



The Beacon

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Laurelle's Musings

A huge thank you to the wonderful team of five who cooked a barbecue lunch the Saturday before last for residents at the IRT's Dalmeny Nursing Home. This was initiated by Jack Wightman and ably supported by George Barker, Tony Fahey, Kris Elphick and Marilyn Gibson. You did us all proud.

Last week it was a shame we missed out on the presentation by our District Information Officer John O'Neil on the new Club Leadership Plan. The time was right; so to speak, to have such a presentation with PE Ted Bladwell starting to plan his year, but unfortunately circumstances kept John in Canberra. But it was wonderful to have Matt Deveson step into the role of guest speaker. He brought us up to date with plans for the Oyster Festival.

As mentioned last week, the Board has endorsed the Club becoming involved again with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program after a gap of some years.

It is for that reason Rohan Gleeson is with us tonight to talk about the program, ably accompanied by two students including Valentin who visited in August last year soon after arriving in Australia and Lucas an exchange student from Brazil. A very warm welcome to you all.

A summary of the last Board meeting will be in next week's Beacon – ran out of time to do it this week.

Enjoy your evening.
Laurelle

Attendance Matters

Secretary, President Elect and Attendance Officer Ted, reports that attendance for April was 81% - well done team!

The Market Report

Treasurer Kris reports the following takings from last Sunday's markets

Gate	\$ 702.50
Van	\$ 577.50
Wishing well	\$ 94.85
White elephant	\$ 16.50
TOTAL	\$1391.35

MAY IS ROTARY PLANNING MONTH

Program

Tonight: Rohan Gleeson – Youth Exchange Program (Partners Night)

TASK	1 May	8 May	15 May
Greet /welcome/wheel	Kevin Young	Lin Morey	Angie Urichsen
Cashier	Lin Morey	Angie Urichsen	Phil Gaffney
Toast / thanks	Angie Urichsen	Phil Gaffney	Tony Fahey
4-way test	Phil Gaffney	Tony Fahey	Chris O'Brien
3-minute talk	Tony Fahey	Chris O'Brien	John Messner
FINES	Chris O'Brien	John Messner	Bill Hardie
Introduction	John Messner	Bill Hardie	Marilyn Gibson

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 – TBC

15 May	Board Meeting
22 May	Pride of Workmanship – partners Night
25 May	Narooma Rotary Market at NATA Oval
29 May	Joy Gillette
5 June	TBC
12 June	Cinders Night
19 June	Board Meeting

International Toast

The capital of the Canadian province Nova Scotia (pop 930,000) is Halifax (pop 370,000 in the regional municipality). The economy is resource based in rural areas (agriculture, forestry, mining and fishing) and supported by tourism, defence, business and banking in the urban areas. Halifax is also the cultural centre in the Atlantic region.

We visit the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest which, like us, is celebrating 50 years of Rotary service. The club, in District 7820, was chartered in 1958. With 55 members, the club recently sponsored the formation of an Interact club.

A digression from the International Service Director

In our District 9710 clubs are considering whether to adopt the RI recommended Club Leadership Plan which involves a restructuring of the Board. Instead of being organised as we are with Directors/ Committees for each Avenue of Service (Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service and Youth Service), we are advised to have standing committees for Membership, Public Relations, Administration, Service Projects, and The Rotary Foundation. You can see where RI desires more emphasis.

The Service Projects Committee is required to be active in each of the Avenues of Service.

Clubs are encouraged to adopt an organisation that suits each of them according to what they do and how they operate. Here is an example of a club which has certainly adopted a unique organisation based on the traditional Avenues.

The Board has five Directors/Committees, namely –

Club Services 'A' - Fellowship, social, program, and health of the club.

Club Services 'B' - Bulletin, information/communications, membership, and in this instance - 50th Anniversary.

Community/Vocational Services - Community Service, literacy, new projects, Interact, and public relations (website).

World Community Service - International projects and

The Rotary Foundation.

A rose is a rose is a rose by any other name!

Funny Side

A young trial lawyer was defending a man accused of burglary, known for being witty (and the judge knows this) tried yet another one of his creative defences. The judge, while not known for having a sense of humour, decided to here the young lawyer out.

“While my client admits he did, in fact, reach his arm into the window and removed a few trifling articles. However his arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offence committed by just his limb.”

“Well put,” the judge replied. “Using your logic, I sentence the defendant’s arm to one year’s imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he so chooses.”

The defendant smiled. With his lawyer’s assistance he detached his artificial limb, laid it on the bench, and walked out.

A blonde chick found herself sitting next to a lawyer on an airplane. Bored, the lawyer kept bugging the blonde wanting her to play a game of intelligence (lawyers like easy prey). Finally, the lawyer offered her 10 to 1 odds, said every time the blonde could not answer one of his questions she owed him \$5, but every time he could not answer hers he’d give her \$50.00. The lawyer figured he could not lose, and the blonde reluctantly accepted.

The lawyer first asked, “What is the distance between the Earth and the nearest star?” Without saying a word the blonde handed him \$5.

The blonde then asked, “What goes up a hill with 3 legs and comes back down the hill with 4 legs?”

The lawyer looked puzzled. He spent nearly an hour, looking up everything he could on his laptop and even placing numerous air-to-ground phone calls, trying to find the answer. Finally, angry and frustrated, he gave up and paid the blonde \$50.00

The blonde put the \$50 into her purse without comment, but the lawyer insisted, “What is the answer to your question?”

Without saying a word, the blonde handed him \$5.

President Elect Ted Reports on the recent PETS Conference

A lot of time was spent discussing the implementation of the New Leadership Plan, whilst it is not compulsory to change at this stage the hope is that all Clubs will move to the Leadership Plan in the near future.

The DGE's Goals for the year were also discussed – they are summarised below

DGE Phil's District 9710 Goals for 2008 – 2009

- 1. Membership**
Increase District membership by 20% to 1800 – Every Club adopt a membership recruitment plan (Beyond 2000 or similar)
- 2. Youth**
Interact – Establish 12 Interact Clubs
Rotract – Establish 2 new clubs
Youth Exchange – 50% of Clubs to host and exchange student or nominate and outbound student
RYPEN – 124 attendees
RYLA – 50 attendees
- 3. Foundation**
Increase donations to the Rotary Foundation from Clubs and members to \$150 000.00 pa
Establish the PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY in the District with a membership of 40
25% of Rotary members in the District to become sustaining members of the TRF
- 4. Rotary Programs**
Matching Grants – 20 applications
RAWCS – Participate in 20 programs
3H Grants – 2 applications for 3H grants in the District
- 5. Club Extension**
Charter two new Rotary Clubs
- 6. Club Leadership Plan**
Encourage the adoption of Club Leadership Plan – Increase to 75% of Clubs.

To be eligible for the District Goals Award a Club must achieve any one of the following goals:

- Charter an INTERACT CLUB
- Charter a ROTARACT Club
- Sponsor a new ROTARY Club
- Adopt a membership plan (eg BEYOND 2000) and achieve a net increase in membership of 5 or 20% whichever is the greater.
- At least one member of the Club becomes a member of the PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY or at least 90% of members become sustaining donors to TRF
- Apply for a matching grant or participate in a RAWCS project (if you have not done so in the last 5 years)
- Apply and receive a 3H grant

Pride of Workmanship

It is that time of year again. The Club will host its Pride of Workmanship Awards on Thursday 22 May 2008. We need nominations! If you know of any employee who may be suitable please give their employer a nomination form – see attached. You can even nominate your own employees. Nominations close on 7 May 2008.

The Rotary Club of Narooma

2008 Pride of Workmanship Nomination

Name of Company or Employer:

Business Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Nature of Business:

Name of Nominator:

Position:

NAME OF NOMINEE:

Employed as:

Private address (not for publication)

Please state why you consider this employee is worthy of the '*Pride of Workmanship*' Award
(Please note: Your statement should be worded in a form suitable for reading as a short citation for the awardee at the presentation)

Signature of nominator: