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Laurelle's Musings

What a great night last week with the Pride of Workmanship Awards! It was a shame though that we had 8 Rotarians away – all to do with timing. Even so we had 50 people for dinner and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Well done Bob Aston for organising the awards (great job!), Bill Hardie for being MC, and Ted Bladwell for doing all the necessary things to make the night as good as it was. A big thank you too to Sam for putting together the raffle prize.

The Whale excelled yet again. Thank you Matt, Jen, Peter and all the crew. You give our evenings that extra style.

It was great to have 10 local businesses recognise the contributions of key employees in this way, and most said how they really appreciated having an opportunity like this to do so. Their citations said it all.

Great to have ADG Phil present the awards. As Phil said, "Rotary's Pride of Workmanship Awards allows an employer to publicly recognise the excellence shown by one of their employees. It also shows the community the value of doing the job well."

You should have all seen the article in the paper this week. All good for our profile.

Tonight it is wonderful to welcome Joy Gillette who is the CEO of Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. She will have quite a story to tell. Don't forget partners are welcome.

Enjoy your evening.
Laurelle



Program

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TASK	29 May	5 June	12 June
Greet /welcome/wheel	Tony Fahey	Chris O'Brien	John Messner
Cashier	Chris O'Brien	John Messner	Bill Hardie
Toast / thanks	John Messner	Bill Hardie	Marilyn Gibson
4-way test	Bill Hardie	Marilyn Gibson	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Marilyn Gibson	Kris Elphick	No talk
FINES	Kris Elphick	Neville Gough	No fines
Introduction	Neville Gough	Bob Aston	Laurelle Pacey

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 President Elect Ted has the floor!

12 June	Cinders Night – Partner's Night
15 June (Sunday)	10am Ringlands Walk with Norm Lenehan – meet at Ringlands Point
19 June	Board Meeting
22 June	Narooma Rotary Market at NATA Oval
26 June	Changeover

From the International Service Director

From Rotary International News - 23 May 2008

Four hundred ShelterBox containers will reach China's Sichuan Province this weekend to help alleviate the acute housing shortage after the earthquake there on 12 May left 50,000 people dead and more than five million homeless. Another 400 containers are en route to the area.

At the request of the Chinese government, ShelterBox will also provide an additional 1,700 tents. Chinese officials have made urgent appeals to the international community for tents. Newsagencies are reporting that refugees flocking to the cities are sleeping in any place they can find, many in sports stadiums and makeshift shelters.

Three ShelterBox response teams are in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan, to oversee the deployment. "The enormity of it is far bigger than anything I have seen before," Tom Lay told BBC News.

LifeBox, a project of the Rotary Club of Denton and Audenshaw in Manchester, England, is also contributing to disaster relief in Sichuan. One hundred LifeBox containers, which include tools, clothes, blankets and baby items as well as a water purification tool called LifeStraw, have been sent to the province, along with 1,200 additional LifeStraws.

The Rotary Club of Beijing plans to purchase US\$4,000 of baby formula to distribute in the affected area. They are also fundraising. Beijing club members contributed more than \$1,000 to earthquake relief at their meeting the day after the earthquake. Club President Mike Ma also said funds from an annual charity ball next week, which will be attended by RI President-elect Dong Kum Lee, will be redirected for earthquake relief.



Pride of Workmanship

Thank you everyone for your support of the Pride of Workmanship Awards. It was a great night and all the Awardees greatly appreciated the recognition and certificates.

A special thank you to Laurelle, who did most of the organisational hack work last year – it made the job much easier

Bob

International Toast

The Rotary Club of Denton and Audenshaw in Manchester, like the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, is in the charitable business of distributing "boxes" for disaster relief. Their project is the LifeBox (see the International Service report above).

RC Denton and Audenshaw in District 1050 was chartered in 1946. LifeBox is a great achievement for such a small club - 21 members doing good in the world.

The Market Report

Kris reports the following takings from the weekend market

Gate	\$522.50
Van	\$377.95
Wishing well	\$70.70
White Elephant	\$55.50

A rather small occasion, but still not bad.

Funny Side

The good old days – do you remember when we all carried around our large then small diskettes? These days it is a flash drive

Proper Diskette Care and Usage

Never leave diskettes in the drive, as the data can leak out of the disk and corrode the inner mechanics of the drive. Diskettes should be rolled up and stored in pencil holders.

Diskettes should be cleaned and waxed once a week. Microscopic metal particles may be removed by waving a powerful magnet over the surface of the disk. Any stubborn metal shavings can be removed with

scouring powder and steel wool. When waxing a diskette, make sure the surface is even. This will allow the diskette to spin faster, resulting in better access time.

Do not fold diskettes unless they do not fit into the drive. "Big" Diskettes may be folded and used in "Little" drives.

Never insert a diskette into the drive upside down. The data can fall off the surface of the disk and jam the intricate mechanics of the drive.

Diskettes cannot be backed up by running them through a photo copy machine. If your data is going to need to be backed up, simply insert TWO diskettes into your drive. Whenever you update a document, the data will be written onto both disks. A handy tip for more legible backup copies: Keep a container of iron filings at your desk. When you need to make two copies, sprinkle iron filings liberally between the diskettes before inserting them into the drive.

Diskettes should not be removed or inserted from the drive while the red light is on or flashing. Doing so could result in smeared or possibly unreadable text. Occasionally, the red light remains flashing in what is known as a "hung" or "hooked" state. If your system is hooking, you will probably need to insert a few coins before being allowed to access the slot.

If your diskette is full and needs more storage space, remove the disk from the drive and shake vigorously for two minutes. This will pack the data enough (data compression) to allow for more storage. Be sure to cover all openings with scotch tape to prevent loss of data.

Data access time may be greatly improved by cutting more holes in the diskette jacket. This will provide more simultaneous access points to the disk.

Periodically spray diskettes with insecticide to prevent system bugs from spreading.....

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