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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

I hope you all had a very happy New Year and that 2007 has begun well for you. Last week we had a very pleasant evening at the Whale. Our guest speaker Keely Boom, was inspirational as she spoke about her achievements and her future plans to assist illegitimate children in Vietnam.

This week we will, I'm sure, be inspired once again by some impressive young people. Our 2007 scholarship recipient is Elizabeth Downie. She will join our recent past scholarship recipients as our club guests.

President – Maz

The Holiday Period

Over the holiday period we had two excellent markets. Treasurer Kevin reports the following takings.

Market 24 December 2006		3 January 2007
Gate	\$ 805.00	\$ 820.00
Van	\$ 619.35	\$ 554.10
Wishing Well	\$ 207.90	\$ 207.80
White Elephant Stall	\$ 32.55	\$ 80.50
Total	\$1664.80	\$1662.40

Annual Meeting

Secretary Ian reports that the following positions for 2007/8 were filled at the recent Annual Meeting

President	Laurelle Pacey
Vice. President	Ian Tomlinson
Secretary	Ted Bladwell
Treasurer	Kris Elphick
Club	Marilyn Gibson.
Community	Kevin Young
Vocational	Bob Aston
Youth	Bill Hardie
International	Jack Wightman

We still need a president elect for 2008/9!

Last Week

Last week we had the pleasure to listen to Keely Bloom about her plans, passions and ideas to help orphans in Vietnam – a great talk. It is wonderful to listen to young people with such passion. Bob Aston gave a three minute talk on 'pawning' and the wine was won by one of our younger members.

Program

Tonight: Rotary Scholars Night

TASK	25 January 2007	1 February	8 February
Greet /welcome/wheel	Bill Hardie	Jack Wightman	George Barker
Cashier	Jack Wightman	George Barker	Ted Bladwell
Toast / thanks	George Barker	Ted Bladwell	Marshall Binstock
4-way test	Ted Bladwell	Marshall Binstock	Chris O'Brien
3-minute talk	Marshall Binstock	Chris O'Brien	Laurelle Pacey
FINES	Chris O'Brien	Laurelle Pacey	Bob Aston
Introduction	Laurelle Pacey	Bob Aston	Kris Elphick

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:

COMING EVENTS:

- 28 January **Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**
- 8 February
- 15 February
- 22 February
- 25 February **Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**
- 1 March Summer meeting at the Whale – Keely Boom

A Message from the Editor

The Editor has returned after a well earned holiday!
Just a reminder that the dead line for the Beacon is 3.00pm on the Sunday prior to the meeting.

The Foundation Snippet

The Japanese Rotary club of Omiya City Rotary (as reported in The Rotary-No-Tomo, the English language Rotary magazine) has built schools and provided books in Bang Kong, Cambodia. The Nabari Chuoh Rotary has built a library for children of the Suoi Day Elementary and Junior High School in Vietnam. So many projects like these show Rotarian's dedication to education and literacy.

Rotarians are proud of their long history as sponsors for Educational Programs. Yearly support to the Annual Programs Fund, especially through its **Every Rotarian Every Year** initiative, ensures the tradition of educational excellence is upheld.

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Rotary Pop Quiz

January is Rotary Awareness Month – see if you can answer these questions

1. When was the first RI Convention in Chicago?

- a. 1910
- b. 1911
- c. 1912

2. When did the *The National Rotarian* magazine (precursor to *The Rotarian*) debut?

- a. 1905
- b. 1906
- c. 1911

3. When were the first International Rotary Youth Leadership Awards held?

- a. 2000
- b. 2001
- c. 2005

4. When was the first club outside the United States chartered?

- a. 1907
- b. 1912
- c. 1916

Bonus question:

Where was this club?

The Funny Side

Lawyer at the Pearly Gates

One day, a teacher, a garbage collector and a lawyer wound up together at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter informed them that in order to get into Heaven, they would each have to answer one question. St. Peter addressed the teacher and asked, "What was the name of the ship that crashed into an iceberg? They just made a movie about it." The teacher answered quickly, "That would be the Titanic." St. Peter let him through the gate. St. Peter turned to the garbage man and decided to make the question a little harder, "How many people died on the ship?" Fortunately for him, the trash man had just seen the movie and answered, "About 1,500." "That's right! You may enter." St. Peter then turned to the lawyer. "Name them."

Florist Mistake

On opening his new store, a man received a bouquet of flowers. He became dismayed on reading the enclosed card, that it expressed "Deepest Sympathy". While puzzling over the message, his telephone rang. It was the florist, apologizing for having sent the wrong card. "Oh, it's alright." said the storekeeper. "I'm a businessman and I understand how these things can happen." "But," added the florist, "I accidentally sent your card to a funeral party." "Well, what did it say?" asked the storekeeper. "'Congratulations on your new location'." was the reply.

Tonight's international toast

We leave Denmark via Elsinore and the Rotary Club of Helsingor (1933, 41 members) to visit the Rotary Club of Helsingborg in Sweden. [A short ferry ride from the setting of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, *Prince of Denmark* to the location of Ikea's international headquarters]. The Rotary club of Helsingborg was chartered in 1928 and has 101 members. There are six other Rotary clubs in the municipality with membership ranging from 47 to 82.

Some Photos From the Christmas Party!!!



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