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# The Beacon

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## *Laurelle's Letters*

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends

I am delighted everyone has now taken on board the Club's long term goals and endorsed our goals for the year. No doubt there will be more good ideas that will arise through the year.

I hope everyone now is involved in at least one project, in conjunction with that respective Director. It should be a lot of fun too.

It was great to again have Calum last week as our guest.

Tonight we welcome Nigel Jackson and Ben Bate from Narooma Chamber of Commerce who will be talking about how they have revamped the Chamber and their new directions.

Enjoy your evening.

President Laurelle

## *The Foundation Snippet*

### **About polio**

Polio is a highly infectious disease that primarily affects children under the age of three and can cause paralysis within hours. Before eradication efforts began in 1988, polio paralyzed more than 1,000 children a day, which totalled about 350,000 children annually. The incidence of polio has since declined by more than 99 per cent.

Vaccinations easily can stave off polio. Vaccinations have prevented an estimated 500,000 children per year from contracting polio. A child can be protected against polio for as little as 60 cents (US) worth of vaccine.

### **Tonight's international toast**

One of the colonies of British North America was the Province of Massachusetts Bay, later the states of Massachusetts and Maine. Boston, the capital of Massachusetts, has a Rotary club of 47 members which sponsors an Interact club and a Rotaract club. The Rotary Club of Boston, MA in District 7930 was chartered in 1909.

**JULY IS LITERACY MONTH**

## *Program*

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

<b>TASK</b>	<b>12 July</b>	<b>19 July</b>	<b>26 July 2007</b>
<b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b>	Lin Morey	Kris Elphick	Ted Bladwell
<b>Cashier</b>	Kris Elphick	Ted Bladwell	Marilyn Gibson
<b>Toast / thanks</b>	Ted Bladwell	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Aston
<b>4-way test</b>	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien	Phil Gaffney
<b>FINES</b>	Chris O'Brien	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson
<b>Introduction</b>	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson	Tony Fahey

*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 Heather Gow-Carey Narooma Rotary NYSF Candidate**

22 July	<b>Narooma Rotary Markets</b>
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

## *Wilfrid J. Wilkinson*

**Trenton, Ontario, Canada**

**President, Rotary International, 2007-08**

**Chair, 2005 Chicago Convention Committee**

**Trustee, The Rotary Foundation, 1997-01 and 2002-04**

**Vice President, Rotary International, 1993-94**

**Director, Rotary International, 1992-94**

**District Governor, 1971-72**

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, a retired chartered accountant, was a founding partner of Wilkinson & Company, a public accounting firm. He is a past president of the Public Accountants Council for the Province of Ontario and a past treasurer of both the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario. He is also a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Quebec and the Royal Canadian Military Institute and was elected a fellow of the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Since retiring, Wilkinson has served as the part-time executive director of the Quinte Ballet School of Canada. He is also a member of the board of directors of Morris Industries Ltd., a company that manufactures advanced air seedings and tillage systems. He has also been chairman of the Trenton Memorial Hospital fundraising committee, a founding chairman of the Belleville Cheshire Home for

Physically Handicapped Adults, chairman of the Board for Loyalist College, and president of the district council of the Boy Scouts of Canada.

A Rotarian since 1962, Wilkinson is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario. He has served Rotary International as vice president, director, Rotary Foundation trustee, and district governor. He has also been an International Assembly discussion leader and member and chair of several committees, including the 2005 Chicago Convention Committee.

As a member of the International PolioPlus Committee, Wilkinson has been dedicated to the global effort to eradicate polio. He participated in National Immunization Days in Kenya, Tanzania, and India, and also administered polio drops to children of Afghan refugees in Pakistan. He has served as a Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants program volunteer to India. In addition, Wilkinson has had Rotary assignments in South Africa, Namibia, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and many regions throughout the United States and Canada.

Wilkinson has been recognized for his humanitarian service by the Knights of Columbus, the province of Ontario, and the Canadian government. In 2001, he was honoured by Pope John Paul II with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal. He is also the recipient of numerous Rotary honours, including RI's Service Above Self Award and the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and International Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Wilkinson has been married to Joan since 1953, and they have four sons and eight grandchildren.

## *The Funny Side*

### **Top ten error messages**

The Top 10 Good Error Messages On The Brand New \$7000 Computer You Just Bought

1. "That URL was not found because frankly, I didn' try hard enough."
2. "If you continue to type that way, you'll get Carpal Tunnel Syndrome."
3. "The Server is not really down, its just mildly depressed."
4. "Normally, I would complain but I'll let that rough disk insertion slide this time."
5. "Don't worry, I'll clean up that beer stain."
6. "Its not a virus...its a STD(System Transmitted Disease)."
7. "Remember Einstein, its point then click, point then click."
8. "That General Protection Fault is not yours."
9. "You're using MS Word 5.0 and that's a weenie version so why don't I upgrade you for free?"
10. "I hate to tell you this but you have already seen that version of the Pamela Anderson video... may I suggest another?"

## **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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