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The Beacon



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Laurelle's Musings (by Vice President Ian)

A small but quality gaggle of Rotarians gathered last week to hear Kevin Young's Tales of an Outback Traveller. There were no visiting Rotarians but we were pleased to welcome Lin Morey's friend Maureen Nankervis.

Kevin gave us a very entertaining talk on his caravanning trip up north, joining the other grey nomads on outback roads and at various parks and camping sites. I lost track of the number of pubs that Kev and Maureen visited and thoroughly enjoyed his amusing recollection of characters they met. Thanks Kev for a most interesting travelogue.

Tony Fahey reported on the project organised by Bega Rotary Club to improve the awareness and skills of young drivers through a program called RYDA I think, which possibly stands for Rotary Youth Driver Awareness. Around 46 year 11 students from Narooma High (costs subsidised by Narooma Rotary) thought it was a great program and it may be something we consider supporting again next year when it is planned for May rather than late in the school calendar.

President Laurelle continues to make progress with her knee rehab and looks forward to getting back in the Presidential chair.

I'll see you all in early December.

Enjoy the meeting,

Ian

Tonight's International Toast

The former colonial Province of South Carolina became the 8th state of the Union in 1788. Like ten million other visitors each annual season, we are attracted to the amusement parks, golf courses, restaurants and other tourist traps in the city of Myrtle Beach on the Grand Strand - a 60-mile stretch of coastline.

Let's go to the Ocean Beach Resort to make up with the Rotary Club of Myrtle Beach in District 7770. The club was chartered in 1936 and has 101 members.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Program

Tonight: Music Trivia Night – Partner’s Night

| TASK | 1 November | 8 November | 15 November |
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| Greet /welcome/wheel | Bill Hardie | Lin Morey | Phil Gaffney |
| Cashier | Lin Morey | Phil Gaffney | Chris O’Brien |
| Toast / thanks | Phil Gaffney | Chris O’Brien | Neville Gough |
| 4-way test | Chris O’Brien | Neville Gough | Jeremy Ferguson |
| 3-minute talk | Neville Gough | Jeremy Ferguson | George Barker |
| FINES | Jeremy Ferguson | George Barker | Bill Hardie |
| Introduction | Chris O’Brien | Bill Hardie | Tony Fahey |

If you can’t make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Ted Bladwell the day before on 4476 4676 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.

COMING EVENTS: TBC

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| 15 November | Board Meeting |
| 16 – 18 November | District Conference |
| 22 November | Thanksgiving Dinner – Partner’s night |
| 25 November | Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval |

The Foundation Snippet

This is about **Rotary Centres for International Studies**. These Centres provide Rotary World Peace Fellows with the opportunity to pursue a Master’s degree in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations and related areas.

Each year, up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellowships are offered at seven leading universities, one of which is the University of Queensland at Brisbane. The Fellows are chosen based on their potential as leaders in government, business, education, media and other professional areas.

Coursework at the Rotary Centres focuses on preventing and resolving conflict by addressing its root causes - for example, responding to hunger with food security, disease with health care, illiteracy with education, poverty with sustainable development, and environmental degradation with conservation. Fellows put classroom lessons into practice through applied field experience working with governmental and nongovernmental organizations worldwide.

The Market Report

Thick fog greeted last Sunday’s monthly market on NATA oval. The fog along with the start to day light saving ensured a slow start to the market – as the morning wore on things hotted up and the crowds rolled in. The van took \$280.70, the gate \$615.00, the wishing well \$71.85 and Marilyn’s and George’s white elephant stall a massive \$73.00

From the Governor’s Desk (From District website)

Well, we managed to avoid a clash with the Federal election—just!! It took a lot of work to manage that task. The good news is that all the speakers are now confirmed for the Conference, and Barnaby Joyce will be speaking to us and judging the 4—Way Test Speaking Competition. I am sure that by now you have all registered for the Conference, but just in case this important issue has slipped your attention—register now, numbers are limited and I do not want you to miss out on having a wonderful time.

The website continues to be upgraded but this is a very large task indeed and will take some time; please be understanding when delays and outdated information still appear.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) arrangements are coming together and we will have six teams at the Conference to present and mix with Rotarians. Please make them feel at home and see if your club would like to hear their full presentation on a club night; perhaps a few clubs could even get together for a combined meeting to hear one, or even two, teams.

Many people are needed to run a GSE and I am indebted to so many Rotarians for coming to the party and making the programme work. Thank you all.

I note that membership has fallen in recent months. This is not a new phenomenon as the main drop off in members happens in July each year. However, we are below 1,500 and that is a cause for concern. Please remember my official visit talk and see if there is someone you can ask to become a Rotarian; if we each get one person interested, then Rotary in D9710 will be on a very sound footing for the future (indeed, we would double our numbers!).

Finally, another reminder about the Conference, we do need early registration so that the Hellenic Club can have accurate numbers. It will be enjoyable and the dinners have good food and live bands; the committee have put in a huge amount of work and their efforts are just for you – please don't let them down.

Regards to all
Bernie

The Funny Side

A man walks into a bar and orders six double vodkas. Putting them in a row, he downs the first glass, then the third and finally the fifth.

'Excuse me,' the barman says as the man turns to leave. 'But you have left three of the glasses of vodka untouched'

'I know,' the man says. 'My doctor says it's OK to have the odd drink.'

A Puzzle

A group of religious fanatics decided, after much intense study of their holy books, and endless use of a modern powerful computer, that the end of the world when the first day of a century fell on a Sunday.

How much longer do we have?

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ROTARY SHARES

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| Rotary International President: | Wilfrid J. Wilkinson |
| District Governor: | Bernie Rogers |
| President: | Laurelle Pacey |
| President Elect: | |
| Vice president: | Ian Thomlinson |
| Secretary: | Ted Bladwell |
| Treasurer: | Kris Elphick |
| Club Service: | Marilyn Gibson |
| Community Service: | Kevin Young |
| International Service: | Jack Wightman |
| Vocational Service: | Bob Aston |
| Youth Service: | |
| Foundation: | Jack Wightman |

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA

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| 1958-59 Syd Morgan | 1975-76 Jim Lavis | 1992-93 Ian Thomlinson* |
| 1959-60 Bill Smyth | 1976-77 David Ryan | 1993-94 Paul Rayner |
| 1960-61 Moran Callaghan | 1977-78 Ray McCarthy | 1994-95 David Banson |
| 1961-62 Neville Gough* | 1978-79 Tony Cobcroft | 1995-96 Kevin Young* |
| 1962-63 Fred Wood | 1979-80 Ted Oliver | 1996-97 Fred Doctor |
| 1963-64 George Barker* | 1980-81 Mike Barry | 1997-98 Peter Bull |
| 1964-65 Miles Brice | 1981-82 Bob Dorling | 1998-99 Ian Thomlinson* |
| 1965-66 Charlie Matheson | 1982-83 John Williams | 1999-00 James Denny |
| 1966-67 Ray Cooper | 1983-84 Alex Venn | 2000-01 Jeremy Ferguson* |
| 1967-68 Jeff Brice | 1984-85 Barry Lake | 2001-02 Bob Aston* |
| 1968-69 Allen Swan | 1985-86 Norm Hoyer | 2002-03 Paul Schaefer |
| 1969-70 Bill Smyth Jr. | 1986-87 Peter Nelson | 2003-04 Bill Hardie* |
| 1970-71 Kevin Young* | 1987-88 Peter Maclean+ | 2004-05 Georgina Staley |
| 1971-72 Norm Hoyer | 1988-89 Jack Ings+ | 2205-06 Richard Lovatt |
| 1972-73 Harry Dudley | 1989-90 Ron Simpson | 2006-07 Marilyn Gibson* |
| 1973-74 Ted Rose | 1990-91 Bruce Grimmond | 2007-08 Laurelle Pacey |
| 1974-75 John Taylor | 1991-92 Bruce Barrett | |

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