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The Beacon



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Apologies to Phil Gaffney the Tuesday before the meeting on 44765547 or you will be charged for your meal.

The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hi all,

Again the problem of numbers for our weekly dinner meetings has cropped up, with discussions with the Whale management. We have to become more accurate in advising them of the number of meals they need for the night. Our attendance officer Phil has to give numbers by 12 noon on the Tuesday prior to the meeting. So far we have not had to pay for unused dinners but that may change soon. The rule is: If you cannot make the meeting, apologise. If you know you are bringing guests please advise. Obviously, sometimes things happen without time to phone, so please ring or e-mail Phil.

Since the beginning of this Rotary year, the pressure from Rotary International and the District has been on membership. We have been fortunate to have already inducted two new Rotarians, with more in the near future to be put to the Club for approval. This is a great start to the year for the Club, but there are more of the locals out there just waiting to be asked to join us, but please bear in mind the proven Rotary procedure. Any help needed please ask for assistance.

The Roster was sent to you after last meeting with still many 'slots' to fill. Please discuss with your partners and fill in the roster next meeting.

If you are still thinking of attending the District Conference in October/November just think of the accommodation. Conferences are usually a great weekend with top guest speakers and good fun at the dinner functions.

This week we have Marlee Kingsley Ambassadorial Scholar to speak to us and to explain another great Rotary program.

Ted

Tonight

Marlee Kingsley, Ambassadorial Scholar

Duties

TASK	11 September	18 September	25 September	
Welcome/Wheel	Kris Elphick	Phil Gaffney	Tony Fahey	
Cashier	Phil Gaffney	Tony Fahey	y Angie Ulrichsen	
Toast / thanks	Tony Fahey	Angie Ulrichsen	Jeremy Ferguson	
4-way test	Angie Ulrichsen	Jeremy Ferguson	John Messner	
3-minute talk	Jeremy Ferguson	John Messner	George Barker	
FINES	Jeremy Ferguson	George Barker	Laurelle Pacey	
Introduction	Jack Wightman	Laurelle Pacey	Bob Aston	

Coming Events

11 September	Marlee Kingsley, Ambassadorial Scholar
18 September	Board Meeting
25 September	Katie Gfeller – Rotary Youth Exchange
28 September	Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval
2 October	Blues Festival Set Up
3, 4 & 5 October	Blues Festival
9 October	TBC
16 October	Board Meeting

International Toast

The Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach, Ontario. Chartered in 1984 the Club has 23 members. It meets at lunchtime on Mondays.

Ambassadorial Scholarships

Ambassadorial Scholarships is the oldest program of The Rotary Foundation, founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies.

While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

Generous contributions from Rotarians worldwide represent a continued faith that today's Ambassadorial Scholars will be tomorrow's community and world leaders.

Pakistan reaffirms support for ending polio

By Dan Nixon Rotary International News -- 28 August 2008

"We all have to play our full role to turn the dream of a polio-free Pakistan into reality," declared Pakistani Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on the first day of the country's 19-21 August National Immunization Days. Gilani launched the NIDs by administering drops of polio vaccine to a child in Islamabad.

Before the NIDs, the prime minister had expressed concern over the increase in polio cases in Pakistan. As of 12 August, 27 cases have occurred in 2008, compared to 32 cases in all of 2007. He directed the national health ministry and provincial health departments to ensure that no child would be left unimmunized during the NIDs.

Gilani also called the Global Polio Eradication Initiative a great combined effort and lauded the work of provincial health departments, undertaken in collaboration with the World Health Organization, Rotary International, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and nongovernmental organizations.

The primary areas of indigenous poliovirus transmission in Pakistan are the provinces of North-West Frontier, Balochistan, and Sindh, which includes Karachi. Transmission in North-West Frontier and Balochistan is mostly due to the highly mobile population and people living in areas of insecurity.

The resurgence of polio cases in Sindh is mainly the result of operational challenges. In response, Federal Minister for Health Sherry Rehman has directed the ministry to strengthen dialogue with provincial and district level authorities and more effectively coordinate polio immunization efforts with the health, education, and family welfare departments.

In addition, the Sindh government is taking several steps to make the province polio-free, including

- Conducting Subnational Immunization Days every month
- Involving religious leaders in social mobilization efforts to persuade families to have their children immunized
- Promoting the importance of child immunization in the news media
- Carrying out mop-up campaigns to immunize children previously missed

In June, The Rotary Foundation awarded US\$5.9 million to the World Health Organization and UNICEF for social mobilization activities and operational support in Pakistan.

Rotary clubs are also increasing their participation in Pakistan's effort to end polio. "All [Rotarian] volunteers have been instructed to personally join the polio vaccinating teams, especially in remote areas of the country, to make sure that no children remain unattended by the teams," said Almas Ali Jovinda, of the Rotary Club of Lahore Mozang.

Last Week

Last week there was a slight change of plan because our guest speaker was unavailable. Max Reid filled us in on his past life working with the packaging giant Visy. He said that he Richard Pratt was a good boss to work for and that in his time with the company many new ways were invented to package products.

We also had a couple kayakers turn up, to tell us about their adventure, kayaking around the water ways of NSW for a North Coast Charity and checking out the local pubs at night! It sounds like the way to go for me, I am just not sure if my liver could handle it.

We also had the pleasure of the company of Paul and Ann Smith and Bob Antil.

The Funny Side

You know you are a teacher when:

- You believe the staff room should be equipped with a Vallum salt lick.
- You find humour in other people's stupidity.
- You believe chocolate is a food group.
- You can tell if it's a full moon without ever looking outside.
- You believe "Shallow gene pool" should have its own box in the report card.
- You believe that unspeakable evils will befall you if anyone says "Boy, the kids sure are mellow today.
- When out in public you feel the urge to snap your fingers at children you do not know and correct their behaviour.
- When you mention "Vegetables" you're not talking about a food group.
- You think people should be required to get a government permit before being allowed to

reproduce.

- You wonder how some parents ever MANAGED to reproduce.
- You believe in aerial spraying of Prozak.
- You've ever had your profession slammed by someone who would "Never DREAM" of doing your job.
- You think caffeine should be available in intravenous form.
- You know you are in for a major project when a parent says "I have a great idea I'd like to discuss. I think it would be such fun."
- You want to choke a person when he or she says "Oh, you must have such FUN everyday. This must be like playtime for you."
- Meeting a child's parent instantly answers the question "Why is this kid like this?"

September Celebrations

1st Pam Raynor

3rd Marilyn Gibson

12th Laurelle Pacey

12th Lin Morey

The Blues Festival Roster 2008

Time	Friday 4 October	Saturday 5 October	Sunday 6 October	Sunday Market	Monday 7 October
6:00am – 9:00am Market Gate				1 Laurelle Pacey	
Market Gate				2	
				3	
				4	
9:00am – 12noon				1	1 Ted Bladwell
					2 Kris Elphick
					3 Phil Gaffney
					4
					5
12noon Power Check Health Inspection	1 Ted				
12noon - 3:00pm		1 Kris Elphick	1 Max Reid	1	
		2 Therese Aston	2 Pat Reid		
		3	3 John Messner		
		4	4		
3:00pm - 6:00pm		1 Max Reid	1Ted Bladwell		
		2 Pat Reid	2 Sam Bladwell		
		3 Ted Bladwell	3		
		4 Sam Bladwell	4		
6:00pm – 9:00pm	1Bob Aston	1Bob Aston	1Laurelle Pacey		
	2 Laurelle Pacey	2 Therese Aston	2		
	3 Ted Bladwell	3 Jenni Aston	3		
	4 Sam Bladwell	4 Clare Aston	4		
9:00pm – 12:00 midnight	1 Laurelle Pacey?	1Bob Aston	1		
	2	2	2		
	3	3	3		
	4	4	4		