



Marilyn's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Last week we had lots of visitors to the Club giving an extra sparkle to the night. We welcomed Brian from Narooma Real Estate, Pam a guest of Jack's from North Rocks and Gloria, Neil and Joan all guests of Chris O'Brien.

Laurelle presented a draft brochure advertising our wonderful Club. The brochure resulted in a great deal of comment and excitement among the members – well done Laurelle!

We followed up our normal meeting with a sharp and to the point Board meeting.

Tonight we welcome back Kim Bush as our guest speaker.

Don't forget the markets this weekend we need lots of new treasure for the Rotary White Elephant stall.

Have a great week everyone!

Luv,
Pres. Maz

The Foundation Snippet

This is about the recently established Rotary Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies in Bangkok, Thailand.

This Centre at Chulalongkorn University is hosting a three-month certificate program focused on providing working professionals from various industries with the conflict resolution tools they need to foster peace and peaceful conflict resolution in their fields. The requirements for this program are appropriate professional experience and proven commitment to the field. The theories and skills learned can then be used by the participants in real life situations.

All Rotary clubs are invited to nominate applicants. The clubs and Rotary districts are not required to financially support their applicants.

APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

Program

Tonight: Kim Bush

| TASK | 19 April 2007 | 26 April 2007 | 2 May 2007 |
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| Greet /welcome/wheel | Kevin Young | Ian Thomlinson | Cinders |
| Cashier | Ian Thomlinson | Bill Hardie | Trophy |
| Toast / thanks | Bill Hardie | Ted Bladwell | With Moruya Club |
| 4-way test | Ted Bladwell | Phil Gaffney | |
| 3-minute talk | Phil Gaffney | Lin Morey | |
| FINES | Lin Morey | Chris O'Brien | |
| Introduction | Chris O'Brien | George Barker | |

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: Barney Barnbrook

COMING EVENTS:

- 22 April **Rotary Markets – NATA**
- 2 May **Cinders Trophy – Narooma will retain the shield. Combined meeting with Moruya**
- 3 May **No Meeting – Meeting moved to Wednesday night**
- 10 May
- 17 May **Pride of Workmanship Award – Partners Night**
- 24 May **Board Meeting**

Last Week

As the editor was off at the Royal Easter Show (just a giant shop really) there is no report on last week's meeting, however I am sure that it was a great night!

Celebrations

Ian Thomlinson celebrated a birthday yesterday (18 April) and Therese Aston celebrates her 21st birthday tomorrow (20 April).

Tonight's international toast

Tonight we land in France to visit the Rotary Club of Caen, in District 1640. We land in rather quieter circumstances than the British Second Army did near Caen on D-Day, 6th June 1944. Caen was eventually captured on 9th July, helping to open the way for the U.S First Army to break out of the Normand peninsula.

The Club was chartered in 1935 and has 52 members, most of whom would have been born after the liberation of France.

Rotary World Magazine Press titles really shine

April is Magazine Month.

By Bettina Kozlowski
The Rotarian

April 2007

The newest member of the Rotary World Magazine Press, *Rotarianin/Glos Rotary* — or *R/GR*, as it's known — looks and feels as sophisticated as a luxury lifestyle magazine, featuring high-quality glossy paper, an artistic layout, and plenty of photos of Rotarians in action.

Launched in August, the bimonthly Polish-Ukrainian magazine serves RI District 2230, which spans Poland, Belarus, and Ukraine. The district's nearly 2,700 Rotarians speak four languages: Polish, Ukrainian, Belorussian, and Russian.

The attractive design, says publisher Maciej Mazur, "is the first signal to our prospective readers the magazine is worth reading."

The Rotarians and media professionals behind the Rotary World Magazine Press realize the importance of a magazine's commercial appeal for promoting Rotary's message and attracting new members. RI's flagship magazine, *The Rotarian*, as well as Great Britain and Ireland's *Rotary Today* and India's *Rotary News* are only some of the 31 RI magazines to modernise their "look." Their art directors stress attractive layout and high-quality photographs as the cornerstone of a contemporary, quality RI publication.

Last year, a tsunami-related story in *The Rotarian* garnered a prestigious, national award for visual design. Other, smaller Rotary magazines work magic with relatively limited resources.

Many regional magazines have also added new editorial touches: Australia's *Down Under* features a separate lifestyle section called "Rotarian Life," which beckons Rotarian and non-Rotarian readers, as well as advertisers, with luscious photo spreads in columns about travel, local festivals, and gourmet cooking.

Others swear by general interest features, sometimes written by Rotarian subject experts, to lure more readers to read the articles. The French regional magazine, *Le Rotarien*, has Rotarian scientists reviewing the French Revolution, while the German and Austrian magazine once dedicated dozens of pages to composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart to honour the 250th anniversary of his birth.

Magazine editors still value story submissions by local Rotarians but more and more now give centre stage to international Rotary stories on universal Rotary themes, such as the search for new members or the fight against hunger and polio.

And magazine editors now encourage all Rotarians to hone their digital photography skills when documenting their local projects. A picture is worth a thousand words, as the saying goes.

Mazur goes even further in his interpretation of the significance of a high-quality Rotary magazine: "The quality of a regional magazine is a direct reflection of the status of the Rotary districts it represents."

Rotary World Magazine Press

More than half a million Rotarians worldwide are served by one of the 30 Rotary regional magazines. These publications are produced independently by Rotarians. They're distributed in 133 countries, published in 22 languages, and have a combined total circulation of 715,000. Each magazine has a unique, local editorial slant. At the same time, they include required articles and photographs of international Rotary interest that they receive from *The Rotarian*. Eighteen regional magazines also have their own Web sites.

The Funny Side

Home Remedies (Via Fred Doctor)

- A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
- If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.
- Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
- For high blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer.
- Have a bad headache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget about the headache.
- Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of life really are:
 - You only need two tools - WD-40 and Duct Tape.
 - If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
- Remember every one seems normal until you get to know them.

Some new golf laws

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to miff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of the universe.

LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

LAW 8: Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.

LAW 9: Palm trees eat golf balls.

LAW 10: Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain the way it works against you?

LAW 11: Golf carts always run out of juice at the farthest point from the clubhouse.

LAW 12: A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent -- or some similar combination.

LAW 13: All 3-woods are demon-possessed.

LAW 14: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water (See Law three).

LAW 15: A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty.

LAW 16: "Nice lag" can usually be translated to "lousy putt." Similarly, "tough break" can usually be translated "way to miss an easy one, sucker."

LAW 17: The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the one who beats you.

LAW 18: The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

LAW 19: Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

LAW 20: All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset.

Some Trivia

Just to get you prepared for the upcoming Cinders Trophy!

Question 1

Who is Michael Coutts-Trotter?

Question 2

What is the name of Prince William's former girl friend?

Question 3

In netball what does WA on a player's shirt stand for?

Question 4

Who is the deputy leader of the opposition in the NSW Parliament?

Question 5

What is at the centre of the solar system?

Question 6

In which year did an earthquake cause extensive damage to the centre of Newcastle?

Question 7

On which river does Baghdad stand?

Question 8

What is the solution to $5 + 11 \times 4$?

Question 9

What was the name of the band managed by Paul Keating in the 60s?

Question 10

In what year did Robin (Robert) Askin become Premier of NSW?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the Ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. *The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for Service;*
2. *High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying by each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*
3. *The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*
4. *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

The 4-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good.

We thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary ways.

Help us to serve Thee all our days.

The Narooma Rotary Beacon

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