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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Last week's meeting at the Whale was another terrific night. We were fortunate to have David Ashford speaking to us about his recent trek along the Kokoda Track. He was a very entertaining speaker who enriched his talk with amazing photos and artefacts from his trip.

We also inducted Tony Fahey as a new member. Tony will be a great asset to our club and I welcome him warmly into our Rotary family here in Narooma.

Dinner was again a highlight of the night. It has been a while since I have tasted braised rabbit but the wait was worthwhile. Well done chef!

I hope you have all had a fabulous long weekend. The Great Rotary Duck Race was a huge success on Sunday. The weather and tide were in our favour and the ducks behaved themselves very well this year. They all got off to a clean start, none of them tried to escape under the boardwalk and only a few snacked on oysters at the breakwater. Many thanks to Kris for her wonderful organisation of this event. Thanks to everyone who helped. To all the members who sold tickets - thank you! Special thanks to Jack, Kris, Laurelle and Bill who braved the ferocious weather on Saturday morning to sell tickets at IGA and the caravan park. Thanks also to Sam Bladwell who helped with the launching of the ducks. The year's Bravery Award goes to Laurelle who helped 'man' the rubber ducky for the surf club. Although quite wet by the end of the race Laurelle appeared to enjoy herself! Thanks also to the Surf Club for their help with the rounding up of the ducks! The winner was from Moruya - possibly a Moruya Rotarian. Last place went to a Thornleigh, Sydney resident. Well done everybody!

This week's meeting will also be a special one for us as Ame Barnbrook will be attending to thank Narooma Rotary for supporting her. A board meeting will follow the meeting.

See you all on Thursday. Have a great week!

Luv,

Pres. Maz

The Foundation Snippet

A Foundation matching grant allowed Rotarians in the Philippines to launch a dietary campaign geared towards youngsters in Mandaluog City. Through the program, members of the Rotary Club of Mandaluog (D3800) are improving the daily nutrition of underprivileged students by ensuring they receive a healthy breakfast. Proper nourishment allows students to focus on their studies rather than their stomachs.

Show your support for humanitarian grants like this, and make a gift to The Rotary Foundation.

Program

Tonight: Board Meeting

TASK	14 June 2007	21 June 2007	28 June 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	Chris O'Brien	George Barker	Change Over
Cashier	George Barker	Bob Aston	
Toast / thanks	Bob Aston	John Messner	
4-way test	John Messner	Tony Fahey	
3-minute talk	Tony Fahey	Lin Morey	
FINES	Lin Morey	Kris Elphick	
Introduction	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: **Next week** John Cheeseman. John will talk about living and working in the Phillipines, it will be a partner's night.

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

28 June **Changeover – Partners Night**

Last Week

A great night was had by all last week – see President' Marilyn's message for the details. We were fortunate to have David Ashford from Batemans Bay Rotary talk on his recent walk (stroll!) along the Kokoda Track. We also inducted Tony Fahey into the Club. Tony was previously a member of the Cowra Club. Tony has recently taken over as the Principal of Narooma High. We also had 12 visiting Rotarians, friends and guests with us, all in all a great night.

The Funny Side

Each man gives a story

Three men were standing in line to get into heaven one day. Apparently it had been a pretty busy day, though, so Peter had to tell the first one, "Heaven's getting pretty close to full today, and I've been asked to admit only people who have had particularly horrible deaths. So what's your story?"

So the first man replies: "Well, for a while I've suspected my wife has been cheating on me, so today I came home early to try to catch her red-handed. As I came into my 25th floor apartment, I could tell something was wrong, but all my searching around didn't reveal where this other guy could have been hiding. Finally, I went out to the balcony, and sure enough, there was this man hanging off the railing, 25 floors above ground! By now I was really mad, so I started beating on him and kicking him, but wouldn't you know it, he wouldn't fall off. So finally I went back into my apartment and got a hammer and starting hammering on his fingers. Of course, he couldn't stand that for long, so he let go and fell -- but even after 25 stories, he fell into the bushes, stunned but okay. I couldn't stand it anymore, so I ran into the kitchen, grabbed the fridge and threw it over the edge where it landed on him, killing him instantly. But all the stress and anger got to me, and I had a heart attack and died there on the balcony."

"That sounds like a pretty bad day to me," said Peter, and let the man in.

The second man comes up and Peter explains to him about heaven being full, and again asks for his story.

"It's been a very strange day. You see, I live on the 26th floor of my apartment building, and every morning I do my exercises out on my balcony. Well, this morning I must have slipped or something, because I fell over the edge. But I got lucky, and caught the railing of the balcony on the floor below me.

I knew I couldn't hang on for very long, when suddenly this man burst out onto the balcony. I thought for sure I was saved, when he started beating on me and kicking me. I held on the best I could until he ran into the apartment and grabbed a hammer and started pounding on my hands. Finally I just let go, but again I got lucky and fell into the bushes below, stunned but all right. Just when I was thinking I was going to be okay, this refrigerator comes falling out of the sky and crushes me instantly, and now I'm here."

Once again, Peter had to concede that that sounded like a pretty horrible death.

The third man came to the front of the line, and again Peter explained that heaven was full and asked for his story.

"Picture this," says the third man, "I'm hiding inside a refrigerator..."

Tonight's international toast

Let's go to the western Mediterranean to greet the Rotary Club of Menorca (Minorca), one of the Islas Baleares (Balearic Islands). RC Menorca in District 2200 was chartered in 1983. The club has 29 members.

Ceded to Spain in 1802, lingering British naval influence is seen in the Minorcans' taste for gin, taken in moderation, no doubt, with just a dash.

JUNE IS FELLOWSHIP MONTH

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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