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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Thanks to everyone who stayed on for the board meeting last week. It did go a little longer than planned but we managed to get through all the items on the agenda plus a few more!

I would like to thank Matt and Jenny at the Whale for the sensational meal last Thursday. I am very appreciative of the way they look after Rotary. We are very fortunate to have such a good meeting venue.

This week Ian left for his overseas holiday and by now he and Micki are probably sipping a fine red and eating a garlicky meal under a vine covered pergola somewhere in France! (Try not to think about it too much!) Ted has kindly agreed to cover Ian's secretarial duties in his absence. Kevin is also away for a short while and Jack has kindly agreed to do the Treasurer's duties in Kevin's absence. Thanks Guys!

Our Blues Festival commitments are fast approaching. Please round up family and friends to help in the van and at the markets. Let Kris know your availability this week please.

Have you registered for conference yet? Tut! Tut! Don't leave it too late to register. We did not have anyone at District Assembly so it would be nice to have some of our members go to conference. (I will ask Bill to round up your excuse notes!) What a fantastic fines session Bill did! Such talent and great humour should be seen more often. Please note program for 28th!

This week I am hoping that my guest Takako Echida will speak to us about her country and her culture.

Pres. Maz

Rotary Foundation – Snippets

Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Rotary Foundation began in 1917, but didn't become a major component of Rotary until founder Paul Harris's death in 1947. Upon Paul's death, more than US\$1 million was contributed in memorial gifts. Shortly thereafter the first program of the Foundation was established - *Fellowship for Advanced Study* - the forerunner to the Ambassadorial Scholarships program.

The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships program is one of the world's largest privately funded international scholarship programs for university studies. Since 1947, approximately 37,000 students from some 110 countries have studied abroad. You may know that former Governor General Sir William Dean was an Ambassadorial Scholar.

International Director – Jack

Program

Tonight: Takako Echido on Japanese culture.

TASK	21 September	28 September	14 September
Greet /welcome/wheel	Marshall Binstock	Bill Hardie	Neville Gough
Cashier	Kevin Young	Kevin Young	Bob Aston
Toast / thanks	Bob Aston	Jack Wightman	Ted Bladwell
4-way test	George Barker	Kris Elphick	Marshall Binstock
3-minute talk	Neville Gough	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien
FINES	Laurelle Pacey	Chris O'Brien	Bob Aston
Introduction	Jack Wightman	George Barker	George Barker

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: A surprise!

COMING EVENTS:

24 September **ROTARY MARKETS ON NATA OVAL**

29 & 30 Blues Festival and Market at NATA Oval

September

1 October

5 October

12 October

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

SEPTEMBER IS YOUTH ACTIVITIES MONTH

The Funny Side

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 7

If a ball lands in a divot or depression it may be placed on a mound or tuff of grass without penalty. This gives the player some chance of actually connecting with the ball.

Supplementary Rule 7

Sand buckets are usually lost somewhere on the first hole.

Married Life

Married life is full of excitement and frustration:

In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens.

In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens.

In the third year, they both speak and the neighbours listen.

It is true that love is blind but marriage is definitely an eye-opener.

Getting married is very much like going to the restaurant with friends. You order what you want, and when you see what the other fellow has, you wish you had ordered that.

It's true that all men are born free and equal, but some of them get married!

There was this man who muttered a few words in the church and found himself married. A year later he muttered something in his sleep and found himself divorced.

A happy marriage is a matter of giving and taking; the husband gives and the wife takes.

Son: How much does it cost to get married, Dad?

Father: I don't know son, I'm still paying for it.

Son: Is it true? Dad, I heard that in ancient China, a man doesn't know his wife until he marries.

Father: That happens everywhere, son, everywhere!

Tonight's international toast

The Rotary Club of Nara, Nara in Japan, District 2650, was chartered in 1952 and has 149 members. Twelve other Rotary clubs have since been established in the city of Nara which has a population of 1,425,000 approximately.

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