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Laurelle's Musings

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends

It sounds like I missed out on a great evening at Narooma High last week.

Ian tells me the three course meal was “absolutely scrumptious”, the students great and it was a “fun night”. The staff also go beyond the call of duty to make such events happen and we all greatly appreciate it.

From all accounts, everyone is absolutely delighted with the school's new commercial kitchen which Ian describes as “quite magnificent”. It is very satisfying that our Club, though the P&C and a direct donation, have contributed towards its cost which will be a fabulous teaching facility at the school.

September is already racing along with the Blues Festival rapidly looming. Our twin club of Queanbeyan West is talking of about 14 or so people coming to help us over the weekend, all organising their own accommodation, so we should have plenty of helpers.

On the Blues, tonight we welcome Ben Bate who will be bringing us up to date with the Chamber's welcoming the Blues and how we can possibly help.

Enjoy the evening.

President Laurelle

The Foundation Snippet

Rotary receives tremendous recognition from governments around the world and many national and international organizations for its PolioPlus efforts. Here are just a few of the significant awards conferred upon Rotarians in recognition of their leadership role in the world's greatest public health endeavour of all time.

In May 2002, The Rotary Foundation was selected to receive the 2002 Gates Award for Global Health, a recognition that carries with it a US\$1 million award.

Rotary International was the first private sector organization to receive the American Medical Association's Outstanding Global Health Initiative Award in 2000.

The World Health Organization recognized Rotary International in 2000 for the Child Immunization Initiative of 2000.

The US-based Centres for Disease Control and Prevention honoured Rotary with its ‘*Champion of Prevention Award*’ in 1998.

SEPTEMBER IS YOUTH ACTIVITIES MONTH

Program

Tonight: Narooma Chamber of Commerce Ben Bate on revamped Chamber and plans for the Blues Festival

TASK	6 September	13 September	20 September
Greet /welcome/wheel	Jeremy Ferguson	Brian Hastie	George Barker
Cashier	Brian Hastie	George Barker	Kris Elphick
Toast / thanks	George Barker	Kris Elphick	Chris O'Brien
4-way test	Kris Elphick	Chris O'Brien	Marilyn Gibson
3-minute talk	Jack Wightman	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young
FINES	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young	Bob Aston
Introduction	Kevin Young	Ian Tomlinson	Angie Urichsen

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 (13 September 2007) Graham Harding – Senior Noxious Weeds Officer Eurobodalla Shire.

15 September	Buckeridge Lookout working bee – Jeremy Ferguson organising
20 September	Board Meeting
23 September	Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval. Followed by van clean up.
27 September	Preparation for the <i>Blues Festival</i> . Set up van at Blues site followed by dinner at Taylor's
29, 30 September	<i>Blues Festival</i> Weekend. Including Blues Markets on Sunday 30 September

Last Week

A great meeting last week, the students from Narooma High's Year 11 Hospitality Class served up an outstanding three course meal. Students also provided us with some lively musical entertainment.

Jack provided a Rotary Quiz for fines, Bob gave the three minute talk and the raffle was shared by Pam and others.



From the RI Website

Youth programs are a springboard to Rotary for former RYLArrians

By Maureen Vaught

Rotary International News

30 August 2007

Lawrence Chew and Bern Igoche are so passionate about the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program that after participating in the 2006 International RYLA in Helsingborg, Sweden, they decided to return to the event this year — as Rotarians.

“Last year’s program had 124 participants from 25 countries,” says Chew, 27, a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise, British Columbia and Canada. “That blew my mind.”

Each year, Rotary clubs and districts nominate local RYLA alumni to attend the International RYLA. Chew and Igoche served as counsellors at the 2007 event, which was held in June in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, before the RI Convention. Long-time members of the family of Rotary, the two Rotarians have been Interactors and Rotaractors, as well as district-level RYLA participants and counsellors.

“I am proud of my involvement with Rotary and the chance to continue contributing as a RYLA counselor,” says Igoche, 30, who believes the RYLA experience benefits not only participants but also the people they encounter throughout their lives.

“They return to their countries intent on cooperating with their district Rotary clubs to carry out service projects for their communities, country, and even the world,” says Igoche, of the Rotary Club of Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria.

Both men agree that RYLA also helps build awareness of Rotary. By inviting young people to RYLA events, especially those without a connection to the organization, Rotarians are promoting Rotary’s good works to the next generation.

“The next time they see the Rotary logo or hear Rotary mentioned, they’re likely to think, ‘Hey, I went to a program run by that organization.’ So, even if they don’t join Rotary, they have a good opinion of Rotary and what it does,” Chew says.

The Funny Side

From my brother-in-law (I think he recently reached that magic age – 40!)

PERKS OF BEING OVER 40

- Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
- No one expects you to run--anywhere.
- People call at 9 PM and ask, Did I wake you????
- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Things you buy now won't wear out.
- You can eat supper at 4 PM.
- You can live without sex but not your glasses.
- You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
- You sing along with elevator music.
- Your eyes won't get much worse.
- Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to payoff.
- Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- Your supply of brain cells are finally down to manageable size.

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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