

The Beacon

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Marilyn's Message

I think President Marilyn is off work with a bad back. No doubt the last thing on her mind is to write an article for the Beacon. We wish her a speedy recovery and we hope to see her on Thursday night.

The Editor

The Foundation Snippet

Last year, five young professionals sponsored by Rotary District 5400 (Idaho, Oregon) swapped places with a team in Nigeria (District 9120) and participated in a National Immunisation Day (NID) to vaccinate children susceptible to contracting the polio virus. Under the guidance of World Health Organisation staff and Rotary volunteers, the GSE team worked with cultural tissues and made sure at-risk children in the town of Makurdi were vaccinated.

Gifts to the Annual Programs Fund support GSE teams. Give now to support the GSE program.

Tonight

Tonight we welcome David Ashford to the Club. David is a member of the Batemans Bay Club and he works for the NSW Department of Education and Training. He is President Marilyn's boss! (And Tony Fahey's). Last October David, his son and son in law trekked across the Kokoda Track with a group led by the Charlie Lind. David's will talk on his preparation for the trek as well as insights learned along the track.

Attendance Matters

Ted Reports that the average attendance for May was 73.4%. He also reports that our membership is 17 following the resignation of Marshall Binstock

Tonight's international toast

This evening we go to Newcastle - Neuchatel actually, which is in Switzerland. The city, pop approximately 32,000, is well known for its watchmaking and is home to the Swiss Centre for Electronics and Microtechnologies.

The Rotary Club of Neuchatel in District 1990 was chartered in 1927. It has 95 members who may not meet regularly in the summer holiday season as this note in the Club's entry in RI's Official Directory indicates - "1 July - 15 Aug inq of Sec.". Perhaps the Secretary does not get a holiday?

JUNE IS FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Program

Tonight: David Ashford – The Kokoda Track. Partners Night

TASK	7 June 2007	14 June 2007	21 June 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	Lin Morey	Chris O'Brien	George Barker
Cashier	Chris O'Brien	George Barker	Bob Aston
Toast / thanks	George Barker	Bob Aston	John Messner
4-way test	Bob Aston	John Messner	Tony Fahey
3-minute talk		Tony Fahey	Lin Morey
FINES		Lin Morey	Kris Elphick
Introduction	Lin Morey	Kris Elphick	Laurelle Pacey

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:

14 June

21 June

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

28 June **Changeover – Partners Night**

Last Week

Last week quite a few members were away. Ian and Kevin are on holidays – Kevin is travelling north in the van, I don't expect we will see him for some time, Ian is due back soon. Marilyn was off with a bad back and Kris was on other duties.

I can't remember who won the wine and port, I think it was Laurelle – In fact I think she doubled up! John quizzed us in the fine session and Bob Aston gave a three minute talk on a past life with Sport and Recreation and Vacation Camps.

PE Laurelle took the opportunity to discuss plans for the Club. We talked about:

- Adding variety to our meetings
- Projects such as
 - Rotary Park
 - The Look Out
 - Ringlands Walk
- Membership
- Future Board structure
- Fifth Celebrations

Rotary honours Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for his support of a polio-free world (From RI Website)

(Putrajaya, MALAYSIA – 28 May 2007) — In recognition of the commitment and contribution of US\$1 million from the Government of Malaysia toward eradicating polio worldwide, Rotary International today presented Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi with its *Polio Eradication Champion Award*.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the Government of Malaysia was the first Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) <http://www.oic-oci.org> member state to contribute to a polio-free world following the adoption of a resolution supporting polio eradication at the 2003 OIC summit. Malaysia placed the topic of polio eradication on the summit agenda because 95% of all polio cases occur in OIC member states.

Following the leadership of Malaysia, other OIC countries have enacted policies and made contributions totalling US\$8.6 million. Saudi Arabia now requires all citizens of Nigeria – one of four polio-endemic countries that halted polio immunizations from 2002-03 which resulted in the international spread of the poliovirus – to be vaccinated against polio prior to travelling for the Hajj and Umraa. Nigerians travelling on business or for other purposes must show proof of vaccination before getting a visa. In addition, the Islamic Fiqh Academy strongly endorsed polio vaccination campaigns with the publication of many Fatwas from noted Islamic Scholars, which has helped convince parents to immunize their children. The award, presented by Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul, was established in 1995 to recognize governments and world leaders who have made outstanding contributions toward the goal of eradicating polio. "On behalf of Rotary's 1.2 million members worldwide, I am honoured to present this award to Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi," said Rattakul. "As we stand on the brink of polio eradication, it brings me great pleasure to celebrate the tremendous achievements of our public/private partnership. Yet, since most of the children in the world affected by polio reside in OIC member states, continued political, financial and religious support is vital if we are to rid the world of this disease once and for all."

Rotary's commitment to end polio represents the largest private-sector support of a global health initiative ever. In 1985, Rotary members worldwide vowed to immunize all the world's children against polio. Since then, Rotary has contributed US\$616 million to polio eradication. Rotary members in Malaysia have contributed over US\$600,000 in support of polio eradication. Besides raising and contributing funds, over one million men and women of Rotary have volunteered their time and personal resources to help immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries during national immunization campaigns.

A highly infectious disease that can cause paralysis and sometimes death, polio still strikes children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. As there is no cure, the best protection is prevention. For as little as US .60 cents worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. To date, the number of polio cases has been reduced from 350,000 children annually in the mid 1980s to approximately 2,000 cases all last year. Only four countries: Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan, are still polio-endemic - an all-time low.

Other leaders who have been honoured with Rotary's *Polio Eradication Champion Award* include; Prime Minister of Australia John Howard, Prime Minister Helen Clark of New Zealand, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan, Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh, President of Nigeria Olusegun Obasanjo, former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, President Mamadou Tandja of Niger, President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, and First Lady of Egypt Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. It is comprised of 1.2 million members working in over 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary members initiate community projects that address many of today's most critical issues such as violence, AIDS, hunger, the environment and health care.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The Funny Side

TECHNOLOGY FOR THE COUNTRY FOLK

LOG ON: Making a wood stove hotter.

LOG OFF: Don't add no more wood.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the woodstove.

DOWNLOAD: Gettin the farwood off the truk

MEGA HERTZ: When yer not keerful gettin the farwood

FLOPPY DISC: Whatcha git from tryin to carry too much farwood

RAM: That thar thing whut splits the farwood

HARD DRIVE: Gettin home in the winter time

PROMPT: Whut the mail ain't in the winter time

WINDOWS: Whut to shut when it's cold outside

SCREEN: Whut to shut when it's blak fly season

BYTE: Whut dem dang flys do

MICRO CHIP: Whut's in the munchie bag

MODEM: Whacha did to the hay fields

DOT MATRIX: Old Dan Matrix's wife

LAP TOP: Whar the kitty sleeps

KEYBOARD: Whar ya hang the dang keys

SOFTWARE: Them dang plastic forks and knifs

MOUSE: What eats the grain in the barn

MAIN FRAME: Holds up the barn ruf

PORT: Fancy Flatlander wine

ENTER: Northerner talk fer, C'Mon in y'all

RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY: When ya cain't 'member whut ya paid fer the rifle when yore wife asks

MOUSE PAD: That hippie talk fer the rat hole.

Some Quotes

Now suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress... But I repeat myself.
Mark Twain

I am not a vegetarian because I love animals. I am a vegetarian because I hate plants.
A. Whitney Brown

Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.
Oscar Wilde

Don't spend 2 dollars to have a shirt dry cleaned. Donate it to the Salvation Army. They'll clean it and put it on a hangar. Next morning you can buy it back for 75 cents.
Billiam Coronel

If it weren't for electricity we would all be watching television by candlelight.
George Gobel

I am desperately trying to figure out why Kamikaze pilots wore helmets.
Dave Edison

I went into MacDonalds yesterday and said "I'd like some fries".
The girl at the counter said "Would you like some fries with that".
Jay Leno

I have a great diet. You are allowed to eat anything you want. But you must eat it with naked fat people.
Ed Bluestone

I'm not into working out. My philosophy: No pain. No pain.
Carol Leifer

I think men who have pierced ears are better prepared for marriage. They have experience pain and bought jewelry.
Rita Rudner

You have to stay in shape. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 today and we don't know where the hell she is.
Ellen DeGeneris

Have you ever noticed... anybody going slower than you is an idiot. And anyone going faster is a maniac.
George Carlin

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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