

The Beacon



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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

I can't quite believe that it is February already! I am still just getting over Christmas! Already this Rotary year has been very busy. Many thanks to Jeremy and Laurelle for jumping into the breach when I hurt my back recently. Our Club may be small but we exemplify great teamwork and we can certainly get things done.

Our recent market was a great success and had a lovely atmosphere. Well done to the market manager Chris O'Brien who sometimes has a really thankless task. Well done too to Kris Elphick who has got the catering for the van down to a fine art!



We have had a wonderful youth emphasis in recent weeks. Firstly we had four of our tertiary scholars together for dinner on the one night. This must surely be a first! Then Laurelle had the great pleasure of formally presenting our 2007 scholarship winner, Elizabeth Downie, with her scholarship cheque at the Australia Day ceremony. This was followed by a passionate and endearing presentation last Thursday night by Alissa Van Soest, our National Youth Science Forum participant. It sounds as though she had a truly memorable experience, one which she will treasure forever. Rotary really does impact on people's lives and destinies!

We were also fortunate to have Chris Groves, Chairman of the Australian Sheep Meat Board, speak to us last Thursday evening as well. He was entertaining, informative and a most interesting speaker. Unfortunately time got the better of us and I am sure Chris had lots more he could have spoken about. Hopefully he will come back soon and speak to us again. Thanks to Ted for bringing such an interesting guest to our meeting.

It was also great to see how Chris' talk followed on so beautifully from Alissa's presentation. Both speakers have a passion for science and scientific ethics. Alissa had an opportunity to hear about science in action in the sheep industry.

This week we do not have a formal meeting but we are in for a rare treat with a cocktail party on Saturday night instead. So dig out your glad rags and head for the Aston's house. Looking forward to a great night!

Pres. Maz



FEBRUARY IS ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Program

Tonight: No Meeting on Thursday – Cocktail Party at Bob & Therese's Place.

TASK	8 February	15 February	22 February 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	No Meeting	George Barker	Ted Bladwell
Cashier	Cocktail Party	Ted Bladwell	Marshall Binstock
Toast / thanks	Bob & Therese's	Marshall Binstock	Chris O'Brien
4-way test	6.00pm Saturday	Chris O'Brien	Laurelle Pacy
3-minute talk	10 February	Laurelle Pacey®	Bob Aston
FINES		Bob Aston	Kris Elphick
Introduction		Kris Elphick	John Messner

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: Board Meeting?

COMING EVENTS:

- 8 February No Meeting
- 10 February Cocktail Party. Bob & Therese Aston's place. 6.00pm to 8.30pm. Need to bring finger food. Refreshments provided \$20.00 per head – Bring your friends!
- 15 February Board Meeting
- 22 February
- 25 February **Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**
- 1 March

Last Week

Last week Alissa Van Soest gave us a great insight to her time at NYSF. The experience certainly expanded Alissa's view on life as well as a fun time. We were also fortunate to have with us Chris Groves the National President of the Sheep Meat Council of Australia. Chris filled us in on trade, and the operations of the Council. Jack Wightman won the port (I think) and Bob Aston the wine. Chris O'Brien told us about lights in her three minute talk and Laurelle used the fine session to update us on what the Council proposes for NATA Oval.

The Foundation Snippet

Our Rotary Foundation continues to be effective because it matches money with volunteerism. In the words of Arch C. Klumph, founder of The Rotary Foundation, "Money alone does little good. Individual service is helpless without money. The two together can be a godsend to civilization. Our financial resources and time, energy and talent are vital to the Rotary mission. Every dollar contributed goes to supporting our programs and keeps the engine of our Rotary Foundation running throughout the world.

A Gentle reminder that subs for the second half of the year are now due. Please see Treasurer Kevin or his able lieutenant Jack. Subs are \$100.00.

From the 2007 International Assembly

The 2007-08 theme *Rotary Shares* will act as a daily reminder of what ordinary people can accomplish through the extraordinary work of Rotary, said RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson at the 2007 International Assembly's opening session today.

"What makes Rotary great is our expressing the love in our hearts through the work of our hands and our minds," said Wilkinson. "As Rotarians, we don't just sit back and talk about loving other human beings. As Rotarians, we demonstrate that love, and we share that love, through helping each other."

Almost everything Rotary does involves sharing; Wilkinson told the 532 district governors-elect gathered at the meeting in San Diego. "We share our time, we share our talents, and we share our money with others who need our help."

Furthermore, he said, "In Rotary, sharing doesn't mean giving away what you have to spare, what you don't need for yourself. Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others."

And Rotarians don't need to do this alone. They know that when the need for service in their community can't be met by one club alone, they can call on Rotarians from around the world to help, said Wilkinson. More than a theme, *Rotary Shares* is a call to action. As the incoming governors begin preparing for the year ahead with the training and inspiration they receive at the International Assembly, Wilkinson asked them to focus on sharing their leadership, skills, and dedication to making clubs and districts stronger. Sharing Rotary does more than strengthens Rotary; it ensures that Rotary continues a second century of service. *Rotary Shares* means inviting people to join their local Rotary clubs.

"Rotary will only be able to continue sharing if it continues to grow," said Wilkinson. To help Rotary grow, Wilkinson requested that all of the incoming governors ask their club presidents to bring in one new club member during their year in office.

"Without new members, nothing else matters," he said. Without our youth and new members, "it will only take a few decades for Rotary to disappear, and we've already seen that happen in other service clubs." In addition to the crucial job of welcoming new club members, the president-elect said Rotarians should not forget their past. He asked them to reach out to former club members, including club members' widows and widowers.

Wilkinson reminded the audience that the opportunities they'll have to help may not come their way again.

"This year is your chance to be a district governor, to help your clubs, to guide them, to share your strengths and your love."

In the year ahead, a great deal will be asked of Rotarians, said Wilkinson.

"I ask you all, this year, to share Rotary freely and fully. Work hard, and work with love. And remember that everything you do in service to others is part of the magic of Rotary, the magic that allows ordinary people, like you and me, do absolutely amazing things."

(From RI Website)

The Funny Side

Things Mum Taught Me...

My Mother taught me LOGIC..."If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the shops with me."

My Mother taught me MEDICINE..."If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."

My Mother taught me TO THINK AHEAD..."If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"

My Mother taught me ESP..."Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?"

My Mother taught me TO MEET A CHALLENGE..."What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you...Don't talk back to me!"

My Mother taught me HUMOR..."When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My Mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT..."If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.

My mother taught me about GENETICS..."You are just like your father!"

My mother taught me about my ROOTS..."Do you think you were born in a shed?"

My mother taught me about the WISDOM of AGE..."When you get to be my age, you will understand."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION..."Just wait until your father gets home."

My mother taught me about RECEIVING..."You are going to get it when we get home."

And, my all-time favourite - JUSTICE..."One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like YOU - then you'll see what it's like!"

Jest a Moment

The Victorian Cricket Assoc. has announced it will build a new stand at the MCG to honour retired leg spinner Shane Warne. It is to be known as the "*One Night Stand.*"

(Via Jack Ings and the Rotary Club of Gerringong Sunrise Inc Bulletin)

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