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Laurelle's Musings

Last week's Thanksgiving dinner was wonderful – good company including many partners, scrumptious food and certainly a little different with many people saying something after dinner about what they are thankful for.

We missed several people last week, especially Carolyn Wightman who was so looking forward to it. Matt packed her a piece of pumpkin and pecan pie for Jack to take home to her which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Sunday's market promised to be a bumper one but unfortunately we had a few 'no shows'. We were fortunate the weather stayed fine although it did look a little worrying for a while. There were a few glitches, like the missing food van, a padlock on the power box to which we had no key, but we came through it all okay (I hope!). Next months' – two days before Christmas should be a whopper.

Tonight's meeting follows our lunch at Taylors today for the visiting Canadian Rotarians and their partners. They spent the last few days as guests of Pambula Club. Pambula dropped them at Narooma and then Ted drove them in a mini bus to Batemans Bay to meet their hosts for the next few days from the Rotary Club of Milton-Ulladulla.

Many thanks to all members who took the time to join them for lunch.

Tonight we welcome Paul Smith from Narooma High who will be talking about a whole new and practical venture at the school.

Enjoy your evening.
Laurelle

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Tonight's International Toast

In 2004-05 RIP was Glenn E Estess Sr of Birmingham, Alabama. His theme for RI was "Celebrate Rotary".

His home club is the Rotary Club of Shades Valley, just south of Birmingham, in District 6860. RC Shades Valley was chartered in 1963 and has 168 members.

Program

Tonight: Paul Smith – Auto Teacher Narooma HS (TBC)

TASK	29 November	6 December	13 December
Greet /welcome/wheel	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson	George Barker
Cashier	Jeremy Ferguson	George Barker	Bill Hardie
Toast / thanks	George Barker	Bill Hardie	Tony Fahey
4-way test	Bill Hardie	Tony Fahey	Marilyn Gibson
3-minute talk	Tony Fahey	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young
FINES	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young	Angie Ulrichsen
Introduction	Kevin Young	Angie Ulrichsen	Bob Aston

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: AGM – A 2008/09 President is needed urgently

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.
13 December	Board Meeting
20 December	Christmas Party at the Whale
23 December	Christmas Rotary Markets – NATA Oval

From the International Service Director

Early this year (2007) Ms Keely Boom of Moruya received \$300 from the club to partly fund the expense of travelling to South Vietnam to work at the Ho Chi Minh City Child Welfare Foundation where her concern was the denial of citizenship rights to illegitimate children. She has written to report that she was there completing the research phase of the project from March to May, and was also involved with UNICEF.

She found that there were a number of other groups denied citizenship. Among them are economic migrants, former soldiers of the South Vietnamese Army and other political prisoners. She has been compiling information about these groups for a report and is seeking project partners for the dissemination of this information and advocacy on the issues. Her next step, in conjunction with a photographer she met during a legal internship Greenpeace, is to produce a book profiling statelessness in Vietnam.

In conclusion, she thanked the club for supporting her work helping those without a voice in Vietnam.

Rotary Friendship Exchange (From RI Website)

A group of Japanese Rotarians renew old friendships made at an RI Convention with club members from Australia. Italian Rotarian parents of a former Rotary Youth Exchange student spend time with the family who hosted their son in Thailand. Rotarian pediatricians from Ghana travel to Germany to stay with doctors there.

Experiences like these happen all the time through Rotary Friendship Exchange, Rotary's international exchange program for Rotarians and their families. Participants experience other cultures and build friendships by staying in the homes of Rotary club members in another country. This program advances international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders while developing interclub relationships that lead to fellowship and service projects.

How it works

Types of Friendship Exchanges

- Visitor program
Individual Rotarians, who may be accompanied by family members, spend a few days in a Rotarian's home abroad.
- Team program
Rotarian couples (typically four to six) visit several communities in a host district for up to one month.
- Univocational
Rotarians of the same occupation observe how their job is done in other countries.

Guidelines

- Only Rotarians and their immediate families are eligible for the visitor program, and participation in the team program is limited to Rotarians and their spouses.
- Spouses or children must always be accompanied by Rotarians on an exchange.
- Rotarians interested in participating must apply through their club president. Not every district participates in Friendship Exchange, so prospective applicants should ask their club president about the program.
- District governors from participating districts appoint a district Friendship Exchange chair, who is responsible for coordinating exchanges through a list of chairs from around the world

The Funny Side

An old lady is rocking away the last of her days on her front porch, reflecting on her long life, when, all of a sudden, a fairy godmother appears in front of her and informs her that she will be granted three wishes.

"Well, now," says the old lady, "I guess I would like to be really rich." POOF her rocking chair turns to solid gold. "And, gee, I guess I wouldn't mind being a young, beautiful princess." POOF! She turns into a beautiful young woman.

"Your third wish?" asked the fairy godmother.

Just then the old woman's cat wanders across the porch in front of them. "Ooh can you change him into a handsome prince and make him my husband?" she asks.

POOF! There before her stands a young man more handsome than anyone she could possibly imagine. She stares at him, smitten.

With a smile that makes her knees weak, he saunters across the porch and whispers in her ear, "Bet you're sorry you had me neutered."

A man with tickets to the AFL Grand Final finds his seat and relaxes. As he sits down, a man comes down and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him.

"No", he says. "The seat is empty."

"That's incredible", said the stranger. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the AFL Grand Final and not use it?"

"Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Grand Final we haven't been to together since we got married in 1967."

The stranger replies, "Oh...I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. Couldn't you find someone else - a friend or relative, or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head. "No. They're all at the funeral."

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ROTARY SHARES

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

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+	2005-06 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	