

The Beacon



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Laurelle's Musings

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends

I'm writing this before the working bee on Ringlands Walk because I will be heading off to Thredbo straight after to see Zoe. Hopefully we get a fair bit done with the Bushwalkers, even though it will be a little wet under foot.

We accomplished a lot at our Board meeting last week (report next week). One was approval to purchase a new markets banner which will be hoisted by Brian each month and stored behind his office. Many thanks for volunteering Brian and many thanks again to George for doing it for the past few years.

Good to see Neville back last week. No word from Kevin – last seen north Australia – but who knows, he could turn up Sunday morning.

Welcome to our friends from Pambula tonight who will be talking about the fantastic project in Timor Leste they and neighbouring clubs are fully supporting, and which we are also supporting if only in a relatively small way.

Enjoy your evening.

President Laurelle

The Foundation Snippet

A national health alert was issued in Australia on 13 July after a 22-year old Pakistani student was diagnosed with polio. He was released from Melbourne's Box Hill Hospital on 9 August after recovering from the polio virus.

The student contracted the disease while visiting his native Pakistan, one of the four remaining polio-endemic countries. He experienced symptoms, including initial paralysis, and was isolated from the community until he tested negative for the virus.

Arrangements were made to provide him with new clothes, since his clothing had been confiscated in case it carried the virus, and Jennifer Coburn of RC Mont Albert & Surrey Hills (D9810 in Victoria) went to visit the patient in isolation, lifting his spirits by bringing him books, puzzles and daily newspapers. Jennifer said, "He was really delighted, receiving support from Rotary."

International PolioPlus Committee Chair Bob Scott called the outbreak a "wake-up call. It proves beyond a doubt that polio in your polio-free country is just a plane ride away. It's essential to continue with the PolioPlus program."

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION MONTH

Program

Tonight: Update on Natabora Agricultural College in Timor Leste from representatives of Rotary Club of Pambula.

TASK	23 August	30 August	6 September
Greet /welcome/wheel	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson	Jeremy Ferguson
Cashier	Ian Thomlinson	Jeremy Ferguson	Brian Hastie
Toast / thanks	Jeremy Ferguson	Brian Hastie	George Barker
4-way test	Brian Hastie	George Barker	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	George Barker	Kris Elphick	Jack Wightman
FINES	Kris Elphick	Jack Wightman	Marilyn Gibson
Introduction	Jack Wightman	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young

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 (30 August 2007). Dinner at Narooma HS – Hosted by Hospitality Class. Partners Night

26 August	Rotary Markets on NATA Oval
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

RI president urges every Rotarian to bring in new members

By Antoinette Tuscano
Rotary International News

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With Rotary's demographics changing and membership decreasing in North America, Rotarians must "change the way we think about membership," RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson told attendees at a presidential membership conference held 20-21 July in Nashville, Tennessee, USA.

"The current recruitment practices of clubs can't continue," Wilkinson said. "What needs to happen is for every Rotarian in every club to bring in one qualified new member every year."

Inviting new club members is one way Rotarians can live up to this year's theme of *Rotary Shares*, said Wilkinson at the conference. The conference is one of a series of seven events to be held in July and August in Canada and the United States. In July the conferences were held in Philadelphia; Nashville; and South Bend, Indiana. In August, the conferences will be held in Denver; Vancouver, B.C.; San Jose, California; and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. If those events prove successful, similar ones may be organized in other parts of the world.

The two-day conferences include plenary sessions, panel discussions, and workshops on topics such as generational differences, demographic changes, potential new members, and the challenges of service organizations.

Wilkinson cited RI research showing that only 18 percent of Rotarians in a given club ever bring in a new member. But inviting qualified, active members is “the single most important thing that you can do for your club and community,” he said. To survive and continue to meet communities’ increasing needs, Wilkinson stressed, “Rotary needs to grow.”

The goal of the presidential conferences was for Rotarians to come away with plans for finding and keeping club members. Wilkinson noted, however, that there’s no one-size-fits-all solution for Rotary clubs.

“*Rotary Shares*,” he said, “and each one of us must take it upon ourselves individually to share the gift of Rotary membership with one new person – this year, and every year to come.”

The Funny Side

Some Classroom comments

1. TEACHER: Why are you late?

WEBSTER: Because of the sign.

TEACHER: What sign?

WEBSTER: The one that says, "School Ahead, Go Slow."

2. TEACHER: Cindy, why are you doing your math multiplication On the floor?

CINDY: You told me to do it without using tables!

3. TEACHER: John, how do you spell "crocodile?"

JOHN: K-R-O-K-O-D-A-I-L"

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

JOHN: Maybe it s wrong, but you asked me how I spell it!

4. TEACHER: What is the chemical formula for water?

SARAH: H I J K L M N O!!

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

SARAH: Yesterday you said it's H to O!

5. TEACHER: George, go to the map and find North America.

GEORGE: Here it is!

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: George!

6. TEACHER: Willie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WILLIE: Me!

7. TEACHER: Tommy, why do you always get so dirty?

TOMMY: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

8. TEACHER: Ellen, give me a sentence starting with "I."

ELLEN: I is...

TEACHER: No, Ellen..... Always say, "I am."

ELLEN: All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

9. TEACHER: "Can anybody give an example of COINCIDENCE?"

JOHNNY: "Sir, my Mother and Father got married on the same day, same time."

10. TEACHER: "George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted doing it. Now do you know why his father didn't punish him?"

JOHNNY: "Because George still had the axe in his hand."

11. TEACHER: Now, Sam, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SAM: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

12. TEACHER: Desmond, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's.

Did you copy his?

DESMOND: No, teacher, it's the same dog!

13. TEACHER: What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

PUPIL: A teacher.

Tonight's international toast

We go to the state of New Jersey in the US which, as New Jersey Province, joined the rebellion against British rule in 1775 with the other 12 colonies. The capital, Trenton, is a major manufacturing centre for steel, rubber, wire, linoleum and ceramics.

The Rotary Club of Trenton, NJ in District 7510 was chartered in 1914. The club has 68 members and meets at lunchtime.

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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