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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Last Thursday's meeting was once again, very pleasant. Ted did an excellent job with his fines session and John tried hard with the 4 way test! The board meeting that followed dealt with many agenda items and did not finish until quite late. Many thanks to the board members for their commitment and hard work.

Whilst I am thanking people, I would like to say a special thanks to Jack who has taken on the treasurer's job whilst Kevin is on leave. Jack has also managed to juggle the secretary's role as well for a short time in addition to his Rotary Foundation hat and International Service Director's hat. This is an extraordinary commitment from Jack. (I know he was looking forward to a quieter year this year. Many thanks to Carolyn for her patience too!)

Tonight we have as our guest speaker Scott White, from Batemans Bay Police Station, who will talk to us about Youth initiatives in the Eurobodalla. It should be an interesting presentation.

The following week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. This will be a partners' night and also a night for inviting guests. Carolyn Wightman will be entertaining us with anecdotes of her past Thanksgivings experiences and Matt and Jen at the Whale have very kindly agreed to put on a special Thanksgiving meal for us. (They do need to know definite numbers so please let Ted know your attendance numbers.)

Special thanks this week also to Bob for the excellent work he does in putting the Beacon together each week. Bob is a very busy man these days yet he still manages to produce a quality read each week. Well done Bob!

Enjoy tonight and travel home safely!

President - Maz

Last Week

It was a Board Meeting last week so the meeting was all said and done by a little after 8.00pm. Ian filled us in on his recent trip to Europe, Laurelle won the wine and Ted fined us for all the tings we had got wrong – There were quite a few!

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Program

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

TASK	16 November	23 November	30 November
Greet /welcome/wheel	Marshall Binstock	Kevin Young	Laurelle Pacy
Cashier	Marshall Binstock	John Messner	John Messner
Toast / thanks	Chris O'Brien	George Barker	Lin Morey
4-way test	Laurelle Pacy	Marshall Binstock	Chris O'Brien
3-minute talk	Kevin Young	Chris O'Brien ®	Marshall Binstock
FINES	Jack Wightman	Kevin Young	Ian Thomlinson
Introduction	Kris Elphick	Laurelle Pacy	Not Needed

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

COMING EVENTS:

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

30 November Club Assembly

7 December

14 December

21 December

28 December

Let's celebrate our Rotary Foundation (From the RI Website)

A message from Luis Vicente Giay (Trustee Chair Rotary Foundation)

November 2006

Dear Rotary family,

November is Rotary Foundation Month, a time when Rotarians worldwide celebrate their Foundation's achievements of the past 90 years. They pay tribute to the Foundation and offer their personal contributions. It's a time of happiness and joy.

If the Foundation must be measured by the success of its programs, the programs themselves are the best measure of its success. For example, 10 years ago, in 1996-97, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation made a significant decision to help the world become a safer place. As the world became more globally connected, we saw more violence, more tribal conflicts, more difficulties in finding a shared vision of world peace. What could we do about it? The purpose of our programs has always been world understanding and peace, but we wanted to do something with a more practical, tangible effect. Thus began the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Five years ago, on 11 September 2001, I was in New York City and witnessed the attacks on the World Trade Center towers. Like the rest of the world, I was appalled that anyone would do such a terrible thing. It convinced me of how necessary the Rotary Centers program was going to be. A few weeks later, the first class of Rotary World Peace Fellows was chosen.

Since then, we have graduated more than 230 Rotary World Peace Fellows. Thanks to their course of study, these individuals understand the complexity of deep-seated conflicts. They bring comprehensive analytical skills to bear on the most difficult problems. As you read this message, Rotary Centers alumni



are in the field around the world working to prevent and resolve conflicts at the community, national, and international levels. These members of the inaugural 2002-04 class are just a few examples:

Bautista Logioco (Duke University, USA) is a specialist with the Department of Crisis Prevention and Special Missions, Secretariat for Political Affairs, at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C. He has been to Central America many times, where he has helped negotiate border disputes and overseen free elections. He specializes in matters related to Colombia.

Francesca Del Mese (University of Queensland, Australia) is a legal officer with the Office of the Prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague. She possesses extensive experience in war crime tribunals, due in part to the international internships she completed during her fellowship.

Jan Nemecek (Universidad del Salvador, Argentina) is an assistant to a Czech member of the European Parliament, working with the EU's Environment and Public Health and Employment and Social Affairs committees.

The success of these and many other fellows has led the Trustees to convene the first Rotary World Peace Symposium, which will focus on the Rotary Centers for International Studies program. The symposium will be held 14-16 June 2007 in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, just before the RI Convention. It will be a rare and exciting opportunity for you to meet many of our Rotary World Peace Fellows and alumni. The Rotary World Peace Symposium will focus on their accomplishments, their plans, and their strategies for making the world a safer, more peaceful place.

This is Rotary's vision. Through this program, we are creating a cadre of people trained in the practical skills of negotiating peaceful resolutions. This is an entirely new idea, and Rotary is leading the way. I hope you will join me in Salt Lake City for the Rotary World Peace Symposium. I assure you it will be an enlightening experience for everyone as we show Rotarians — and the world — how deeply committed Rotary World Peace Fellows are to Rotary's goal of world understanding and peace. We look forward to seeing you to celebrate our Rotary Foundation at one of the most important events of the Salt Lake City convention.

Sincerely,

Luis Vicente Giay

Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2006-07

A Mathematical Puzzle – The Sponsored Marathon

Instead of asking her sponsors for a fixed sum of money for each kilometre President Maz completed in a marathon, she struck on a clever idea to boost the proceeds for her favourite charity - Rotary. Marilyn persuaded her sponsors that as each kilometre was progressively harder to run she would be happy if they gave her only 1c for the first kilometre, 2c for the second kilometre, 4c for the third kilometre and so on, doubling their sponsorship for each additional kilometre completed.



The argument sounded plausible but when Maz completed the marathon (We won't say how long it took her) and called on her sponsors to pay up they got a nasty shock! Why?

A marathon is 42 kilometres long

The Funny Side

Men are just simply happier people, and here is why...

The garage is all yours.

Wedding plans take care of themselves.

Chocolate is just another snack.

Car Mechanics tell you the truth.

You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.

You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.

Same work, more pay.

Wrinkles add character.

Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

You know stuff about tanks.

A 5 day vacation requires only one suitcase.

You can open all of your own jars.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.

Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.

You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.

Everything on your face stays its original colour.

The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe even decades.

You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life.

Your belly usually hides your big hips.

One wallet and one pair of shoes one colour for all seasons.

You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife.

You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

No wonder men are happier!

Tonight's international toast

We are in Eastern Europe and as foreshadowed last wee, meeting and greeting Rotarians of Minsk, the capital and industrial centre of Belarus gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991 and Minsk gained its first Rotary Club in 1994 – Minsk – which has 43 members and sponsors a Rotaract Club. The Rotary Club of Minsk City chartered in 2004 with 16 members also fosters a Rotaract Club.

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