



## *Laurelle's Musings*



Last week was a particularly enjoyable and interesting meeting, complete with our three current Tertiary Scholars Liam, Elizabeth and Calum, Heather Gow-Carey fresh from her two weeks at NYSF and six weeks or so in Denmark through Scouts, a few visiting Rotarians and guests.

Our visiting Rotarians were our esteemed AG Phil Armstrong, Brian and Merilee Webster from Tony's old club Cowra, our regular annual visitor Marion Van de Linde from the RC of Dunstable Downs in England (visiting his

daughter at Dalmeny) and guests Sue Fahey, Peter Gow (father of Heather), Julie Phelps (mother of Liam), Paul and Ann Smith (guests of Chris').

Well done Bob with your three-minuter, Phil for your excellent and appropriate quiz, and Marilyn for your ever reliable chooks.

Heather has gained so much confidence and experience over the last year, what with her experience as MD of the national award winning company Yabra, in Denmark, and at NYSF. Interesting to hear she is now thinking of a career in environmental engineering. She has a huge future ahead of her and it is pleasing to note we have had a little input into that.

In this issue is a summary of the last Board meeting.

Tonight I know everyone will be looking forward to hearing from Angie during the customary 'This is My Life' when new members tell us a little more about themselves. We have been remiss in not getting up Angie up earlier, but Angie has learnt by now we are a kind audience.

Don't forget next Thursday is a barbecue at Jeremy's and Heather's. Make sure you know what it is you said you would bring so we don't end up with 10 potato salads!

Enjoy your evening.  
Laurelle

## *Program*

### **Tonight: Angie Ulrichsen – This is My Life**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>7 February</b>	<b>14 February</b>	<b>21 February</b>
<b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b>	Marilyn Gibson	Meeting at the	Kevin Young
<b>Cashier</b>	Kevin Young	Ferguson's	Lin Morey
<b>Toast / thanks</b>	Lin Morey		Bob Aston
<b>4-way test</b>	Bob Aston		Phil Gaffney
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Phil Gaffney		Jeremy Ferguson
<b>FINES</b>	Jeremy Ferguson		Neville Gough
<b>Introduction</b>	Neville Gough		Chris O'Brien

*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:** A romantic night under the stars as we celebrate Saint Valentines Day at the Ferguson's

2 February	Queanbeyan West Rotary Club – Combined BBQ at Island View Caravan Park
16 February	Quota Dinner - Malaysian theme
21 February	Meet at VRA Headquarters at 6.00pm followed by dinner at the Whale
24 February	<b>Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval</b>
28 February	Club Assembly followed by a Board Meeting
7 March	No Meeting on 6 March we meet on 7 March instead and entertain some cyclists from Bankstown
13 March	A Bollywood Night – The Thomlinson's take us on a tour of India Partner's Night
20 March	Board Meeting
27 March	Combined meeting with Bega Rotary at the Cobargo Pub

## *This month in Rotary history: Rotary's anniversary*

During the first Rotary club meeting Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.

This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston.

## *The Board Report*

### *Tertiary Scholarship:*

President Laurelle reported this year's winner is Liam Phelps. She also reported on the excellent standard of the other applicants.

### *Christmas Party:*

The contribution made by Matt & Jen in the giving to the club the dinner free to the members was recognised, and a more formal acknowledgment is to be made to them.

### *Bar Beach food Van:*

The board deferred discussion as to its worth and whether we would do it all again until next Club Assembly when we can get some input from all members who worked there. We did it 27, 28, 29, 31 December and 1 January. Kris will do a financial breakdown for then. Laurelle contacted Judy Redman at Council to tell her we would not be at Apex Park over the Australia Day weekend, although licensed to do so. Marilyn suggested maybe just doing barbecue at Apex Park in future, like RVCP.

### *50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations*

A meeting of the sub-committee, consisting of President Laurelle, George Barker, Marilyn Gibson and Ted Bladwell held Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. *Main letters to go out with invitations to Bega, neighbouring clubs, and incoming DG.*

### *Cinders Trophy*

Moruya has agreed on 8<sup>th</sup> May at the Whale. Bob and Therese will be quiz masters.

*Web Page:* Proceeding well. Laurelle has to get pic organised for banner (landscape type shot).

*Youth Protection Officer:* Application by Ian Thomlinson in hand.

### *RYPEN*

Laurelle to discuss with Tony Fahey.

### *District Governor's newsletter*

In future Ted will email it to whoever is on email, and give Neville and George hard copies.

### *Quota International night*

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Laurelle and Marilyn will go and possible Jack and Carolyn.

### *Rotary Markets*

Approved increase in market fees, with second and third sites same cost as first. The charges will be reviewed next January Board meeting. Bill Hardie has agreed to accept site bookings for the next market (February) due to the absence of Chris O'Brien.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

### **Community:**

#### *Ringlands:*

Kevin Young to coordinate efforts with Council Norm Lenehan and the Bushwalkers and with the offer of help from the Conservation Volunteers Australia, to see further clean up work done on the walk.

*Rotary Park Signs:* For table, chairs and cover stating Rotary project for Rotary's centenary etc.

President Laurelle proposed to get a quote from Miller Metal Imaging for anodised aluminium signs to be placed on the new Picnic Shelters. Laurelle to make further enquiries.

#### *Bowelscan*

Ted reported supplies will arrive 25<sup>th</sup> February, with distribution and Sales to commence 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Club Service:**

#### *Programs:*

31<sup>st</sup> January. Scholarship winners to be presented with their cheques for the first of two payments for 2008. Further programs include Vocational visits and a Meeting at Cobargo with Bega Club.

### *Changeover*

The date for the Changeover is 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

### *14<sup>th</sup> February*

At Ferguson's. District Chair of PolioPlus David Graham would like to join us on that date. Laurelle to check out.

### *Invitation from Queanbeyan West Club*

An invitation from Q. West club for a BBQ at Island View Resort. Laurelle to find out time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### *Bike Ride- Melvin Grey*

Agreed to change our Meeting to the Friday night 7<sup>th</sup> March to support the Bike ride project from Bankstown Rotary Club.

### *Combined meeting with Bega at Cobargo – at pub.*

Approach by Dirk Kruit of RC Bega, Board decided 27 March. Bega organising venue and speaker.

**Van: Board approved detailing van inside and out for \$300 by Mark Elmasri.**

### *Electrics*

Laurelle to contact John Rowley for quote to do the work required. Defer new lower power donut machine purchase for the moment.

### **International:**

A display of the ShelterBox from District at the Commonwealth Bank was well received and will be returned to District.

### *BAAS Matching Grant:*

Director Jack informed the meeting that he and Ian Thomlinson were working on applying for a matching grant for the building and operating expenses for the school.

### *Foundation:*

Contributions via dinner fees to continue with encouragement for members to contribute more as well as the Centurian scheme.

### **Vocational:**

Director Bob plans to hold the Pride of Workmanship Awards in May – Jun 2008.

### *IRT barbecue*

Jack Wightman to speak to IRT re the annual BBQ.

### *Club Assembly*

Before Board meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### *Art Show*

Marilyn suggested the possibility of the Club running an Art Show as a fund raiser, possibly in collaboration with MACS. After some discussion, Jack said he would raise it with MACS and determine just what is involved in it.

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Narooma High School - Big Gig	\$500
Volunteer Rescue Association	\$1,500 (To go towards the purchase of new Jaws of Life – cheque will be presented when we tour VRA and VRA reps come to club)
Rural Fire Service	\$1000 (To go towards completion of new shed)
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol	\$1,000
Surf Club	\$1,000 (for purchase of collapsible shade and shelter tent)
Dalmeny Nursing Home Fete	\$ 500

## *The Foundation Snippet*

Thirty-year-old polio survivor Gautam Lewis of London travelled to his birth[place in India last November to help Rotarians in the mass immunisation some 75 million children under the age of five against polio.

Born on Kolkata in 1977, Lewis was abandoned by his mother at the age of eighteen months after he contracted polio. He was taken to Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity where, after five years of rehabilitation, he became the ward of Dr Patricia Lewis and was later adopted by her. They moved to London in 1986. There he has worked in the music industry and has managed many high profile bands.

Still dependent on crutches from his battle with polio, Lewis is in a strong position to sympathise and fight the disease. He hopes to inspire those who have been battling polio for years by highlighting with dignity achievements that are possible in the face of adversity.

## *Attendance Matters*

Ted reports that the average attendance for January was 72%

## *Funny Side*

With thanks to Fred Doctor

A distinguished young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the Priest beside her, "Father, may I ask a favour?"

"Of course my child. What may I do for you?"

"Well, I bought an expensive woman's electronic hair dryer for my mother's birthday that is unopened and well over the Customs limits, and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through Customs for me? Under your robes perhaps?"

The priest answered: "I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you: I will not lie."

"With your honest face, Father, no one will question you"

When they got to Customs, she let the priest go ahead of her.

The official asked, "Father, do you have anything to declare?"

"From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare."

The official thought this answer strange, so asked, "And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?"

"I have a marvellous instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused."

Roaring with laughter, the official said, "Go ahead, Father. Next!"

**Subs for the second half of the year are due – See Kris**

**FEBRUARY IS ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH**

## *Growing Old*

A reporter interviewing a 104 –year old woman asked:  
“And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?”  
“No peer pressure,” she replied.

Growing old gracefully:  
“My memory’s not as sharp as it used to be.  
Also, my memory’s not as sharp as it used to be”

Remember:  
Don’t let ageing get you down.  
It’s too hard to get back up.

Remember:  
You don’t stop laughing because you grow old.  
You grow old because you stop laughing.

You know you are growing old when:  
Everything hurts – what doesn’t hurt, doesn’t work.

You know you are growing old when:  
The gleam in your eye is only the sun shining on your bi-focals.

You know you are growing old when:  
You feel like the morning after - but you haven’t been anywhere.

You know you are growing old when:  
Your knees buckle but you’re belt won’t.

You know you are growing old when:  
Your back goes out more than you do.

You know you are growing old when:  
You are turning out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons.

You know you are growing old when:  
You ask your son for your car keys.



**2007 – 2008**  
**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	

*International Toast*

Rotary District 5010 takes in Eastern Russia, Alaska and the Canadian territory of Yukon. Rotary in Yukon is centred on Whitehorse, population approx 21,000. Of the three Rotary clubs there, we go to greet Whitehorse Midnight Sun.

The new Rotary Club of Whitehorse Midnight Sun YT was chartered in 2007 and has 26 members. Their president uses the name "keepaustraliamt" in his email address. Keep Australia empty? We should check him out.

## **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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