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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hi all,

Dull skies on Saturday night, didn't stop us from having a great night at the Astons, and I don't know about the Cocktails, but they must have been tasty and certainly colourful and the beer was great too. A big thank you to Bob Therese and the girls for having us and putting on the evening for the Club.

We had Erin to talk to us on her Exchange in Germany Visiting Rotarian Rohan Gleeson and his wife Paulene from Moruya Club and our honorary member Pam Raynor.

This week is the AGM. President elect Jack has been busy sizing up prospective Board members for the next year. If you want to be a part of his team, see Jack for a nomination form. Would be great to have to have a ballot for positions on the Board!

The Carols by Candlelight is on at NATA oval on Sunday 14th. We will have the food Van there from about 6 pm to 9pm with the usual fare. Will call for some help next meeting. Whilst on the subject, help will be needed again this year at Bar Beach between Christmas and New Year. More about information at the next meeting.

Make Dreams Real

Cheers

Ted

Tonight

Club AGM

Duties

TASK	11 December	18 December	25 December
Welcome/Wheel	Paul Smith	Bob Antill	No
Cashier	Bob Antill	Marilyn Gibson	Meeting
Toast / thanks	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O'Brien	
3-minute talk	Kris Elphick	John Messner	
FINES	John Messner		
Introduction	John Melville	Angie Ulrichsen	

Coming Events

11 December	Club AGM
14 December	Carols by Candlelight
18 December	Club Christmas Party
28 December	Narooma Rotary Markets
17 January	Barefoot Bowls at Bodalla Bowling Club

The week that was

Last week 20 or so members and guests met at Bob & Therese's place for cocktails. It was great to see Pam Raynor in her Santa's hat, Carolyn Wightman, Kevin & Maureen Young, Rohan & Pauline Gleeson and our outbound, Exchange Student, Erin Fahey.

The first cocktail was a Mango and Peach Margarita delight consisting of mango, peach, tequila, cointreau and lime juice! No wonder a few heads were a little light after a few sips. Follow up drinks for the brave included Tequila Sunrise (tequila, orange juice & grenadine) and the good old Blue Lagoon consisting of a good measure of vodka, Blue Curacao and lemonade. The less brave sampled lemon and lime infused beer, blue tongue, chardonnay and soft drink.

There was also a great selection of raffle prizes including cups, Rotary Christmas cards and assorted Christmas sweets.

Father-daughter team makes peace a family affair

Rotary International News -- 5 December 2008

Brian Farr expected to hear inspiring speakers at the Rotary World Peace Symposium last year in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA -- among them, his daughter Jana, a Rotary World Peace Fellow, who was delivering the invocation.

What he didn't expect was to be so motivated by what he heard that he would enroll in a peace studies program himself. In April, Farr, assistant attorney general for the State of Utah, graduated from the three-month peace and conflict studies program at the Rotary Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

He credits Past RI President Charles C. Keller's "visionary" speech for providing the key inspiration. Keller talked of the need to seek more peaceful means of conflict resolution and "emphasized that peace-building is not a spectator sport," Farr says.

Neither he nor his daughter could be accused of standing on the sidelines as far as peace is concerned. They helped build international goodwill before the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and worked on developing the Global Mediation Project, a component of the city's future vision.

"It's been fun to see how our lives continue to cross paths in our work," says Jana, who will graduate from the University of Bradford in December. "Our conversations have become richer during my study in England and his in Thailand. We enjoyed bouncing ideas off each other."

Spending time with Rotarians has been a highlight of Jana's experience, just as it was for her father during the 2007 RI Convention. "It was that international spirit of Rotary that pulled me toward Chulalongkorn nearly as much as Keller's speech," he says.

The father-daughter team is exploring how best to use a combined body of knowledge and passion to meaningfully contribute to building peace. "And we're also looking forward to continued interactions with Rotary," Jana says.

International Toast

International toast this week is to the Rotary Club of Herat, the newest of the three Rotary Clubs in Afghanistan, District 3270. The club was chartered in 2005 and has 10 members. Members meet on Saturdays at 4.00 pm at the hotel Marco Polo, Badmurgan.

The Funny Side

Texans in Heaven

Gabriel came to the Lord and said, "I have to talk to you. We have some Texans up here in Heaven who are causing problems. They're swinging on the pearly gates, my horn is missing, barbecue sauce is all over their robes, their dogs are riding in the chariots, and they're wearing baseball caps and cowboy hats instead of their halos. They refuse to keep the stairway to Heaven clean. There are watermelon seeds and pig feet bones all over the place. Some of them are walking around with just one wing."

The Lord said, "I made them special, Gabriel. Heaven is Home to all my children. If you really want to know about real problems, let's call the Devil."

The Devil answered the phone, "Hello? Damn, hold on a minute." The Devil returned to the phone, "Okay, I'm back. What can I do for you?"

The Lord replied, "I just want to know what kind of problems you're having down there."

The Devil said, "Hold on again. I need to check on something." After about 5 minutes Devil returned to the phone and said, "I'm back. Now what was the question?"

The Lord said, "What kind of problems are you having down there?"

The Devil said, "Man, I don't believe this....Hold on, Lord." This time the Devil was gone 15 minutes. The Devil returned and said, "I'm sorry Lord, I can't talk right now. Them damn Texans done put out the fire and are trying to install air conditioning."





Clockwise from above left
Laurelle in conversation, Jack and Angie listen to Erin, Pat
and Sam enjoy a refreshing drink and Erin telling us about
her host country – Germany