

The Beacon

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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Last week's guest speaker, Snr. Constable Scott White, spoke to us about some wonderful initiatives that are happening for Aboriginal youth in our area. He and his police colleagues are to be commended for their positive approach and sensitivity in dealing with these issues. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Scott and his team all the very best of luck for their Kokoda trek with the kids next year. I think this is a very courageous undertaking. We look forward to hearing again from Scott after this adventure! Happy Thanksgiving everybody! I am looking forward to hearing Carolyn Wightman tell us of Thanksgivings past.

Many thanks to Matt, Jenny and Staff for their Thanksgiving hospitality!

Enjoy tonight and for tonight only you are allowed to let the turkey have its way!

President – Maz

The Foundation Snippet

This week we report a Matching Grant that saves lives in Jamaica.

Sponsored by the Rotary clubs of St Andrews, Jamaica and Oviedo, Florida, this grant provided life-saving medical equipment to the Bustamante Hospital for Children (the only children's hospital in the English-speaking Caribbean), and the Newborn Special Care unit at the University Hospital of the West Indies, which deals with premature newborn babies and babies with special medical needs. Doctors and nurses were trained to use the new equipment. In addition to providing machinery and equipment, this project refurbished the emergency wing of the Bustamante Hospital. Approximately 500 patients benefit from this project daily. Many lives, namely those of children, will be saved as a result of contributions to the Annual Programs Fund from which the grant was awarded.

From the Board

A few notes from the Board via Secretary Ian

- Donation to St. John Ambulance... \$250
- Donation to RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale) for the great bike ride into Bionic Ear Research \$200
- Donation to YARN Young Aboriginal Rotary Network \$150
- Agreed to support D9710 Drought Appeal. Initial funds coming from Market wishing well
- Bill Hardie will take up the role of counsellor for last year's tertiary scholar Calum Robertson.
- Duck Race will now be held at Easter 2007, instead of on Australia Day.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Program

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

TASK	23 November	30 November	7 December
Greet /welcome/wheel	Kevin Young	Laurelle Pacy	Chris O'Brien
Cashier	John Messner	John Messner	Marshall Binstock
Toast / thanks	George Barker	Lin Morey	Bob Aston
4-way test	Marshall Binstock	Chris O'Brien	Marshall Binstock
3-minute talk	A surprise	Marshall Binstock	Bill Hardie
FINES	Kevin Young	Ian Thomlinson	George Barker
Introduction	Laurelle Pacy	Not Needed	Ian Thomlinson

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: Club Assembly

COMING EVENTS:

26 November *Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval*

7 December

14 December

21 December

28 December

Thanksgiving (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia)

Thanksgiving, or **Thanksgiving Day** is an annual one-day holiday to give thanks (traditionally to God) at the close of the harvest season. In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. In Canada, it is celebrated on the second Monday in October. In the United Kingdom, Thanksgiving is another name for the Harvest festival, held in churches across the country on a relevant Sunday to mark the end of the local harvest, though it is not thought of as a major event (compared to Christmas or Easter) as it is in other parts of the world. This tradition was taken to North America by early settlers, where it became much more important.

In the Northeastern United States, the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving is one of the busiest nights of the year for bars and pubs, as it is the first night back to their hometowns for many college students returning from the semester.

In New York City, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held annually every Thanksgiving Day in Midtown Manhattan. The parade features moving stands (also known as "floats") with specific themes, scenes from Broadway plays, large balloons of cartoon characters and TV personalities, and high school marching bands. The float that traditionally ends the Macy's Parade is the Santa Claus float. This float is a sign that the Christmas season has begun. Thanksgiving parades also occur in many cities such as Plymouth, Houston, Philadelphia (which claims the oldest parade), and Detroit (where it is the only major parade of the year). Within the New York metropolitan area, the city of Stamford, Connecticut holds an alternative parade to the Macy's parade (with different characters on the balloons) the Sunday before Thanksgiving that has attracted over 250,000 people in recent years. Because of the earlier date, Santa Claus parades in Canada do not fall on Thanksgiving; the only major parade on that day in Canada is the Oktoberfest parade in Kitchener-Waterloo.

The American winter holiday season (generally the Christmas shopping season in the U.S.) traditionally begins when Thanksgiving ends, on "Black Friday" (the day after Thanksgiving); this tradition has held forth since at least the 1930s. While the biggest day of shopping of the year in the U.S., as measured by

customer traffic, is still the Friday after Thanksgiving (the biggest by sales volume is either the Saturday before Christmas or December 23), most shops start to stock for and promote the December holidays immediately after Halloween, and sometimes even before. The Friday after Thanksgiving is also known as Buy Nothing Day, where protesters do not purchase anything to protest what they consider to be the wasteful consumption habits of First World countries.

American football is often a major part of Thanksgiving celebrations in the U.S. and likewise Canadian football in Canada. Professional games are traditionally played on Thanksgiving Day in both countries; until recently in the U.S., these were the only games played during the week apart from Sunday or Monday night. In Canada, these are the only games played on a Monday except for the Labour Day classic, and on the Civic Holiday. The Detroit Lions of the American National Football League have hosted a game every Thanksgiving Day since 1934, with the exception of 1939–1944 (due to World War II). The Dallas Cowboys have hosted every Thanksgiving Day since 1966, with the exception of 1975 and 1977 when the then-St. Louis Cardinals hosted. The Kansas City Chiefs hosted games during their days in the American Football League, and will revive that tradition in 2006 when they host the Denver Broncos on Thanksgiving. Additionally, many college and high school football games are played over Thanksgiving weekend, often between regional or historic rivals.

U.S. tradition associates the holiday with a meal held in 1621 by the Wampanoag and the Pilgrims who settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts. This element continues in modern times with the Thanksgiving dinner, often featuring turkey, playing a large role in the celebration of Thanksgiving. Some of the details of the American Thanksgiving story are myths that developed in the 1890s and early 1900s as part of the effort to forge a common national identity in the aftermath of the Civil War and in the melting pot of new immigrants.

In Canada, Thanksgiving is a three-day weekend (although some provinces choose to observe a four day weekend, Friday–Monday). While the actual Thanksgiving holiday is on a Monday, Canadians might eat their Thanksgiving meal on any day of that three day weekend. This often means celebrating a meal with one group of relatives on one day, and another meal with a different group of relatives on another day. Though in English Canada Thanksgiving is often celebrated with family, it is also often a time for weekend getaways for couples to observe the fall leaves, the last weekend at the cottage or involves various outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing and hunting. The holiday is not as significant a family occasion amongst French Canadians, however.

Tonight's international toast

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The Funny Side

ACTUAL WRITING ON HOSPITAL CHARTS

The patient refused autopsy.

The patient has no previous history of suicides.

Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.

Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.

She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.

Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.

On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.

The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.

The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.

Discharge status: Alive, but without my permission.

Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert, but forgetful.

Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.

She is numb from her toes down.

While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.

The skin was moist and dry.

Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.

Patient was alert and unresponsive.

Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.

She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.

I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.

Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.

Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.

The lab test indicated abnormal liver function.

Skin: somewhat pale. but present.

The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.

Large brown stool ambulating in the hall.

Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

When she fainted, her eyes rolled around the room.

The patient was in his usual state of good health until his airplane ran out of gas and crashed.

Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.

She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in separate directions in early December.

Patient was seen in consultation by Dr. Smith, who felt we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.

The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stock broker instead.