS YOUTH ACTIVITIES MONTH

Program

Tonight: Board Meeting

TASK	14 September	21 September	28 September
Greet /welcome/wheel	George Barker	Marshall Binstock	Bill Hardie
Cashier	Jack Wightman	Kevin Young	William Hardie
Toast / thanks	Neville Gough	Bob Aston	Will Hardie
4-way test	Marilyn Gibson	George Barker	Billy Hardie
3-minute talk	Ted Bladwell ®	Neville Gough	Hardie Bill
FINES	Laurelle Pacey	Bill Hardie	Mr W Hardie
Introduction	Bob Aston	Jack Wightman	William Hardie Esq

If you can't make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Ted Bladwell the day before 4476 4676 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.

Next Week: Takako Echido on Japanese culture.

COMING EVENTS:

24 September ROTARY MARKETS ON NATA OVAL

28 September A surprise!

29 & 30 Blues Festival

September

1 October

5 October

12 October

28-29 October DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT BATEMANS BAY – theme is 'Building on a strong Foundation'

Some Youth Activities

Global Youth Exchange (From Rotary District 9710 website)

Youth Exchange is an official program of Rotary International where around 8000 students exchange annually to around 60 different countries.

In our District (9710) we currently offer exchange opportunities to Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey and USA. This list varies from time to time, so it doesn't hurt to ask if we are exchanging with a country not listed here.

How does the Exchange work?

Rotary Exchange students spend one year living in another country, usually with three or four host families.

The host families are volunteers who will welcome students into their home, supervise student and introduce them to their culture and lifestyle.

In the host country students may learn another language, experience different foods, study different subjects and enjoy a new culture and a new way of living. The exchange offers students the opportunity to learn a great deal about themselves, gain confidence and self-sufficiency, as well as become an ambassador for our country.

Students attend school in the local community, as well as participate in Rotary activities and civic functions. At the same time students make heaps of new friends, visit exciting places and experience adventures that they will have for life.

In short, it is a life changing experience.

How much does it cost?

As a guide, the cost for Youth Exchange from this District is approximately \$6,500.00

This cost includes:

- Airfares and Visas
- Full Health, Accident and Property Insurance
- 2 Briefing weekends (one fully accommodated)
- Uniform (Including Jacket)
- Ozikit (Souvenir & Presentation Material)

The Host Rotary Club overseas will provide:

- Full board
- Pocket money (amounts vary)
- Full school costs
- All School & Rotary functions travel costs.

Not included in the above are:

- Clothing and personal toiletries
- Passport & Extra Travel (e.g Eurotour during holidays with other Students)
- Souvenirs and gifts
- Medications
- Language Tuition

Rotary Foundation – Snippets

District Simplified Grants. The Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grants program allows Rotary clubs to identify, plan and fund worthy projects in their own communities or internationally. All Rotary clubs are eligible to apply for District Designated Funds to help support worthy projects in our own communities. Projects such as Toys for Tots, providing financial assistance for after school programs for at-risk children, or making improvements to a playground, are examples of worthwhile District Simplified Grants.

The more funds we raise for Annual Programs Fund-SHARE, the more funds available for us to do good work here in our own towns and cities.

International Director – Jack

The 11 Annual Great Southern Blues and Rockabilly Festival is on at Bill Smyth Oval on September 29 & 30 and October 1.

We will be operating the food van and need your help. Keep the weekend free and come along and cook a few snags and donuts and dance the night away!

More details soon.

The Rules of Golf – According to Nyngan

Nyngan invented a number of rules to make play more enjoyable and entertaining. Rotarians generally use Nyngan Rules when playing at the Royal Narooma Course on a Sunday afternoon.

Rule 6

Any shot played into the ocean from Hogan's Hole does not count. A player may replay from the tee as many times as necessary to get the ball across the big hole between the tee and green.

Supplementary Rule 6

An unassisted par is when a player scores a par without invoking any Nyngan rules. An unassisted par is a rare event that should be celebrated by cheering and general back slapping.

An Alternative view on History – According to some American students.

The inhabitants of ancient Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and travelled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. On of their children, Cain, once asked, "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark. Jacob was a patriarch who brought up his twelve sons to be patriarchs, but they did not take it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in the Biblical times. Soloman, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

Without the Greeks we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns - Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Stynx until he became intollerable. Achilles appears in The Iliad, by Homer. Homer also wrote The Oddity, in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, the threw the java. The reward to the victor was a coral wreath. The government of Athens was democratic because people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbours were doing. When they fought with the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

Tonight's international toast

E-clubs are Rotary clubs which meet by way of the internet. There are 15 e-clubs listed in the official directory of RI, all but one chartered in 2004 and 2005. The "one" is Rotary E-Club One of District 5450, CO, USA which was chartered in 2002 and has 33 members. Spend some time on the website of one of these clubs and earn a make-up!

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