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Phil Gaffney
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you will be
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your meal.*

The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hi All,

Meeting one, Club assembly one. Board Meeting one. All been and gone!

As I mentioned last week, the new arrangements for the Club Leadership Plan, does make for a different style of management for the Club. The decision to run with it is to be in keeping with the general Goals for the District for the new District Governor. The main object for the change is to place more emphasis on membership and the contributions to the foundation, which is of course the axis the Rotary Wheel turns on.

It was great to have a 'full house' last night with 5 visitors including two possible new members.

Its just six weeks till the 50th celebrations. Please keep this date free as it will be great night for the club and I hope a full complement of members would be there.

I take note of the question last night with regard to 'what are the expectations for a new Rotarian'. We will attempt to address this issue in the coming weeks with a directive from the District.

A summary of last nights board meeting will be in next weeks bulletin. Don't forget apologies to Phil Gaffney by Tuesday evening or the latest by early Wednesday morning.

Look forward to your company this week.

Tonight

A Surprise!!!!

Duties

TASK	10 July	17 July	24 July
Welcome/Wheel	Kris Elphick	George Barker	Jeremy Ferguson
Cashier	George Barker	Jeremy Ferguson	Marilyn Gibson
Toast / thanks	Jeremy Ferguson	Marilyn Gibson	Lin Morey
4-way test	Marilyn Gibson	Lin Morey	Ian Thomlinson
3-minute talk	Lin Morey	Ian Thomlinson	Bob Aston
FINES	Ian Thomlinson	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien
Introduction	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien	Kris Elphick

Coming Events

10 July	TBC
17 July	BOARD MEETING
13 July	Christmas in July – Pam Raynor's residence
19 July	Our Youth Exchange student Katja Gfeller from Switzerland arrives in Australia.
20 July	Our Club is hosting a barbecue for the Conservation Volunteers on Ringlands Point. They will be working for the week on the Ringlands Track. Everyone is invited to help/host.



PP Laurelle presents President (and past secretary) Ted with the golden pen at Changeover

Presidential Membership Conference



CLUB PRESIDENTS' 2007-08; PRESIDENT'S ELECT 2008-09

Greetings

The opportunity for Australian Rotarians to “have their say” - in company with incoming RI President Don Kurn Lee, then RID John Lawrence and Chair of the RI Membership Development and Retention Committee, Ron Beaubien - about Rotary’s future has struck a chord with members and officers coming to Canberra from all states and territories.

Our **“Rotary 2020: the Next Generation”** Presidential Membership Conference in Canberra 11-14 July has already attracted some 320 registrants and 50 partners, with 150 also signing on for the Membership Chairs Seminar - including many sponsored by their clubs.

With a month to go there is still time to register - would you please continue to spread the word with your club members?

On behalf of RIDE John and your Rotary colleagues on the organising committee, thank you for your interest and support.

The PMC has been questioned by some as a “talk fest?” I hope it will be - not in any negative sense, but with plenty of animated and enlightened discussion and debate about “moving forward - to “build a new model for Rotary Australia”.

Significant keynote speakers will lay out challenges to help us achieve that.

Check it out on the web site at www.rotarydownunder.com.au. Also see the attached PMC Backgrounder’

There is room for more future thinkers!

Yours for sharing the dream

Len Goodman
Chairman
Organising Committee
15 June 2008



RI Pres. DK Lee

Rotary 2020: The Next Generation PRESIDENTIAL MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE



RIDE John Lawrence



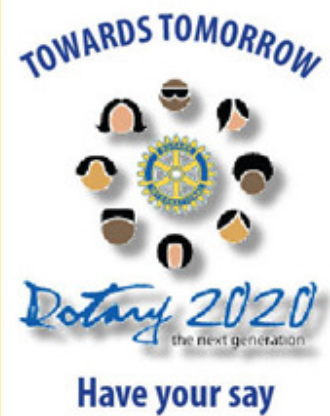
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IN AUSTRALIA there are some 34,000 Rotarians in 1158 clubs

LEADERSHIP:

Rotary International President 2008-09 Dong Kurn (DK) Lee of South Korea requested RI Director for Australia, New Zealand; Philippines and Pacific Islands, John Lawrence to convene an Australian 'Presidential Membership Conference' for 11-13 July 2008. President Lee appointed PDG Len Goodman as Chairman, Organising Committee. Also attending, RI Membership Development and Retention Chairman, Past Director Ron Beaubien, USA

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT:

RI President DK Lee is eminent in South Korea in business and education. He is a friend of the President, who appointed him as International Goodwill Ambassador in 2005, and of the United Nations Secretary General. Rotary has UN Observer status. The South Korean Ambassador to Australia is according Mr Lee an official dinner in honour of his visit to Canberra. Meetings are also being sought with Australian Government ministers and Foreign Affairs agencies.

CONFERENCE RATIONALE:

- Membership is a primary focus of Rotary International
- Membership is the lifeblood of Rotary Clubs

CONFERENCE AIM:

- To motivate and inspire Rotarians to membership development and retention - continuing Rotary's growth since formation in 1905 - and now clearly focused on:--

THE CONFERENCE THEME:

“Rotary 2020: The Next Generation” - moving forward to build a new model for Rotary. To give effect to President Lee's 2008-09 International Theme: **“Make Dreams Real”** - recognising that **“Real Rotarians Make Dreams Real”**.

THE FOCUS:

- Rotary's first open ended Australian Conference.
- Not a membership training seminar.

The PMC is a one off participatory opportunity to plan for the future, based on potential membership recruiting imperatives:

- “Australian Society: Where to Now “. Changes and Trends
- “Volunteering in the 21st Century “. Who will volunteer and how?
- “Rotary - Perception and Profile”. Service opportunities, fellowship.
- “Rotary's Image: The Big Branding Challenge”. Marketing values and service
- “Rotary Experiences” - positives and negatives.

THE ACTION PLAN:

Modeling the Rotary Club of the future - to attract the next generation of busy, switched on business and professional young men and women - personal and corporate:

- What will clubs look like towards 2020?
- Benefits and Costs
- Valuing and preparing for inter-generational change
- Membership growth and extension
- Family and business pressures vs busyness
- Promoting personal development and service to society as desirable outcomes for individuals and employers

ATTENDANCE PRIORITIES:

A representative core of Rotarians from around the nation to “have their say” - club and district members; officers and leaders; past, present and future - experienced, new and potential Rotarians -

younger members encouraged; Alumni of Rotary International programs - Foundation Scholarships and Youth Exchanges

FORMAT:

- Keynote, celebratory speakers - inspirational, challenging
- Selected Rotarians tell of plus and minus experiences
- Maximum Plenary and Workshop sessions
- Culminating with "How to Action the New Model"

TOP and TAILED BY:

A leadership seminar for District and Club Membership Chairmen, conducted by the three Australian Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinators a) to review needs and b) future planning to give effect to the newly developed PMC model

India's giving to Rotary Foundation rises dramatically

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News - 30 June 2008

From large-scale community development projects to polio eradication, Indian Rotarians are improving people's lives on a broad front through their support for The Rotary Foundation.

"It's thrilling to see how our Rotary clubs, in partnership with the Foundation, are building a new India," says Past District Governor Krishnan Chari. "We have seen a dramatic rise in contributions to the Foundation from the Rotarians in India."

In the past three years, India has moved from ninth to fourth in per country total giving to the Foundation worldwide. In 2004, Harshad R. Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Bombay Metropolitan, and his wife, Naina, became charter members of the Arch C. Klumph Society. Named after the founder of The Rotary Foundation, the society honors Major Donors who contribute US\$250,000 or more. In 2006, the Mehtas made a \$1 million gift to the Foundation, the first donors from their country to surpass that milestone of support. In December, they committed to giving \$2 million over the next three years to Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge for polio eradication.

Harshad Mehta is chair of the United Arab Emirates operations of Rosy Blue, a family-owned international jewelry business. He believes strongly in giving back locally and in the global community. Of the push to end polio, he says, "We must further strengthen our resolve, as we are so close to the ultimate goal."

Fellow Indian Rajashree Birla has contributed \$300,000 to endow an Ambassadorial Scholarship and support the Annual Programs Fund. During her April induction into the Klumph Society at RI headquarters in Evanston, she made a surprise announcement of an additional \$1 million commitment to Rotary's challenge.

Birla's late husband, Aditya Birla, led his family's business to become one of India's largest. Today, the couple's son, Kumar Mangalam Birla, heads the Aditya Birla Group (ABG), a Fortune 500 company with 40 plants employing 100,000 workers in 20 countries. Integral to the group's philosophy is accountability to shareholders, employees, and the local community. An honorary member of the Mumbai and Mulund Rotary clubs, Birla feels a strong kinship with Rotary and its commitment to community service.

"Rotarians symbolize a culture of giving and caring which is strikingly close to our group's philosophy," Birla says.

In May, Birla arranged a brief meeting on polio eradication with Usha Mittal, wife of Lakshmi Mittal, the prominent businessman who leads ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steel maker. At Birla's encouragement, Mrs. Mittal generously responded with a \$1 million contribution to the challenge.

"It was remarkable to see the respect that Mrs. Birla received and amazing to have the time, attention, and interest that Mrs. Mittal expressed toward [Foundation PolioPlus Division manager] Carol Pandak's and my presentation on Rotary's polio eradication program," says Past RI President Rajendra Saboo. "What makes the contribution very significant is not only the generous monetary contribution she committed spontaneously, but her desire to participate in polio immunization camps in India."

The Funny Side – Thanks to Tony

One day a man comes home from work to find total mayhem at home. The kids were outside still in their pyjamas playing in the mud and muck. There were empty food boxes and wrappers all around. As he proceeded into the house, he found an even bigger mess. Dishes on the counter, dog food spilled on the floor. The family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing, and a lamp had been knocked over.

He headed up the stairs, stepping over toys, to look for his wife. He was becoming worried that she may be ill, or that something had happened to her.

He found her in the bedroom, still in bed with her pyjamas on, reading a book.

She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?"

She answered, "You know everyday when you come home from work and ask me what I did today?"

"Yes,"

"Well, today I didn't do it!"

A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the

door and shouted at the top of her lungs, 'Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!'

The husband said, 'Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?'

'Doesn't matter,' she said. 'Just be gone by the time I get back'.

A man approached a beautiful young woman in a supermarket and asked, "I've lost my wife here in the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?"

"Why?" she asks.

"Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman, my wife appears out of nowhere."

A bloke is sitting by his car at the side of the road looking unhappy. A passer-by sees his glum face and asks what the problem is. "I've locked myself out of my car" replies the man.

"That's not a problem" replied the passer-by, "Step out of the way, and let me try rubbing my bum on the door".

The motorist is a bit perplexed, but reckons there's no harm in it letting the man try - it might be worth a laugh.

The passer-by turns his bum to the car and slowly rubs it up and down the driver's door. Suddenly, the lock opens and the passer-by turns and opens the car door.

"That's amazing!" says the motorist, "How did you do it?"

"It's easy" replies the pedestrian,..... "I'm wearing khaki trousers"

International Toast

Hi Rotary Colleagues,

For International toasts we are currently travelling around the globe, visiting places in reverse alphabetical order purely on my whim of where to go or where the trade winds blow us. So hold onto your hats, grab your insect repellent and machine guns, tote your back packs, water canteens and tally ho!

Last week 3rd July, 2008 – We toasted the Rotary Club of Bulawayo in Zimbabwe, District 9210. The Club was chartered in 1931 and has 33 members.

Tonight 10th July we toast The Rotary Club of Yoro Yoro in Honduras, District 4250. The Club was chartered in 1982 and has 15 members.