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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who came along to last Thursday night to help make the evening such a great success. Everyone seemed to have a great time and the hospitality of the Whale Motor Inn was outstanding.

Special thanks to AG Phil Armstrong for his time and contribution. Thanks and appreciation to Laurelle for her excellent organisation of the event.

It was good to see Neville on Thursday night. He looked well having recovered from his health scare earlier in the month.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Laurelle at the moment as she has had another family tragedy; her niece has been badly injured in a car accident. Let us hope that she is able to make a speedy recovery.

Take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Luv,
Pres. Maz

From the Foundation Chairman

A few weeks ago each member was asked to make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation (President Marilyn's letter of 30th March refers). The response to date suggests to me that members (with one or two exceptions) are not interested in helping the Foundation to fund its programs. I hope that this is not the case.

The Foundation's humanitarian programs are instrumental in raising living standards in under-developed countries, and its educational programs give young people in our own Rotary district opportunities for professional and cultural enhancement. Surely these deserve better support than small change dropped into the Foundation box at our regular meetings.

There is some urgency about needing to get contributions into the system before the end of the Rotary year, and you can get a big US\$ bang for your buck at the present conversion rate of 1.20. Donations to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust are tax-deductible and individual donors are recognised by the Foundation as well. Let's all show that we are ready, willing and able supporters of the Foundation.

MAY IS PLANNING MONTH

Program

Tonight: Board Meeting

TASK	24 May 2007	31 May 2007	7 June 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	Ted Bladwell	Phil Gaffney	Lin Morey
Cashier	Phil Gaffney	Lin Morey	Chris O'Brien
Toast / thanks	Lin Morey	Chris O'Brien	George Barker
4-way test	Chris O'Brien	George Barker	Bob Aston
3-minute talk	George Barker	Bob Aston	
FINES	Bob Aston	John Messner	
Introduction	John Messner	Tony Fahey	Lin Morey

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.

COMING EVENTS: Next Week A Surprise

27 May **Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**

7 June **David Ashford – Rotary Club of Batemans Bay – Walking the Kokoda Track**

14 June

21 June

24 June **Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**

28 June **Changeover – Partners Night**

Last Week -What a great Pride of Workmanship Awards night!



We had eight local businesses recognise the contributions of key employees at our Pride of Workmanship Awards at The Whale on Thursday night.

It was a great night, superb food and I think greatly appreciated by all who were there, especially those receiving awards.

Rotary Assistant District Governor Phil Armstrong presented the awards.

"Rotary's Pride of Workmanship Awards allows an employer to publicly recognise the efforts of one of their employees," Phil said.

"It also reinforces to that community the importance of local businesses and the quality goods and services available locally."

Phil told everyone we all understand the importance of quality workmanship in local businesses and the pride that should be associated with that quality.

"Often an employer recognises an employee's contribution in some way, and while very important, this recognition may remain private," he said

"These awards acknowledge their contribution to the wider community."

Those receiving the awards were:

- Stacey Mahoney of Heads Together
- Amy-Lee Hill of IGA Dalmeny
- Debbie MacDougall of IRT Dalmeny
- Jan Boxsell of the Lighthouse Surgery
- Peter Duryea of Lynch's Hotel
- Dot Misko of Narooma High School
- Donna Keegan of Narooma Jewellery and Gifts
- Kristen Stuart and Megan Heaslip of Narooma Pre-School.

Thanks everyone for helping make it such a great night, especially Bill for doing the certificates and Marilyn for her support.

It was also the first official outing for our new pamphlet. Hopefully a few guests picked up a copy. Thanks Marilyn for the printing.

Laurelle Pacey
Vocational Service Director

From the International Service Director

The District Chairman, Rotary Friendship Exchange, advises that his counterpart in District 2400 in Turkey is interested in the possibility of an exchange between our two districts during 2007-08. This sounds like a good opportunity to visit Gallipoli around Anzac Day in 2008 and to enjoy some Turkish Rotary hospitality.

Any member and/or partner interested in joining a Friendship Exchange team to Turkey in 2007-08 should contact D9710 RFE Chairman Gerry McNamara by email before 30th June - gerrymcn@bigpond.net.au, and may discover something about Rotary in Turkey at the website <http://www.istanbulrotary.org/page.asp?pageID=983#>.

NYSF – 08

It is NYSF time again. Students wishing to apply for NYSF – 08 must apply on line at <http://www.nysf.edu.au/> and through their local Rotary Club. Applications close on 31 May 2007. Let's hope we get some applications. District interviews will be held in late July. NYSF – 08 will be held in Canberra during the January school holidays. Below is some information from NYSF District Chair – Bruce McFarland

Hi, Rotarian Bruce McFarland here and I'm the Chair of your NYSF Rotary District Committee. It is *our* task, with the help of the District Governor, the committee, and all 47 Clubs of District 9710 to identify 11 of the best science students in year 11 from right here in our District.

These students will then be sent to Canberra next January where they will be part of a group of 282 such students whom we believe to be the best science students in Australia and hence major players in Australia's future.

This is one of the biggest Rotary projects within Australia and certainly deserves the attention of all of us. Naturally District 9710 needs your help in identifying these people and I would like your Club to put forward applications from at least two students by June 30th next so that the selection committee can choose the best students from the District.

Your Club need not pay any money at all. The important thing is that we identify these students from wherever they come in the District. If one of your nominated students is selected then your Board may decide to support the student in some way financially. (This will be your new Board, because selections are not made until August). In the unlikely event that more than one of your nominees are chosen it is suggested that these students are "fostered" to a Club who had no successful nominee so that each student can have the sole support of a Rotary Club behind them. Since the quota for the District is around one quarter of the number of Clubs in the District, each Club has roughly a 25% chance of getting a nominee accepted if all clubs in the District take part.

The Funny Side

Some bumper stickers seen in the USA

- *Your kid may be an honours student, but you're still an idiot.
- * Learn from your parents' mistakes - use birth control.
- * We have enough youth, how about a fountain of Smart?
- * He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- * Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.
- * It IS as bad as you think, and they ARE out to get you.
- * Auntie Em, Hate you, hate Kansas, taking the dog. Dorothy.
- * I get enough exercise just pushing my luck.
- * All men are idiots, and I married their King.
- * Women who seek to be equal to men lack ambition.
- * Reality is a crutch for people who can't handle drugs.
- * Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- * OK, who stopped payment on my reality check?
- * Few women admit their age; fewer men act it.
- * I don't suffer from insanity, I enjoy every minute of it.
- * Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off NOW.
- * Time is the best teacher; unfortunately it kills all of its students.
- * Some people are only alive because it is illegal to kill.
- * Pride is what we have. Vanity is what others have.
- * A bartender is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory.
- * Warning: Dates in Calendar are closer than they appear.
- * Give me ambiguity or give me something else.
- * We are born naked, wet, and hungry. Then things got worse.
- * Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.
- * Very funny Scotty, now beam down my clothes.
- * Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- * Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.
- * There are 3 kinds of people: those who can count & those who can't.
- * Why is 'abbreviation' such a long word?

I have just found the recipe for my grandmother's Chocolate Rum Cake – Here it is!

Ingredients:

1 or 2 quarts Rum 1 Tbsp Soda
1 Cup Butter 1/2 Cup Cocoa
1 Tbsp Sugar Lemon Juice
2 Large Eggs Brown Sugar
1 Cup Dried Fruit Nuts
Baking Powder

Before you start, sample the rum to check for quality. Good, isn't it? Now go ahead. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the rum again. It must be just right. To be sure rum is of the highest quality, pour 1 level cup of rum into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat. With electric mixer, beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. And 1 seaspoon of thugar and beat again. Meanwhile, make sure that the rum is of the finest quality. Try another cup. Open second quart if necessary. Add 2 arge legs, 1 cups fried druit and beat till high. If druit gets struck in the beaters just pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the rum again to check for tonscisticity. Next sift 3 cups of pepper or salt (it doesn't matter) -- sampertherumagain. Sift 1/2 pint of lemon juith. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown thugar, or what-ever color you find. Wix mel. Greast over the turn cake pan to 350 gradees. Now pour the whole mess in the boven and cake. Check the rum again and bo to ged.

Tonight's international toast

More international trivia! Offenbach am Main in Germany, pop approx 120,000, was the centre of the leather industry, is the location of the German Leather Museum, and is host to the international leather fair.

Offenbach the composer owes his name to his father Isaac Erberst who lived in the city and adopted the name.

The Rotary Club of Offenbach/Main in District 1820 was chartered in 1956. It has 57 members some of whom probably wear lederhosen sometimes.

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.

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