

The Beacon



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Laurelle's Musings

It was a time for great celebrations last week – Tony Fahey received the wonderful news at the meeting of the birth of his first granddaughter (champagne to celebrate!). Then Lin Morey says he had just had another great granddaughter the day before and George Barker told us he and Anne were having their 49th anniversary.

We also welcomed back Angie Ulrichsen after almost two months in India.

Tonight we celebrate Thanksgiving and it's great to have so many of our partners and guests here tonight.

This is a North American tradition that mainly celebrates the end of the harvest as well as family and it is wonderful to be able to share this celebration with Carolyn Wightman. We all have a lot to be thankful for, so I hope you enjoy the evening. The menu sounds scrumptious!

Kevin and Maureen Young represented us at District Conference last weekend so no doubt they will have news tonight about that.

Comment has been made about lack of news from the Board meetings in the bulletin. My apologies and we will rectify that in future. We will have something about last week's Board meeting next week. A reminder it's the markets this Sunday. Unfortunately Chris O'Brien won't be there and I will be there only briefly because I have to go to Sydney, but from what I recall of the roster handed around last week we should be well represented.

Enjoy your evening.
Laurelle

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Tonight's International Toast

We will be going back in time to toast the clubs of past RIPs (other than those from RI Zone 8).

So, back to 2005-06 when RIP was Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and the RI Theme was "Service above Self".

He is from Goteborg (Gothenburg), the second largest city in Sweden, where there are 16 Rotary clubs. His club, RC Goteborg, in District 2360, was chartered in 1927. They have 125 members and sponsor a Rotaract club.

Program

Tonight: Thanksgiving Dinner – Partner's night Cost \$25.00 per head

TASK	22 November	29 November	6 December
Greet /welcome/wheel	Chris O'Brien	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson
Cashier	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson	George Barker
Toast / thanks	Jeremy Ferguson	George Barker	Bill Hardie
4-way test	George Barker	Bill Hardie	Tony Fahey
3-minute talk	Bill Hardie ^(R)	Tony Fahey	Marilyn Gibson
FINES	Tony Fahey	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young
Introduction	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young	Angie Ulrichsen

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: Next Week: Paul Smith – Auto Teacher Narooma HS (TBC)

25 November	Narooma Rotary Market – NATA Oval
29 November	Lunch at Taylor's for the Canadian team on Friendship Exchange and Rotarians from Pambula. Narooma Rotary members are required to transport the team to Batemans Bay. Normal meeting Thursday evening
6 December	AGM – A 2008/09 President is needed urgently
13 December	Board Meeting
20 December	Christmas Party at the Whale
23 December	Christmas Rotary Markets – NATA Oval

Foundation Snippet

Four key strategies for stopping polio transmission -

Routine immunization. High infant-immunization coverage with four doses of oral polio vaccine in the first year of life is critical. It is the primary way that polio-free countries protect their children from the threat of imported polio.

National Immunization Days. For decades, Rotary's PolioPlus program has been one of the driving forces during National Immunization Days (NIDs). Rotarians are involved by providing funds for vaccine, promoting upcoming campaigns in the community, distributing vaccine to local health centres, working with local officials to reach every child, and participating in surveillance efforts.

Surveillance. Rotarians play an important role in working with health workers, paediatricians, and others to find report and investigate cases of paralysis in a timely manner. PolioPlus Partners helps fund containers that preserve pathology samples in transport to laboratories. The program has also played a leading role in providing equipment for the global poliovirus laboratory.

Targeted mop-up campaigns. Rotary's support of mop-up campaigns is similar to NID volunteering, but on a smaller, often "house-to-house" scale.

Generous contributions to PolioPlus help fund these activities and bring us closer to polio eradication.

The First Thanksgiving in North America

Edward Winslow, *Mourt's Relation* :

"our harvest being gotten in, our governour sent foure men on fowling, that so we might after a speciall manner rejoyce together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labours ; they foure in one day killed as much fowle, as with a little helpe beside, served the Company almost a weeke, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Armes, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoyt, with some ninetie men, whom for three dayes we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deere, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governour, and upon the Captaine and others. And although it be not always so plentifull, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so farre from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plentie."

In modern spelling

"our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

William Bradford, *Of Plimoth Plantation* :

In the original 17th century spelling

"They begane now to gather in ye small harvest they had, and to fitte up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health & strenght, and had all things in good plenty; fFor as some were thus imployed in affairs abroad, others were excersised in fishing, aboute codd, & bass, & other fish, of which yey tooke good store, of which every family had their portion. All ye somer ther was no want. And now begane to come in store of foule, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degrees). And besids water foule, ther was great store of wild Turkie, of which they tooke many, besids venison, &c. Besids, they had about a peck a meale a weeke to a person, or now since harvest, Indean corn to yt proportion. Which made many afterwards write so largely of their plenty hear to their freinds in England, which were not fained, but true reports."

In modern spelling

"They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to fit up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength and had all things in good plenty. For as some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were exercised in fishing, about cod and bass and other fish, of which they took good store, of which every family had their portion. All the summer there was no want; and now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degrees). And besides waterfowl there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides, they had about a peck of meal a week to a person, or now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion. Which made many afterwards write so largely of their plenty here to their friends in England, which were not feigned but true reports."

NOTE : The *Mayflower* arrived in Plymouth in December of 1620. No further ships arrived in Plymouth until immediately after that "First Thanksgiving" - the *Fortune* arrived in November of 1621. One of the passengers on the *Fortune*, William Hilton, wrote a letter home that November. Although he was not present at that "First Thanksgiving," he does mention turkeys.

Rotary Foundation selects fourth group for peace program

Rotary International News - 09 November 2007

The Rotary Foundation has selected its fourth group of professionals to study peace-building and conflict resolution in its three-month program in Thailand. Participants are chosen twice a year in a global competition based on their professional and academic achievements.

Started in 2006, the [Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok](#) is aimed at mid- and upper-level professionals who work in academic institutions, governments, nongovernmental organizations, media outlets, private corporations, and other settings that require a working knowledge of conflict resolution and mediation.

The 23 newly selected participants hail from 14 countries and will begin the program in January. They include a logistics operations assistant for the United Nations peace-keeping mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a manager of a nongovernmental organization in Australia, and a journalist working in Kashmir. Upon graduation, they'll earn certificates in peace and conflict studies from the university. Participants, who receive financial aid from the Foundation, often find that their new skills help them advance in their careers

The Funny Side

One morning, the husband returns their boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, puts her feet up, and begins to read her book. The peace and solitude are magnificent.

Along comes a Fish and Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, "Isn't that obvious?")

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading."

"Yes, but I see you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the Game Warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think

Thanks to Jack Wightman – From Rotary Club of North Rocks

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ROTARY SHARES

Rotary International President:	Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
District Governor:	Bernie Rogers
President:	Laurelle Pacey
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Vice president:	Ian Thomlinson
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Vocational Service:	Bob Aston
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Foundation:	Jack Wightman

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA

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	