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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Last week's meeting was again very enjoyable. A highlight of the night was a visit from Ame Barnbrook who came with her Dad and her friend Alyce to thank Rotary for its support of her at Wollongong University this year. Ame also spoke about her aspirations to participate in the 2008 Para Olympics in sailing. She certainly has a busy time ahead of her.

Last week we also inducted Brian Hastie as a new member. I am sure Brian will bring many talents to our club and I welcome him warmly into our Narooma Rotary family.

The board meeting that followed was very productive. It was a great privilege to be able to allocate funds to many deserving causes in our local, regional and international communities. The club has had a very successful year fund raising and it is a credit to all our members that we are in this position to be able to help so many others. (Don't worry Laurelle! I didn't spend it all. I think there's about \$5000 left in the kitty to kick start your year!)

See you all on Thursday. We have another highly recommended guest speak and it is a partner's night too! Have a great week!

Luv,

Pres. Maz

The Foundation Snippet

This community development project helped to provide musical instruments for talented students.

Four Rotary clubs in Enschede, Netherlands, together with the Rotary Club of Amman, Jordan, obtained a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to stimulate the musical abilities of Palestinian refugees living in the area of Amman and the Syrian town of Damascus. Financial support from The Rotary Foundation supplied the children with Arabic and Western instruments, scores and other supplies, fostering a sense of community.

From the International Service Director

DG Mick Newling has passed on an urgent appeal for bed clothes for the Vila Central Hospital in Vanuatu. Patients have been lying on bare vinyl mattresses in overcrowded wards, in the heat with no air-conditioning, without any covering sheet or a pillow to rest their head.

We have been asked to donate sheets, used or otherwise, and bring them to a collection point to be advised, possibly Narooma Public School. Please be prepared to assist.

JULY IS LITERACY MONTH

Program

Tonight: Board Meeting

TASK	21 June 2007	28 June 2007	5 July 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	George Barker	Change Over	John Messner
Cashier	Bob Aston		Tony Fahey
Toast / thanks	John Messner		Lin Morey
4-way test	Tony Fahey		Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Lin Morey		Ted Bladwell
FINES	Kris Elphick		Marilyn Gibson
Introduction	Laurelle Pacey		Bill Hardie

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 It's Changeover night! Out with Marilyn and in with Laurelle!

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

28 June **Changeover – Partners Night**

Groundbreaking Rotary World Peace Symposium a success

By Antoinette Tuscano
Rotary International News

Salt Lake City — Rotary World Peace Fellows Cory McCrudden from New York City, and Mwila Chigaga, from Zambia, had never met before this week. But they quickly realized they were part of a global family when they and nearly 400 other Rotary peace program participants, alumni, faculty, and Rotary members gathered this week for the first ever Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City.

"Meeting Mwila is like realizing I have a sister in Zambia," said McCrudden.

"This is amazing," says Chigaga. "This peace symposium is historic. There's such an energy and spirit here. I feel so invigorated. Listening to other Peace Fellows talk makes me so proud of their accomplishments."

Represented here are some of the best and brightest from Rotary's two innovative peace programs, the Rotary Centres for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, a graduate-level program marking its fifth anniversary, and the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, a short-term program aimed at professionals in governments and other agencies, launched in 2006.

Attendees heard panel discussions about how alumni and participants of the two programs are working to resolve conflicts worldwide.

Edwin M. Epstein, the Rotary Peace Centre director at the University of California at Berkeley, commended the Rotary Centres. "Rotarians have created something very special and very wonderful. In the 46 years of my professional life as an educator, nothing I've experienced has ever come close to this."

Located at seven leading universities around the world, Rotary Peace Centres provide fellows the chance to study in a master's level program in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations, and other related disciplines. Up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellows are accepted each year through a globally competitive selection process.

"The University of Berkeley gave me the skills and tools to work in the field I wanted to," says former Peace Fellow Jeyashree Nadarajah, of Malaysia, who works in the UN office for the special representation of children involved in armed conflict.

One of the symposium's keynote speakers Gillian Sorenson, a senior adviser at the UN Foundation, emphatically told attendees: "Yes, peace is possible." But, she added, "Goodwill is not enough." It will require, work, vision, and the ability to seize the moment. She called upon the Peace Fellows to be "the first guard of a mighty peaceful army."

"Being a Peace Fellow is extremely well-regarded," said Chigaga, who graduated from the Duke University Peace Centre and is the director general of the International Labour Organization. "And because of the integrity of Rotary's name, I've discovered a big responsibility in carrying the name of Rotary with me."

"I really feel that I need to work hard to be up to the standard of my other Peace Fellows," said McCrudden, who graduates in September from the Peace Centre at the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, England. "After hearing the stories of the other attendees, there's no way I can leave here and do nothing. Some of these people are really putting their lives in danger for this. We need to come together to reinforce one another."

The Funny Side

Golfing with an older man

A young man who was also an avid golfer found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in nine holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him.

To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - and directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only three feet tall."

Change your course now

This is the transcript of an actual radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995.

Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations on November 10, 1995.

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Canadians: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

Americans: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES' ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, THAT'S ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER-MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call.

Tonight's international toast

Let's do some more island hopping in the Mediterranean. We go to Malta which was awarded the George Cross for the heroism and devotion of its people when it was isolated and intensively bombed by the Italian and German forces during World War II.

The Rotary Club of La Valette in the capital Valletta has 41 members. In District 2110, it was chartered in 2002.

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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