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Laurelle's Letters

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends

This year is off to a great start with a most enjoyable Changeover last week. Well done Marilyn and Bill. I would again like to congratulate Marilyn on the great job she has done steering the Club through the year through what at first appeared to be difficult waters.

We are now in a strong position for another good year, and the ideas have been coming thick and fast about how we can have a fun year and contribute to our community and to Rotary International. Keep those ideas coming!

I am delighted with the strength and wisdom of my new Board (I will be needing it!) and look forward to working closely with them.

My wish is to involve every member with at least one Club project, and we'll be seeing tonight what the Board has come up with (some with everyone's assistance at the last Club Assembly) and who wants to do what.

I know we will all have a great year and hope that, after tonight, everyone has a good idea of where we're heading and some of the fun and interesting things that lie ahead.

Calum - great to see you again and we look forward to hearing about your studies.

Enjoy your evening.

President Laurelle

Tonight's international toast

One of the thirteen British colonies of North America was the Province of New Hampshire, later the state of New Hampshire, the capital of which is Concord.

The Rotary Club of Concord, NH in District 7870 was chartered in 1922. It is a lunch club with 120 members.

JULY IS LITERACY MONTH

Program

Tonight: Club Assembly & we welcome back Calum Robertson our 2006 Rotary Scholar

TASK	5 July 2007	12 July	19 July
Greet /welcome/wheel	John Messner	Lin Morey	Kris Elphick
Cashier	George Barker	Kris Elphick	Ted Bladwell
Toast / thanks	Lin Morey	Ted Bladwell	Marilyn Gibson
4-way test	Kris Elphick	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Aston
3-minute talk	Bill Hardie ^(R)	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien
FINES	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O'Brien	Phil Gaffney
Introduction	Chris O'Brien	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson

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 Narooma Chamber of Commerce Acting President Nigel Jackson on the revamped Chamber and Ben Bate on Chamber's plans for the Blues Festival.

19 July	Heather Gow-Carey Narooma Rotary NYSF Candidate
22 July	Narooma Rotary Markets
26 July	DG Bernie Rogers Visit; Partners and loud tie night
2 August	TBC
9 August	TBC
16 August	Board Meeting
19 August	Ringlands working Bee

The Foundation Snippet

From the Foundation Chairman

The 2007 Council on Legislation of Rotary International resolved that Rotary International affirms that the goal of certification of the worldwide eradication of the wild poliovirus is of the highest priority for it, and that no other corporate project should be adopted until the certification of the eradication of the wild poliovirus.

Accordingly we will take some bulletin space in the next few weeks to inform ourselves about this matter.

Bill's Last Message

June 2007

The Rotarian

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Nearly a year ago, I wrote on this page that, as Rotarians, "we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been, in our clubs or in our communities. We are the ones who ask, Why not us?"

In the last year, I have been privileged to meet thousands of Rotarians who have asked themselves that very question and risen to its challenge. I have seen projects that have astounded me with their creativity and their ambition, and projects that came to fruition through an incredible degree of thought, planning, and insight. I have seen clubs overcome all sorts of barriers to deal with the true problems facing their

communities. And I have seen all of this done with warmth, grace, and the skill born of local knowledge – and, often, with the support of our Rotary Foundation.

Every project I have seen has impressed me in its own way. The projects that have impressed me the most, however, have been those addressing a need that no one has been able to meet before, whether because of a lack of resources, a lack of ability, or simply a lack of awareness. Sometimes the problem was obvious and acknowledged, such as an ill-equipped clinic or a polluted water source. Sometimes the problem was never openly mentioned, such as the dilemma faced every month by girls attending schools without bathrooms. What I have seen this year is that whether the need is for water filters, blood banks, HIV treatment, toilet stalls, or literacy, Rotarians are finding what needs to be done – and doing it.

The projects that stand out in my mind the most are those that are meeting real needs and quietly changing lives. I will always remember the Rotary club project that's bringing simple, yet effective, low-cost prosthetic hands to amputees, returning to them employability and self-sufficiency; the Rotary club supported library in Hsinchu, Taiwan, that gives so many more children access to books; the Rotary club-sponsored classroom that's educating children living in the tuberculosis ward of an African hospital; and the Rotary club-built school for autistic children, for whom there had been no services in the area.

These are just a few of the projects that have truly made a difference. There is no need for exaggeration or hyperbole here: These projects have very literally moved the courses of lives by giving people education, improved health, and a real chance at a better future. In some cases, Rotarians invested tremendous resources of time, energy, and their own funds. In others, all that was needed was a knowledgeable and caring person to step in, look around, and do what needed to be done.

It has been a great joy this year to see how Rotarians all over the world are choosing to Lead the Way. I look forward to continuing with you in this great task for many more years to come. Lorna and I thank you for your many kindnesses to us. This year has changed our lives.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd
President, Rotary International

The Funny Side

Top ten signs that you are too drunk

10. You have to hold onto the lawn to keep from falling off the Earth.
9. Mosquitoes catch a buzz after attacking you.
8. The back of your head keeps getting hit by the toilet seat.
7. Your idea of cutting back is less salt.
6. You can focus better with one eye closed.
5. You fall off the floor.
5. The whole bar greets you when you come in.
4. You haven't had a driver's license in such a long time that you have forgotten what one looks like.
3. Roseanne looks good.
2. You don't recognize your wife/husband unless seen through bottom of glass.
1. You spent more time on the floor than you do standing up.

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 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.*

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