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## *Laurelle's Musings*

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends

It was great to have Rohan Gleeson from Moruya Club and their new Exchange student Valentin Biaud join us last week. Valentin had only been here about a week or so – he's 17, just finished high school, from Bourges in France, and now in Year 11 at Moruya High.

Rohan is keen to see our Club take up the Youth Exchange Program (YEP) again and spoke glowingly about it, as did Valentin. A number of members expressed a wish to have Valentin as our guest again later in his time in Australia.

Rohan also spoke about our need to have a Youth Protection Officer, regardless of whether we take part in YEP. He said we need such a person if we have much to do with the aged as well as youth. It's a sign of the times.

One thing I forgot to say last week was that Rohan has recently returned from walking Kokoda, which he said was fabulous and he intends going back. One thing Rohan forgot to say to us was, if anyone is interested in being a Counsellor for the exchange program contact him.

Tonight is our Board meeting after the break.

Please don't forget the Ringlands working bee this Sunday (pamphlets available tonight). Hopefully we will have a good representation from the Club.

Enjoy your evening.

President Laurelle

### *The Foundation Snippet*

#### **PolioPlus Partners**

PolioPlus Partners is a Rotary Foundation program by which Rotary clubs, districts and individual Rotarians may voluntarily assist in reaching Rotary's goal of a polio-free world. They support the immunization activities of Rotary and its worldwide partners, World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by keeping Rotarians informed of progress, promoting accurate media coverage, volunteering in National Immunization Days (NIDs) and providing needed resources in regions with, or at risk for, polio.

PolioPlus Partners has a task force of dedicated Rotarians who are available to make presentations or answer questions related to Rotary's involvement in polio eradication. Our district contact is David Graham of RC Canberra East.

**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION MONTH**

## *Program*

**Tonight: Board Meeting**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>16 August 2007</b>	<b>23 August</b>	<b>30 August</b>
<b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b>	Chris O'Brien	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson
<b>Cashier</b>	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson	Jeremy Ferguson
<b>Toast / thanks</b>	Ian Thomlinson	Jeremy Ferguson	Brian Hastie
<b>4-way test</b>	Jeremy Ferguson	Brian Hastie	George Barker
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Brian Hastie	George Barker	Kris Elphick
<b>FINES</b>	George Barker	Kris Elphick	Jack Wightman
<b>Introduction</b>	Kris Elphick	Jack Wightman	Marilyn Gibson

*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 (23 August 2007). Update on Natabora Agricultural College in Timor Leste from representatives of Rotary Club of Pambula.**

19 August	Ringlands working Bee
26 August	<b>Rotary Markets on NATA Oval</b>
30 August	Dinner at Narooma HS – Hosted by Hospitality Class. Partners Night
6 September	Narooma Chamber of Commerce Acting President Nigel Jackson on revamped Chamber and plans for the Blues Festival
13 September	TBC
15 September	Buckeridge Lookout working bee – Jeremy Ferguson organising

## *Membership*

### **New recognition program helps small clubs grow**

Rotary International News

#### **1 August 2007**

Small Rotary clubs now have a new program to help them increase membership. The Recognition of Smaller Club Membership Growth, a certificate program recently adopted by the RI Board, is designed to stimulate growth in the 25 percent of clubs that have fewer than 20 members.

“Although many small clubs are carrying out outstanding projects in their community, they aren't able to achieve the four elements of an effective club,” says Juan Pedro Torroba, vice chair of RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee.

Torroba advises small clubs to use the club assessment tools available from RI and to adopt the Club Leadership Plan, citing the many membership success stories he has heard about clubs that have implemented the plan.

District governors will work with clubs in their district that have fewer than 20 members to establish membership goals and action plans for the year. Goals are based on a club's 1 July membership figures: 10 members for clubs with fewer than 10 members, 15 for clubs with 10 to 14 members, and 20 for clubs with 15 to 19 members. Governors will receive the 1 July starting figures each October.

To receive a certificate, clubs must reach their goal by 15 May, and governors must submit the names of these clubs to RI by 30 June.

## *Rotary Fellowship Exchange*

Batemans Bay Club members Neil Simpson and Barry Apps have just returned from their Friendship visit to Canada/United States and told members about their wanderings at their last meeting. To quote from the Bay's newsletter...

*"Barry entertaining us with his adventures in his 28foot camper-van terrorising Jenny and other foreign travellers. Neil who apparently did his travelling in a more sedate manner in ... a Volvo.*

*"Both, Barry and Neil had a fantastic time with all the hosting Rotarians they stayed with during their travels. Day trips cruising on yachts, being spoilt where ever they stayed. Both said they would highly recommend the Rotary Fellowship Exchange to everyone, an experience not to be missed."*

## *The Funny Side*

### **Funny Foreign English Phrases**

1. Cocktail lounge, Norway:  
LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.
2. At a Budapest zoo:  
PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUITABLE FOOD, GIVE IT TO THE GUARD ON DUTY.
3. Doctor's office in Rome:  
SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.
4. Information booklet about using a hotel air conditioner. Japan:  
COOLES AND HEATES: IF YOU WANT CONDITION OF WARM AIR IN YOUR ROOM, PLEASE CONTROL YOURSELF.
5. In a Nairobi restaurant:  
CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER.
6. On the grounds of a Nairobi private school:  
NO TRESPASSING WITHOUT PERMISSION.
7. In Aamchi Mumbai restaurant:  
OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, AND WEEKENDS TOO.
8. The best! In a Tokyo bar:  
SPECIAL COCKTAILS FOR THE LADIES WITH NUTS.
9. Hotel, Japan:  
YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.
10. In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery:  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY EXCEPT THURSDAY.
11. Hotel, Zurich:  
BECAUSE OF THE IMPROPRIETY OF ENTERTAINING GUESTS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IN THE BEDROOM, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE LOBBY BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.
12. Advertisement by a Hong Kong dentist:  
TEETH EXTRACTED BY THE LATEST METHODISTS.
13. A laundry in Rome:  
LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES HERE AND SPEND THE AFTERNOON HAVING A GOOD TIME.
14. Tourist agency, Czechoslovakia:  
TAKE ONE OF OUR HORSE-DRIVEN CITY TOURS. WE GUARANTEE NO MISCARRIAGES.
15. Advertisement for donkey rides, Thailand:  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE ON YOUR OWN ASS?
16. The box of a clockwork toy made in Hong Kong:  
GUARANTEED TO WORK THROUGHOUT ITS USEFUL LIFE.
17. Airline ticket office, Copenhagen:  
WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS.
18. In a Japanese cemetery:  
PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES.

## **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.*

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

One of the original thirteen British colonies of North America was the Province of New York from which the states of Vermont and New York were formed. New York's capital is not the Big Apple as you might imagine - it is Albany (pop 94,000), the second oldest state capital in the United States of America.

The Rotary Club of Albany, NY is one of the oldest clubs in Rotary International. Chartered in 1913, it was the first Rotary club established in District 7190. RC Albany, NY is a lunch club of 99 members.

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