

The Beacon



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Laurelle's Musings

First off this week, a reminder to everyone we will have a **Board meeting** after the break tonight. I have brought the meeting forward because I will be in Sydney next Thursday which is our regular Board meeting.

Last week we had Ben Bate from the Chamber talk to us about how local businesses are supporting the Blues Festival and how we as a Club can help. It brought home to everyone how rapidly **the Blues Festival** is approaching. We are in for a busy time.

Basically he's asked if Rotary could take around to shops streamers and helium-filled balloons up to a week before the Festival and in some cases offering to decorate their windows. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help. The Chamber is organising the balloons and streamers in Blues Festival theme colours – Ben will be in touch with me some time in the next few days.

We have quite a crew coming from our twin club of Queanbeyan West to help us in the food van at the Blues Festival and at the Sunday markets. It should be fun.

I must say how much I am enjoying Rotarian John Lord's company regularly on Thursday nights now as well as his helping out at various Club activities. He's become one of the team.

It was great also to see Calum Robertson again and to hear how he is progressing with his studies at ANU. Our other guest last week was Adrienne Waterman who has expressed interest in finding out more about Rotary.

Don't forget the working bee at **Buckeridge Lookout** this Saturday morning. Jeremy will organise who's bringing what and times tonight, but basically he reckons with the numbers who have volunteered, it should take us about two hours maximum.

Enjoy the evening.

President Laurelle

The Foundation Snippet

Why Rotary must finish polio eradication.

Since 1988 the global effort to eradicate polio has reduced the number of polio-endemic countries to four and cleared 99 per cent of the virus from the world. Rotary has led the way, with an investment of \$650 million by the time the world is certified polio-free.

Yet the goal of polio eradication remains elusive, with four countries still polio-endemic. In recent years, some in the scientific community have raised a difficult question: Can the world eradicate polio, or should we try to contain it?

According to Harvard researchers, controlling the disease would be far more costly than eradicating it. The developing world can save more than \$1 billion a year by eradicating, while switching to a control strategy would condemn 10 million children to polio over the next 40 years alone.

SEPTEMBER IS YOUTH ACTIVITIES MONTH

Program

Tonight: Board Meeting

TASK	13 September	20 September	27 September
Greet /welcome/wheel	Brian Hastie	George Barker	Blues Festival
Cashier	George Barker	Kris Elphick	preparation at
Toast / thanks	Kris Elphick	Chris O'Brien	Bill Smyth Oval
4-way test	Chris O'Brien	Marilyn Gibson	
3-minute talk	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young	
FINES	Kevin Young	Bob Aston	
Introduction	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
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
28, 29, 30 September	Blues Festival Weekend. Including Blues Markets on Sunday 30 September <i>Possible Breakfast with Queanbeyan West RC at Rotary Park – Saturday 29 September</i>

From the RI Website

Keeping it all in the family

By Alice C. Chen
The Rotarian

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Judith Lorigan, a past assistant district governor, has been recruiting new Rotary club members for years without even knowing it. "I've spent a lot of life as a Rotarian," says Lorigan, of the Rotary Club of Bethel Park, Pa., USA. She adds that her family is always asking her, "What's going on?" The answer usually leads to some of her three children or seven grandchildren getting involved in service. That includes Lorigan's 14-year-old granddaughter Carly Zalenski, who has organized drives to send supplies and toys to Vietnam and helped raise \$50,000 to build a school.

"It's incredible that Carly's been able to do this, to stay with it," says Lorigan, a 65-year-old retired bank manager who has been a Rotarian since 1988. "When she started this, I thought, This is going to be difficult."

Lorigan's family, along with others who can list Rotary affiliations through the years, serves as a reminder during New Generations Month that when seeking out potential club members, we shouldn't forget those who are right under our noses: our own children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

It only makes sense. After watching – and perhaps helping – their Rotarian family members dish out spaghetti in soup kitchens, give dictionaries to third graders, and raise money to drill wells in Africa,

these potential recruits have come to personally understand the importance of volunteering and its ability to put smiles on the faces of both givers and receivers.

So just how can you get younger family members involved? It's quite simple, really.

"Invite them to the things you do," Lorigan says. Introduce them to Interact, Rotary's service program for people ages 14-18, and Rotaract, for those ages 18-30.

"My family always supported any function my Rotary club had," she adds. "They'd always come, be a part of it, donate, and buy raffle tickets."

It also helps to bring back photos. After distributing the items Carly helped provide to children in Vietnam, "I came back with pictures of the supplies and toys given to the kids," Lorigan recalls. "It was an incredible experience. They were thrilled. They had reconditioned Barbies. These little girls in Vietnam were smiling from ear to ear. Some had never had a toy."

Because of her influence, Lorigan's son-in-law Fred Zalenski decided to join the Rotary Club of Canton, Ohio, about two hours away from Lorigan's home.

The Rotary service bug spread to his daughter, Carly, who was in third grade when she initiated a project at her school to collect items for children to send overseas. She amassed 10 suitcases of materials, which her grandmother and other Rotarians took to Vietnam in 2002 for a school they'd helped build.

But Carly, who became a Paul Harris Fellow in April, didn't stop there. In 2006, she launched an effort to raise \$50,000 to cover half the cost of constructing another school in Vietnam. (The other half was to come from the Vietnam Children's Fund, whose cochair is Ohio-born Terry Anderson, a journalist who was held hostage in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1985 to 1991.) Carly began speaking to Rotary clubs about the project, and by June had rounded up enough money to meet her goal. To help raise funds, Anderson, who has met with Carly, spoke at a March benefit dinner in Canton.

"It's exciting," says Carly, who wants to become a Rotarian some day. "It's been such a surreal experience. Everything's been happening so fast."

Carly is starting high school this fall and plans to join an Interact club. She hopes to eventually become a Rotary Youth Exchange student, Rotaractor, and Group Study Exchange participant.

The Funny Side

Adminisphere: The rarefied organizational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.

Alpha Geek: The most knowledgeable, technically proficient person in an office or work group. "Ask Larry, he's the alpha geek around here."

Anally: Occurring yearly

Anesthesia: A Russian princess you studied in school

Ankle: Opposite of aunty

Anthrax: Trail made by ants

Antibodies: Things uncles are familiar with

Aquadextrous: Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub tap on and off with your toes.

Asthma: What you do if dad says no

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

Amongst the Southern Colonies of British North America was the Province of Maryland. This evening we go the capital of the state of Maryland. Annapolis is a city of approx. 36,500, well known as the home of the United States Naval Academy. It is also the home of one very strong Rotary club.

The Rotary Club of Annapolis, MD in District 7620 was chartered in 1921. It has 153 members and sponsors an Interact club.

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