

# The Beacon



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## *Marilyn's Message*

Many thanks to Jeremy and Heather Ferguson for their wonderful hospitality last Thursday. The weather, which had been threatening to drown us all, was kind in the end, allowing for alfresco dining in the Ferguson's beautiful garden setting. Fairy lights and candles added to the party atmosphere. Jeremy's culinary skills with the barbeque were second to none and his superbly cooked snags and steaks were admirably supported by an array of delicious salads and desserts provided by our members and their partners. It was a sumptuous feast. The turnout was very good and included a number of guests. I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves.

This week we are back at the Whale and hoping that our newest members, Lin and Phil, might entertain us with a talk sharing a little bit about themselves, in lieu of a visiting after dinner speaker. (I am hoping to be there but I do have a late afternoon appointment in Bega, so if I get there it may be quite late).

President Maz

## *Last Week*

Last Thursday we had a great night at Jeremy and Heather's place, even though rain during the day threatened the big event by late afternoon the clouds had disappeared. The food was great and the company excellent. Thank you Jeremy and Heather for hosting the evening.

## *The Foundation Snippet*

This snippet is about Foundation Service Awards. There are three different awards –

- The District Service Award in the form of a certificate is given to any Rotarian whose service to humanity deserves to be recognized. The District Governor can award up to 20 of these a year.
- The Citation for Meritorious Service - a handsome framed certificate - is awarded by the Trustees to one Rotarian from each district every year.
- The Distinguished Service Award - a cast bronze plaque - is the Foundation's highest service recognition. A Rotarian who has held the Citation for four years is subsequently eligible for the Distinguished Service Award for exemplary service which must have extended beyond the district level over an extended period of time.

**MARCH IS POLIO ERADICATION MONTH**

## *Program*

**Tonight: Phil Gaffney & Lin Morey - A short life history**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>15 March 2007</b>	<b>22 March 2007</b>	<b>29 March 2007</b>
<b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b>	Chris O'Brien	Laurelle Pacey	Bob Aston
<b>Cashier</b>	Laurelle Pacey	Bob Aston	Kris Elphick
<b>Toast / thanks</b>	Bob Aston	Kris Elphick	John Messner
<b>4-way test</b>	Kris Elphick	John Messner	Kevin Young
<b>3-minute talk</b>	John Messner	Kevin Young	Ian Thomlinson
<b>FINES</b>	Kevin Young	Ian Thomlinson	Bill Hardie
<b>Introduction</b>	Ian Thomlinson	Bill Hardie	Ted Bladwell

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

### **Next Week: Club Assembly and Board Meeting**

#### **COMING EVENTS:**

25 March **Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**

29 March

## *New WHO leader announces antipolio action*

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga  
Rotary International News

### **30 January 2007**

World Health Organization Director-General Margaret Chan has begun to act on her pledge to press ahead with the goal of eradicating polio worldwide.

On 22 January at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Chan announced that she is convening an urgent consultation of major stakeholders on polio next month. Stakeholders include the four remaining polio-endemic countries — Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan — and donor countries that have traditionally supported polio eradication financially.

"The expected outcome is a set of milestones that must be met if transmission is to be interrupted in the four remaining endemic countries," Chan said at the opening of the twice-yearly session of the WHO Executive Board.

The director-general told the 34-member board that polio eradication represents a potentially huge gain for children. But she also noted that while "it is technically feasible to interrupt polio transmission worldwide," the world needs to overcome operational and financial obstacles.

"I believe we need to assess the country-level operations very carefully to ensure that we can indeed interrupt transmission globally," she said.

Scheduled for 27-28 February, the consultation comes at a time when the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has launched new strategies to address delays in halting transmission of the poliovirus in the polio-endemic countries.

Chan, who took office on 4 January, said in several public statements since her appointment in November that polio will be one of WHO's priorities during her tenure. She has signaled that she will push hard to make available the resources needed to finish the job.

At her inauguration, she told WHO staff that polio eradication is one of the important commitments she has inherited. "Quite simply, we must succeed," she said. "This is not just about meeting a goal. It is about delivering a perpetual gift to every future generation of children to be born."

Soon after, at her first media briefing, the director-general called for renewed conviction and commitment to the goal of polio eradication. She promised frank discussions with stakeholders about a new course of action.

"I feel that the next few months is a very critical period for us to review what needs to be done in order to achieve polio eradication," she told journalists.

Less than a week after taking office, Chan met with RI President William B. Boyd and International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert Scott.

"We were strongly encouraged by the personal commitment and organizational resources Dr. Chan clearly intends to devote to ensure we achieve our shared goal of a polio-free world," said Boyd. "It inspires us as Rotarians to maintain our efforts to overcome the final remaining challenges."

This article comes from Rotary International website see <http://www.rotary.org>

## *The Funny Side*

Teacher: If I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got?

Paddy: Seven!

Teacher: No, listen carefully again. If I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got?

Paddy: Seven!

Teacher: Let's try this another way. If I give you two apples and two apples and another two apples, how many apples have you got?

Paddy: Six.

Teacher: Good. Now if I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got?

Paddy: Seven!

Teacher: How on earth do you work out that three lots of two rabbits is seven?

Paddy: I've already got one rabbit at home now!

### **Tonight's international toast**

From Scotland we go to Northern Ireland and pay respects to the Rotary Club of Ballymoney in County Antrim. The town has a population of about 6,000 in a Borough of 28,000. The club, in District 1160, was chartered in 1965 and has 47 members. No doubt they enjoy good fellowship where they meet - Kelly's Tap Room, 21 Church Street.

## **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.*

### **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.

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