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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hello Everyone

Ted's computer has crashed and he has asked me to write the President's message – What an opportunity!

The 50th celebrations are fast approaching – to make this is an event to remember we need all hands on deck to help out when required, no doubt on Thursday we will discuss jobs and duties. If we all pitch in, it will be a wonderful night, even bigger than that other event just about to get off the ground the Olympics.

Sergeant At Arms and Attendance Officer, Phil, is assuming that ALL members and their partners are attending, if this is not the case please let him know urgently. If you are bringing extra guests he also needs to know.

Pam Rayner has informed the Club that the Christmas in July function that was held a few weeks ago returned a net profit of \$708.00, thank you very much Pam for your efforts in helping out the Club.

Last week our new Assistant Governor, Maureen Manning visited the Club, Maureen gave a valuable talk on membership and the ways we can keep our membership strong. Thanks Maureen and I hope we see you on many occasions throughout your term as ADG.

Just a reminder that the DG Phil Mewett will be making his official visit to the Club on 21 August, the week after the big birthday bash.

Have a great week and I will see you on Thursday

Bob for Ted

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Duties

TASK	7 August	14 August	21 August
Welcome/Wheel	Lin Morey	No Meeting	Ian Thomlinson
Cashier	Ian Thomlinson	50 th Celebrations	Bob Aston
Toast / thanks	Bob Aston	At The Golf Club	Chris O'Brien
4-way test	Chris O'Brien	16 August	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Kris Elphick		Phil Gaffney
FINES	Phil Gaffney		Tony Fahey
Introduction	Tony Fahey		Angie Ulrichsen

Coming Events

7 August	Cora Num, will talk to us about genealogy
14 August	no meeting
16 August	50 th Anniversary Celebrations at Narooma Golf Club
21 August	District Governor's visit
28 August	Board Meeting

Subs are now due

\$100.00 for half year or \$200.00 for the full year

Please pay Treasurer Kris, as soon as possible

Last Week

Once again a great turn out – President Ted is impressed! We had Peter May and his wife Sally from Dubbo (It was their first time in beautiful Narooma), Bob Antil and John Melville as guests of Tony Fahey and of course ADG Maureen Manning. We also welcomed Angie back after a period of leave of absence.

Chris O'Brien gave a three minute talk on the latest in lighting (I never thought it could be so complicated) and Kris Elphick gave an easy quiz as the fine session. Tony Fahey won the wine and his guest John Melville won Marilyn's eggs. Our visitor Peter won the port! (It is always fun when our visitors win the port only to learn that they have to share it around).

Phil Gaffney gave a delightful introduction to Maureen as our guest speaker, I never knew that Maureen had circumnavigated the country on a pogo stick – you learn something new everyday. Maureen gave an interesting talk on membership, yes, Rotary needs more members and it is our job to find them.

President Ted also announced that the recent Christmas in July dinner at Pam Raynor's place raised \$708.00 for Narooma Rotary – a great achievement, thanks Pam.

Treasurer Kris also reported that the markets took \$430.00 at the gate and \$529.00 at the van. The Rotary junk staff and wishing well contributed about \$100.00 to the coffers.

Nigerian president declares commitment to polio eradication

Nigeria's President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua pledged his continued commitment to eradicate polio in Nigeria as he received Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award for his leadership in support of ending polio.

The award honours heads of state, health agency leaders, and others who have made significant contributions toward polio eradication.

"The award has given me a great responsibility to do everything humanly possible to ensure that polio is finally and totally eradicated from Nigeria," Yar'Adua said during a presentation on 24 July at the State House in Abuja. The award was presented by Jonathan Majiyagbe, the first African chair of The Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees.

"As an African and resident of Kano, I am honoured to present this award to President Yar'Adua," said Majiyagbe. "I thank him for the progress being made in reaching more Nigerian children with the necessary vaccine."

Yar'Adua has been a strong supporter of polio eradication efforts in Nigeria, one of four polio-endemic countries. Under his leadership, Nigeria announced it would fulfil its US\$34 million pledge to support

polio immunization rounds. Yar'Adua also recently created an initiative to intensify efforts and speed progress toward polio eradication.

Earlier this year, Yar'Adua's wife, Turai, personally launched immunization campaigns.

Majiyagbe noted that Yar'Adua, while governor of Katsina State in 2002, launched a safety study of the oral polio vaccine that helped restore public confidence in national immunization efforts.

Since then, renewed engagement of political, religious, traditional, and community leaders and new initiatives, including Quranic school engagement and community dialogues, have led to progress in Nigeria. The proportion of children missed during immunization campaigns has been significantly reduced from more than 50 percent to 20 percent in key areas of the country.

To date, more than two billion children worldwide have been immunized against the paralyzing and sometimes deadly poliovirus. Tremendous progress has been made in the last two decades, as polio cases have declined by 99 percent. Yet, challenges remain in the four polio-endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Finishing polio worldwide remains Rotary's top goal. Vital to helping achieve that goal is Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge, the three-year funding effort to match the Gates Foundation's \$100 million grant to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.

The Funny Side

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, 'Do you know her?' 'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend.'

I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife, 'Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?' And that's how the fight started.....

The job application

This is an actual job application that a 75 year old senior citizen submitted to Wal-Mart in Porterville. They actually hired him because he was so honest and funny.

NAME: George Martin

SEX: Not lately, but I am looking for the right woman (or at least, one who'll cooperate).

DESIRED POSITION: Company's President or Vice President. But seriously, whatever's available. If I was in a position to be picky, I wouldn't be applying here in the first place.

DESIRED SALARY: \$185,000 a year plus stock options and a Michael Ovitz style severance package. If that's not possible, make an offer and we can haggle.

EDUCATION: Yes.

LAST POSITION HELD: Target for middle management hostility.

PREVIOUS SALARY: A lot less than I'm worth.

MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT: My incredible collection of stolen pens and post-it notes.

REASON FOR LEAVING: It sucked.

HOURS AVAILABLE TO WORK: Any.

PREFERRED HOURS: 1:30-3:30 p.m.! Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS?: Yes, but they're better suited to a more intimate environment.

MAY WE CONTACT YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER?: If I had one, would I be here?

DO YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL CONDITIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT YOU FROM LIFTING UP TO 50 lbs.?: Of what?

DO YOU HAVE A CAR?: I think the more appropriate question here would be "Do You have a car that runs?"

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION?: I may already be a winner of the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes, so they tell me.

DO YOU SMOKE?: On the job - no, on my breaks - no.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?: Living in the Bahamas with a fabulously wealthy dumb sexy blonde super model who thinks I'm the greatest thing since sliced bread. Actually, I'd like to be doing that now.

DO YOU CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?: Oh Yes, Absolutely.

International Toast

Tonight we travel to the Rotary Club of Beijing. The club was chartered in 2006 and has 54 members. It is in Zone 4 of the clubs that do not have districts. The members meet on Tuesday at 12.30 pm at the Kempinski Hotel.

The attention of the world will be focussed on this city in the coming weeks.

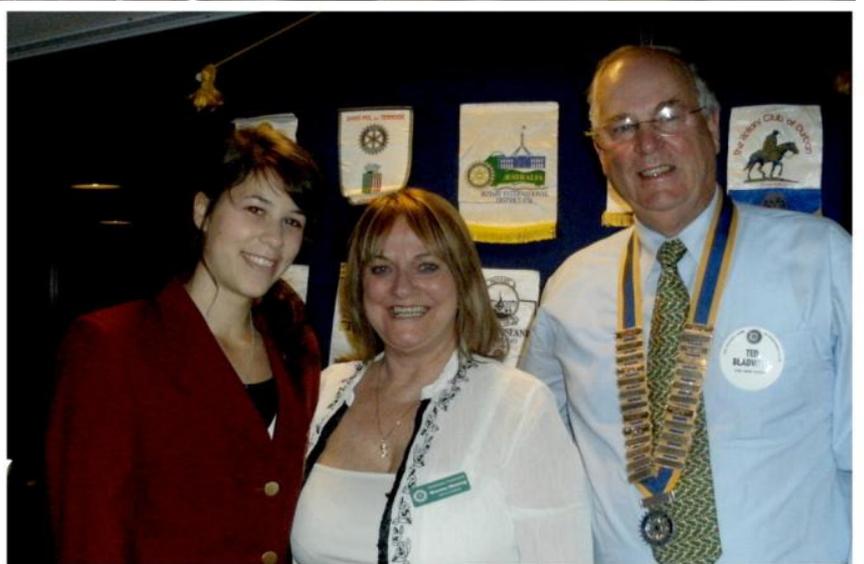
Birthdays and Anniversaries

10 th August	Anne Barker
14 th August	Heather Ferguson
18 th August	Ian & Micki's Wedding Anniversary
31 st August	John Messner

What Was Big 50 Years Ago?

- As the Club is about to celebrate its 50th Anniversary let's have a look that was big in 1958
- Bob Menzies was re-elected as Prime Minister, defeating Doc Evatt. Debates about the Communist Party were big and the DLP were a key player in the election.
- The first American satellite *Explorer I* was launched
- Workers in NSW were guaranteed 3 weeks annual leave
- The first official top 40 chart published by radio station 2UE
- Australia's first nuclear reactor began operations at Lucas Heights
- The nuclear powered submarine *USS Nautilus (SSN-571)* became the first vessel to cross the North Pole under water
- The Southern Cloud wreckage was found in the Snowy Mountains
- Albert Namatjira was convicted of supplying alcohol to another Aborigine
- Queen Elizabeth II and the Queen mother visit Australia
- Pope John XXIII succeeds Pope Pius XII as the 261st pope
- The last section of the Pacific Highway between Sydney and Brisbane is bitumen sealed (just south of Taree)
- Bowen, Queensland, is almost destroyed by a cyclone
- Jack St. Clair Kilby invents first integrated circuit
- Qantas began its first around the world service flying Super Constellations via the Middle East and London and via San Francisco and New York
- Johnny O'Keefe was big news with his album *The Big Show*. George and Ann jived to the song 'The Wild One' at their wedding. Lucky Starr and his star shaped guitar were also big. Other hit songs included *Diana*(Paul Anka), *April Love*(Pat Boone), *Catch a Falling Star*(Perry Como), *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*(Laurie London) and a *Pub With no Beer* (Slim Dusty)
- The U.S. Army inducts Elvis Presley, transforming The King Of Rock & Roll into U.S. private #53310761
- Saint George won the Premiership, NSW the Sheffield Shield and Collingwood the VFL.
- And if you could afford it, you drove a Holden FC





Tony and George contemplate the dessert, Katie, Maureen and Ted line up for a happy snap and ADG Maureen implores us to get serious about membership.