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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Last Thursday's meeting was very enjoyable. Great food, great company and a witty fines session from John! Well done everyone! To top the night off our guest speakers Ray Johnson and Junette Harris, from the St. Johns Ambulance Service, gave us food for thought as they spoke about the current plight of their organization and the need for community support to improve their service ability.

Tonight we have a short dinner meeting followed by a board meeting. Please contact Ian or the appropriate Service Director if you have items which you would like placed on the agenda for the board to discuss.

Have a great night. I am looking forward to catching up with everyone.

President - Maz

Rotary Foundation – Snippets

Through a variety of humanitarian grants awarded by The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians around the world have found creative and effective ways to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS and care for its victims. Rotary districts in Columbia and the US have partnered to receive a Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant aimed at implementing an HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention campaign in Columbian high schools around Bogota. Through the use of guided mural exhibitions, over 200,000 students were reached with life-saving messages about HIV/AIDS. Separately, in an effort to meet the needs of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, Rotary clubs in Ethiopia and Spokane Valley Sunrise, USA, obtained a Matching Grant to help provide a used van, clothing, furniture, a computer and office supplies to an orphanage serving AIDS orphans in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Last Week

Marilyn returned to tell us all about her time last week at the Primary Principals' Conference. Lost of good speakers and the venue – The Wentworth made Marilyn feel right at home! Ted did a great job winning the port and sharing it around – unlike the previous week not a drop was spilt. Neville was a worthy winner of the wine. John entertained with a well thought out fine session and our guest speaker Ray Johnson gave a very informative talk on the St John's Ambulance Organisation.

It was great to see Ian back after his wine and food tour of Europe!

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Program

Tonight: Board Meeting

TASK	9 November	16 November	23 November
Greet /welcome/wheel	Bob Aston	Marshall Binstock	Kevin Young
Cashier	Kevin Young	Marshall Binstock	John Messner
Toast / thanks	Lin Morey	Chris O'Brien	George Barker
4-way test	John Messner	Laurelle Pacy	Marshall Binstock
3-minute talk	Marshall Binstock	Kevin Young	Chris O'Brien ®
FINES	Ted Bladwell	Jack Wightman	Jack Wightman
Introduction	Not Needed	Kris Elphick	Laurelle Pacy

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: Scott White - Crime Prevention Officer, Batemans Bay - Youth Initiative 2007

COMING EVENTS:

23 November Thanksgiving Day – Special Roast Turkey Dinner. Carolyn Wightman will thrill us with a recount of a real Thanksgiving Day.

26 November ***Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval***

30 November Club Assembly

A little bit of history on St John Ambulance

In the Nineteenth Century a group of citizens revived the Order of St John in England, drawing their inspiration from the example of the Knights of St John who, in medieval times, offered care and shelter for pilgrims and crusaders. St John Ambulance was subsequently formed to put its humanitarian ideals into practice in the new industrial society, promoting the cause of first aid for the sick and wounded through volunteer effort - a novel concept at the time and a much-needed one. The movement spread to Australia in 1883 and has since developed into the organisation that we know today. The work of the Order of St John is carried out in many countries around the world. St John is a Royal Order of Chivalry with the Queen as its Sovereign Head.

Rotary Foundation honours significant supporters

By Lisa Baker and Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga

Rotary International News

2 November 2006

Four Major Donors were inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society at Rotary International World Headquarters last week. Induction into the society, named after RI's sixth president whose vision inspired the establishment of The Rotary Foundation, is a valued recognition.

Inductees included Lucinda W. and Richard W. Kasperson, Ron D. and Jetta Burton, Edward and M. Patricia Blender, and John Hoich. Their portraits now permanently hang in the Arch C. Klumph Gallery, which honours couples and individual donors whose cumulative gifts to the Foundation total US\$250,000 or more.

RI President Bill Boyd, President-elect Wilf Wilkinson, General Secretary Ed Futa, RI directors, Foundation trustees, and several other Rotary leaders attended the events.

Foundation Trustee Chair Luis Vicente Giay inducted the Kaspersons, both members of the Rotary Club of Northbrook, Illinois, USA, into the society on 25 October.

"Lucinda and Dick lead by example. Although it probably never occurs to them, they have left Rotarian footprints on countless lives," Giay said. "Lucinda and Dick, you have made President Arch Klumph's dream a reality. That's why this is a great day for us and The Rotary Foundation."

“The best part of Rotary is working together to make a difference,” said Lucinda Kasperson.

“It has been fun watching Lu enjoy herself doing Rotary’s work,” said Dick Kasperson. “It has been a great pleasure to make a donation to The Rotary Foundation.”

Trustee Ron and Jetta Burton, of the Rotary clubs of Norman and Norman-Cross Timbers, Oklahoma, USA, were inducted on 26 October, also by Giay. “Ron and Jetta will influence fellow Rotarians by the example they set,” he said. “They have been instrumental in Klumph’s mission.”

The Burtons are aides to Boyd and his wife, Lorna. “They’re prepared to do something to make the world a better place,” said Boyd, “and I’m proud to be in a Rotary that includes Ron and Jetta Burton.”

As he stepped up to the podium, Burton joked, “We tried all kinds of ways to contribute the money, with cash, securities, and anything else you can think of.” In a more serious tone, he added, “We are delighted to do what we have been able to do.”

Boyd commended Eddie Blender, of the Rotary Club of Edwards/Vail Down Valley, Colorado, USA, and his wife, Patti, at their induction on 27 October.

“They are tremendous,” Boyd said. “I don’t know anyone with such bouncing enthusiasm and energy.”

For Past District Governor Eddie Blender, who recently was appointed chair of the Rotary Centres Major Gifts Initiative and has endowed a Rotary World Peace Fellowship, the induction was an opportunity to highlight the urgency of raising \$95 million for the Rotary Centres program.

“This is the one program that will make [peace] happen,” he said. “Two hundred students have already graduated and are out working for Rotary. Peace is possible.”

John Hoich, of the Rotary Club of Omaha-Suburban, Nebraska, USA, was inducted on 28 October. “I love Rotary, I love the people in Rotary, and I love the works we all do,” he said after the event. “My gift to Rotary and my 26 years of perfect attendance have been the greatest accomplishments of my life.”

Fred Doctor

Fred has recently returned from the US – in case you didn’t get his ‘I’m back’ email here it is.

Hello all,

I’m back; exhausted; \$ poorer; two pounds heavier.

Had a hectic 16-day holiday in Honolulu (landed there three times), Las Vegas and Kona (Big Island). Son Mark and daughter Michelle and their sweethearts met me in Las Vegas and spent some time with me; took me out to dinner in a revolving restaurant on the 108th floor of the Strosphere Hotel on my 39th birthday; had to go through security check because the tallest building in the western USA is considered a likely target for terrorists. Spent most of my time in the casinos, but was able to make time to break bread with a couple of Vegas friends. Broke even, so I consider myself lucky, since I played the machines until 0300 hours everyday. Had lunches and dinners with long-time friends in Honolulu, some of whom I haven’t seen in more than 30 years. Took a 12-hour circuitous tour of Hawaii, through the volcanoes, tunnels and falls.

Still suffering from jet lag, but ready to exchange emails again. If any of your emails got bounced while I was away, it was because my Inbox was full.

Regards.

Fred

The Funny Side

Supposedly, these are actual advertisements that have appeared in papers across the country.

- Lost: small apricot poodle. Reward. Neutered. Like one of the family.
- A superb and inexpensive restaurant. Fine food expertly served by waitresses in appetizing forms.
- Dinner Special -- Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00.
- For sale: an antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.
- Four-poster bed, 101 years old. Perfect for antique lover.
- Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home, too.
- Wanted: 50 girls for stripping machine operators in factory.
- Wanted: Unmarried girls to pick fresh fruit and produce at night.
- We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.



Tonight's international toast

This week we visit Odessa, the 4th largest city in Ukraine. It was the site of a workers uprising in 1905 which was supported by the crew of the Russian battleship Potemkin.

The Rotary Club of Odessa was chartered in 1995 and has 16 members. It is in Rotary District 2230 which also covers Belarus and Poland.

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