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Laurelle's Musings

What a great night with President John Durant and his crew from the Rotary Club of Bega at Cobargo last week. Great company, a fascinating speaker and good food. I feel that next time though we should try and mix everyone up a bit more to enhance 'fellowship'.



Our speaker was Wilma Chinnock of Quaama who had been trekking in Nepal and visited a Leprosy Hospital while there. Her talk was therefore more than a travelogue – her photos were well chosen – because she talked about the health and sanitation problems in Nepal and their contribution to leprosy. It was also apparent she was able to go that extra distance in learning

about the place because she learnt to speak some Nepali.

I will be away for the next two meetings, so Ian Thomlinson will chair the next two meetings. I will miss the presentation of cheques this week to both the Rural Fire Service and the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, and the special Youth Week talk by Mitchell Shaw.

This weekend PE Ted, Ian and possibly John Messner will represent the Club at the District Assembly.

Enjoy your evening.
Laurelle

APRIL IS ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

Program

Tonight: Combined Rural Fire Service and Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol meeting

| TASK | 3 April | 10 April | 17 April |
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| Greet /welcome/wheel | Chris O'Brien | Kris Elphick | Bob Aston |
| Cashier | Kris Elphick | Bob Aston | Jack Wightman |
| Toast / thanks | Bob Aston | Jack Wightman | Kevin Young |
| 4-way test | Jack Wightman | Kevin Young | Lin Morey |
| 3-minute talk | Kevin Young | Lin Morey | Angie Urichsen |
| FINES | Lin Morey | Angie Urichsen | Phil Gaffney |
| Introduction | Angie Urichsen | Phil Gaffney | 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: Next Week - Youth Week speakers

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| 17 April | BOARD MEETING |
| 24 April | |
| 27 April | Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval |

The Foundation Snippet

Afghanistan's effort to finish polio has succeeded in cornering the virus in the country's southern region, according to a World Health Organisation report in February. This region is part of a larger zone of virus transmission that includes southern Pakistan.

Strong immunisation coverage of children living in the border areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan is critical to both countries' efforts to end polio. The two countries cannot eradicate polio in isolation.

Dr. Ali Ahmed Zahed, a prospective member of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, heads up polio immunisation efforts in Afghanistan's eastern provinces, where WHO considers endemic transmission of the virus unlikely. He has played an instrumental role in helping to carry out his country's NIDs including those held on 9-11 March. Afghanistan's March NIDs reached about 6.9 million children. However, fighting between the Taliban and Afghan security forces prevented immunisation of all children targeted.

Vaccinating children and keeping track of who has been immunised is a challenge in a country without a census and where families, especially in the southern region, are constantly on the move to avoid danger. "In the morning you can go in [a village] but in the afternoon you can't," says Dr. Rahmatullah Kamwak, who works in support of WHO efforts in southern Afghanistan.

From the RI Website

Empowering girls, women in Afghanistan

By Aretha Fouch Price

Rotary International News - 19 March 2008

Girls living in and near the village of Deh'Subz, outside of Kabul, Afghanistan, will hear school bells ringing closer to their homes for them for the first time starting in March.

Rotarian Razia Jan, a native of Afghanistan, visited her homeland in 2001 after the Taliban's reign (1996-2001), and in 2002 she began working with the orphanages in the area. It was during her visits that she decided the girls who walk more than two miles each way on a dirt road to school and those who have never had any formal education needed a school closer to where they live.

“A whole generation of girls have never been to school because of the Taliban’s rules prohibiting girls from attending school and the destruction of the schools,” said Jan, a member of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, Massachusetts, USA. “But that is about to change.”

Seeing firsthand the need for girls and women to be educated and productive in her homeland, Jan became inspired to build a school for girls that also will serve as an adult education center for women.

“Our club is just about to open a school for girls in Afghanistan to help break the cycle of poverty [through] access to an education in a very poor village,” Jan says. “By providing them with an education, we are giving them a ray of hope to protect them from the vicious cycle of poverty, malnutrition, and hunger.”

The year-round school is scheduled to open with about 200 girls, ages 4-18. The adult education center is expecting 20 to 30 women, many of them widows with children, to come to learn a trade or how to start a business.

During two visits to Afghanistan, Jan found the site for the school, which she says is in a safe location and within walking distance of six or seven villages. By the time it’s completed, the school will cost more than US\$150,000, and additional funds will be needed to sustain it.

The 17-member Duxbury club has raised more than \$100,000 so far. “My club is very supportive,” Jan says. “We had two big fundraisers for this project, in 2005 and in 2007, and they both were very successful.” The fundraisers included a program with a book signing by Khaled Hosseni, music by Ehsan Aman, a silent auction and a gourmet Afghan dinner.

Funny Side

Actual Bumper Stickers

Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.

Cover me. I'm changing lanes.

Sometimes I wake up grumpy; Other times I let him sleep

I want to die in my sleep like my grandfather....
...not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car....

Montana --- At least our cows are sane!

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

It's WORSE than you think, and they ARE out to get you.

When you do a good deed, get a receipt, in case heaven is like the IRS.

I took an IQ test and the results were negative.

If we aren't supposed to eat animals, why are they made of meat?

Time is the best teacher; Unfortunately it kills all its students!

It's lonely at the top, but you eat better.

Forget about World Peace.....Visualize Using Your Turn Signal!

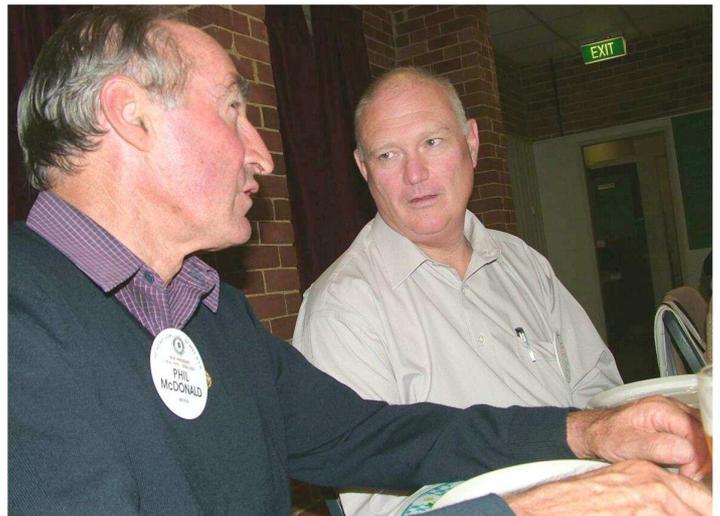
Warning: Dates in Calendar are closer than they appear.

Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

We are born naked, wet and hungry. Then things get worse.

Make it idiot proof and someone will make a better idiot.

He who laughs last thinks slowest



Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

Very funny, Scotty. Now beam down my clothes.

Puritanism: The haunting fear that someone somewhere may be happy.

Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.

The sex was so good that even the neighbours had a cigarette.

We are Microsoft. Resistance Is Futile. You Will Be.

Assimilated. Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

3 kinds of people: those who can count & those who can't.

I like you, but I wouldn't want to see you working with subatomic particles.

I killed a 6-pack just to watch it die.

Sex on television can't hurt you unless you fall off.

Bad Cop! No donut!

This acid must be good. It feels like I'm driving!

Where are we going and why am I in this hand basket?

International Toast

On to Ontario and the town of Kapuskasing, "Bend in River" in the Indian Cree language. The district is heavily forested in black spruce and, not surprisingly, the town's main employer is a pulp mill.

In a population of about 8,500, 65% of whom use French as their first language, the Rotary Club of Kapuskasing has 26 members and sponsors an Interact club. RC Kapuskasing, ON in District 7010 was chartered in 1966.

