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Laurelle's Musings

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends

DG Bernie Rogers was impressed last week with how much our Club takes his personal theme for this year of 'Enjoy your Rotary' to heart. Not that he ever had any doubt, mind you, about it with us. Last Thursday was another great night and it was wonderful to have so many of our partners join us as well for our special DG meeting. Matt and Jen also really do their bit to help make each Thursday night so special.

We gave Bernie's wife Liz \$250 for the special Children's' Fund which is always managed by the DG's wife.

Then on Sunday Pam Rayner organised an excellent and extremely scrumptious Christmas in July lunch, with the help of a small but extremely capable team. She raised about \$800 which she has given towards our Rotary projects. A huge 'Thank you' Pam.

Tonight we're looking forward to funding out more about Tony Fahey, one of our newest members, in our traditional 'This is My Life' segment.

Enjoy your evening.
President Laurelle

The Foundation Snippet

History of PolioPlus (continued)

In 1995, Rotary launched a task force to advocate political and financial support for polio eradication to donor governments. Working in conjunction with the other spearheading partner agencies, these public sector advocacy efforts have resulted in mobilizing more than \$1.5 billion in polio-specific grants.

In 2000, Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to carry a financial appeal to the private sector - foundations, corporations, and wealthy individuals.

As the war on polio enters its final phases, adequate funding is the No. 1 obstacle to achieving a polio-free world. In February 2002, Rotary rose to the challenge once again, announcing a Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign to raise US\$80 million to contribute to ongoing global polio eradication needs.

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION MONTH

Program

Tonight: Tony Fahey – My Life and Times!!

TASK	2 August	9 August	16 August 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien
Cashier	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien	Phil Gaffney
Toast / thanks	Chris O'Brien	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson
4-way test	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson	Jeremy Ferguson
3-minute talk	Ian Thomlinson®	Jeremy Ferguson	Brian Hastie
FINES	Jeremy Ferguson	Brian Hastie	George Barker
Introduction	Brian Hastie	George Barker	Kris Elphick

If you can't make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Brian Hastie at Narooma Real Estate the day before 4476 2169 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.

COMING EVENTS: Next week (9 August 2007) Rohan Gleeson on having a Youth Protection Officer.

16 August	Board Meeting
19 August	Ringlands working Bee
23 August	Update on Natabora Agricultural College in Timor Leste from representatives of Rotary Club of Pambula.
26 August	Rotary Markets on NATA Oval
30 August	Narooma Chamber of Commerce Acting President Nigel Jackson on revamped Chamber and plans for the Blues Festival
6 September	Dinner at Narooma HS – Hosted by Hospitality Class. Partners Night
13 September	TBC
15 September	Buckeridge Lookout working bee – Jeremy Ferguson organising

From the Treasurer

Subs are now due. Subs for the year are \$200.00 payable in two six monthly instalments of \$100.00. Please finalise as soon as possible.

Attendance

Brian Hastie is the Club's new Attendance Officer. If you can not attend a meeting please advise Brian's receptionist at Narooma Real Estate at least 24 hours before the meeting. Brian's contact number is 44762169.

Average attendance for July was 86% - Well done all!!

Tonight's international toast

Connecticut Colony was another of the original thirteen British colonies of North America. It became, naturally, the state of Connecticut of which the capital is Hartford. We choose instead to go to Meriden which has a very active Rotary club. (See their web page on Events & News.)

The Rotary Club of Meriden CT in District 7980 was chartered in 1921. It is a lunch club of 65 members.

The Constitution of the Club

The club's constitution was amended in some respects by the 2007 Council on Legislation. One change of interest to individual members is in the attendance requirement - now at least 50% of regular meetings of the club in each half of the year (previously 60%).

Good community reputation is now a qualification for membership, in addition to good business or professional reputation, hence each member is to be classified accordingly; describing a member's community service activity if that is the case.

Our Attendance Officer will note that members whose absence is excused by the Board should now be included in the membership figure used to compute attendance (previously not included).

Our Treasurer will note that per capita dues of a new member (other than one transferring from, or formerly a member of, another club) are to be paid at the rate of one-twelfth for each full month of membership in the relevant semi-annual period.

Board members will see a new section enabling the Board to temporarily suspend a member pending the outcome of something which may constitute good cause for termination of membership.

They should also be aware that the RI Board can suspend or terminate the membership of a club if the club fails to adequately address allegations made against one of its members, in connection with Rotary youth programs, for violation of laws for the protection of youth.

Jack Wightman

Why is membership growth important for Rotary?

As we start the new Rotary year, let's reflect on some of the reasons that membership growth is important for Rotary.

- Membership growth increases Rotary's capacity for service.
- New Rotarians bring fresh ideas, new interests, and increased energy to clubs.
- More members increase the volume of support for The Rotary Foundation.
- Diversity in membership ensures that the club is relevant to the entire community.
- Service-minded individuals are given the opportunity to help their communities through Rotary.
- More members create a larger network for both local and international fellowship.
- New and younger members ensure the future of Rotary and its work.

The Funny Side

For the Cat Lovers

Law of Cat Inertia

A cat at rest will tend to remain at rest, unless acted upon by some outside force - such as the opening of cat food, or a nearby scurrying mouse.

Law of Cat Motion

A cat will move in a straight line, unless there is a really good reason to change direction.

Law of Cat Magnetism

All blue blazers and black sweaters attract cat hair in direct proportion to the darkness of the fabric.

Law of Cat Thermodynamics

Heat flows from a warmer to a cooler body, except in the case of a cat, in which case all heat flows to the cat.

Law of Cat Stretching

A cat will stretch to a distance proportional to the length of the nap just taken.

Law of Cat Sleeping

All cats must sleep with people whenever possible, in a position as uncomfortable for the people

involved, and as comfortable as possible for the cat.

Law of Cat Elongation

A cat can make her body long enough to reach just about any counter top that has anything remotely interesting on it.

Law of Cat Obstruction

A cat must lay on the floor in such a position to obstruct the maximum amount of human foot traffic.

Law of Cat Acceleration

A cat will accelerate at a constant rate, until he gets good and ready to stop.

Law of Dinner Table Attendance

Cats must attend all meals when anything good is served.

Law of Rug Configuration

No rug may remain in its naturally flat state for very long.

Law of Obedience Resistance

A cat's resistance varies in proportion to a human's desire for her to do something.

First Law of Energy Conservation

Cats know that energy can neither be created nor destroyed and will, therefore, use as little energy as possible.

Second Law of Energy Conservation

Cats also know that energy can only be stored by a lot of napping.

Law of Refrigerator Observation

If a cat watches a refrigerator long enough, someone will come along and take out something good to eat.

Law of Electric Blanket Attraction

Turn on an electric blanket and a cat will jump into bed at the speed of light.

Law of Random Comfort Seeking

A cat will always seek, and usually take over, the most comfortable spot in any given room.

Law of Bag/Box Occupancy

All bags and boxes in a given room must contain a cat within the earliest possible nanosecond.

Law of Cat Embarrassment

A cat's irritation rises in direct proportion to her embarrassment times the amount of human laughter.

Law of Milk Consumption

A cat will drink his weight in milk, squared, just to show you he can.

Law of Furniture Replacement

A cat's desire to scratch furniture is directly proportional to the cost of the furniture.

Law of Cat Landing

A cat will always land in the softest place possible; often the mid- section of an unsuspecting, reclining human.

Law of Fluid Displacement

A cat immersed in milk will displace her own volume, minus the amount of milk consumed.

Law of Cat Disinterest

A cat's interest level will vary in inverse proportion to the amount of effort a human expends in trying to interest him.

Law of Pill Rejection

Any pill given to a cat has the potential energy to reach escape velocity.

Law of Cat Composition

A cat is composed of Matter + Anti-Matter + It Doesn't Matter.

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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