

The Beacon



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Laurelle's Musings

A big welcome to PDG Mick Newling tonight – I am sorry I will miss his talk – but no doubt I will read something about it in the bulletin when I return.

Last week our club assembly was most productive, except we are still down a Youth Director and President Elect.

We had good feedback at the assembly on the Blues Weekend from everyone involved.

At the **Blues Festival**, our van took a total of about \$4,273. Friday night's takings were \$790.50, Saturday's \$1,661.70 and Sunday's \$1,820.90 – reflecting crowds were the biggest ever on a Sunday. It will be interesting to see how we end up after we take out costs.

Everyone enjoyed and appreciated the participation of Queanbeyan West club members and pleased with the success of the welcome breakfast in Rotary Park. There was some discussion about in future having an overlap of shifts to make for smoother changeover with lanyards.

I reported on John Rowley's findings, viz that the van's power supply is being overloaded, particularly with the donut maker drawing 20 Amps through a 15 Amp and cord less than 15 Amp. We will do something about this soon, even possibly purchasing a more energy efficient donut maker. George said he would investigate possible wind screens for the barbecue which has been an ongoing problem.

The **Blues market** was a huge success attracting thousands during the morning. Gate takings (mostly collected the pervious markets) were \$1,385, with \$455 from the wishing well and \$75.30 from the milk can. That made a grand total of \$1,905.

I will be away for the next three weeks, but hopefully back on deck after that. Many thanks to Ian for filling in for me in my absence.

Enjoy the evening.

President Laurelle

Tonight's international toast

Kentucky County, part of the North American colony of Virginia, was not well supported against attacks on the settlers by the Indians and by the British, a factor which led to Kentucky's separation from Virginia as an independent state after the Revolutionary War, in 1790.

After agriculture and mining, the "Bluegrass State" is noted for horse raising and whisky manufacturing. We go to the capital, Frankfort, and pay a fraternal visit to a breakfast club of 20 members. The Rotary Club of Frankfort Capital Sunrise, KY, in District 6710 was chartered in 2004.

Program

Tonight: PDG Mick Newling on the Rotary Foundation

TASK	11 October	18 October	25 October
Greet /welcome/wheel	Chris O'Brien	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young
Cashier	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young	Bob Aston
Toast / thanks	Kevin Young	Bob Aston	Lin Morey
4-way test	Bob Aston	Lin Morey	Phil Gaffney
3-minute talk	Lin Morey	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson
FINES	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson	Neville Gough
Introduction	Ian Thomlinson	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson

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 (18 October 2007) DRIVER TRAINING FOR YEAR 11s at BEGA – Club helping sponsoring NHS kids**

19 – 21 October	RYPEN. Club is sponsoring two students Tom Sydenham and Josh Hayes
25 October	TBC
28 October	Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval
1 November	TBC
8 November	TBC
15 November	Board Meeting
16 – 18 November	District Conference

From the Foundation Chair

We can be optimistic about achieving our goal of global polio eradication. The number of polio cases has been reduced remarkably since Rotary and partner agencies formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative - from 350,000 in 1988 to fewer than 2,000 in 2006 and 545 in 2007 to date (3 October). Here are the statistics on cases reported globally so far this year:

India	255	Nigeria	201
DR Congo	29	Pakistan	13
Myanmar	11	Afghanistan	10
Angola	9	Somalia	8
Chad	5	Niger	4

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for polio eradication may be directed to "PolioPlus" or to "PolioPlus Partners". PolioPlus funds have recently gone to costs associated with vaccine delivery, surveillance to identify areas where the virus circulates, and training of healthcare workers and volunteers involved in the immunisation process. They have also facilitated interaction between Rotarians in polio-free and polio-affected countries, and assisted Rotary's partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (WHO, UNICEF and CDC).

The PolioPlus Partners division of TRF supports immunisation projects by providing funds to equip the volunteers on the ground with the means of communicating with targeted communities to prepare them for National Immunisation Days (NIDs), and the means of clearly identifying themselves. A shopping list for a NID might include banners, posters, audio cassettes and CDs, T-shirts, caps and aprons.

Contributions to TRF may be directed to PolioPlus Partners generally, or to a designated country for PolioPlus Partners projects, or to a particular PolioPlus Partners project. Rotarians interested in contributing to a specific project should consult the Open Projects List published by TRF. As at 15 September there were three India NIDs and one Niger NID on that list. Elsewhere, NIDs have recently been carried out in Afghanistan and Iraq.

From the RI Website

On 8 October, Rotary International launched its completely rebuilt Web site. As part of a massive effort toward simplifying communication with volunteers and the general public, the rebuilt site offers several key enhancements including:

- An improved Club Locator
- Easy to search Rotary-themed graphics and professional photos that Rotarians can use for their Web sites and newsletters
- A powerful and simple download search
- Related downloads on easy to locate tabs on inside Web pages

RI added a Web site to its family of publications more than 10 years ago, and the site grew to about 5,000 pages. "Like a house with too many people living in it, RI had outgrown its Web site in its current structure. When this happens, it's time to move," says Vince Aversano, RI Communications Division manager.

This meant a structural change, which involved consolidating or adding sections and moving pages. As a result, many of the site's URLs will change, although the main Web address of www.rotary.org remains the same. Automatic jump, or reference, links from old to new pages will be in place to help visitors who have bookmarked some of their favorite sections. Nonetheless, visitors should update their bookmarked pages.

The changes will help people quickly find all the Rotary information and resources that RI offers online. In the future, more Web tools will be added to assist Rotarians in putting Service Above Self.

The Funny Side

Recruiting any and all pilots

The chief of staff of the US Air Force decided that he would personally intervene in the recruiting crisis affecting all of our armed services. He directed a nearby Air Force base that will be opened and that all eligible young men and women be invited.

As he and his staff were standing near a brand new F-15 Fighter, a pair of twin brothers who looked like they had just stepped off a Marine Corps recruiting poster walked up to them. The chief of staff walked up to them, stuck out his hand and introduced himself.

He looked at the first young man and asked, "Son, what skills can you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man looks at him and says, "I'm a pilot!"

The general gets all excited, turns to his aide and says, "Get him in today, all the paper work done, everything, do it!"

The aide hustles the young man off. The general looks at the second young man and asked, "What skills to you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man says, "I chop wood!"

"Son," the general replies, "we don't need wood choppers in the Air Force, what do you know how to do?"

"I chop wood!"

"Young man," huffs the general, "you are not listening to me, we don't need wood choppers, this is the 20th century!"

"Well," the young man says, "you hired my brother!"

"Of course we did," says the general, "he's a pilot!"

The young man rolls his eyes and says, "So what! I have to chop it before he can pile it

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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DISTRICT 9710 – Annual Conference 16 – 18 November

The theme for the District Conference is: Enjoy your Rotary

The Conference activities will occur at the Hellenic Club, in Woden in the ACT.

Conference Program See the website

Registration is only online via the District web site

<http://www.d9710.rotary.org.au/Conference/index.php>

There is no registration fee, but there are charges for all Conference functions that involve meals.

There is also information about accommodation on the website