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Members absent last week missed a very good meeting. Reports were received from Bob Antill (Mental Health Forum), Ted (Markets, and the Literacy project) and Marilyn (Arizona GSE Team visit). A talk by George was well worth the time taken beyond 3 minutes. And Judy Taylor's account of her life experiences and present calling was most interesting and inspiring.

Bob took the opportunity to thank all who helped him with the planning and execution of the Mental Health Forum. I gather that the part played by Paul at the High School was invaluable in getting the forum sessions organised there. As this event was initiated in Ted's year as President and was to have been staged then, and because it was such a success – a notable achievement by the club - Ted named Bob the Rotarian of the Year (2008-09), a tribute we all heartily endorsed.

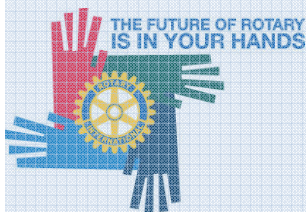
Members present received Marilyn's draft itinerary for the GSE Team's visit in October and were invited to volunteer to provide accommodation for their stay and transport for selected activities. If you haven't but can do so, let Marilyn know ASAP. [I have sent the itinerary to those who were not present]

Looking ahead – partners are invited to be with us on the 27th to hear what Pauline Gleeson has to tell us about her work in Nepal. Be sure to tell Phil for catering purposes. And the following week we will learn about the Model United Nations Assembly that was held in Canberra last weekend. MUNA is all about building goodwill for world peace and understanding in the minds of our youth and is well worth supporting.

Regarding attendance – we make a monthly report to District, and for July Phil reported 82%. That's better that it might appear, as attendance at weekly meetings is boosted by make-ups for market duty, etc. Nevertheless I hope we can have a better attendance at weekly meetings as that's when we can all (as available) get together to get some business done, hear something of interest from a guest speaker, and have some fun. Make the most of the time for fellowship too, in the half hour before meetings begin.

Yours in Rotary service,
Jack

TONIGHT is a Board Meeting - Not the most exciting guest speaker but one we must have!



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John Kenny

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President
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Ted Bladwell /
Laurelle Pacey

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

DUTIES

TASK	20 August	27 August	3 September
Wheel	Jeremy Ferguson	Bob Antill	Laurelle Pacey
Cashier	Kris Elphick	Jeremy Ferguson	Phil Gaffney
Thanks	NA	Angie Ulrichsen	Bob Aston
3-minute talk	Max Reid	Chris O'Brien	Bob Antill
FINES	Phil Gaffney	Max Reid	Ted Bladwell
Introduction	NA	Ted Bladwell	Chris O'Brien

COMING EVENTS

20 August	Board meeting
23 August	NAROOMA ROTARY MARKETS AT NATA OVAL
27 August	Pauline Gleeson on her involvement in supporting orphanages in Nepal. PARTNERS NIGHT
3 September	Two local students Jarrod Dibden and David Binstock from Carroll College report on MUNA.
10 September	No meeting
Sat 12 Sept	Working bee at Buckeridge Lookout
17 September	Board meeting
24 September	AG Maureen Manning
27 September	NAROOMA ROTARY MARKETS AT NATA OVAL
1 October	Van preparation
2 – 4 October	Great Southern Blues Festival
4 October	Narooma Rotary BLUES Markets at NATA Oval
6-9 October	Visit by Group Study Exchange team from Arizona
8 October	GSE Team's presentation – PARTNERS NIGHT
15 October	Visit by DG Michael Pedler – PARTNERS NIGHT

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Ian & Micki Thomlinson Anniversary on the 18/8 – Birthday 22/8 for Merinda Antill

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

The Rotary Club of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea District 9600. Founded in 1957 and has 44 members.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Sometimes you have to wait a while for something good, like fine wine!

After changes in our schedule we postponed Judy more than once - but finally, last Thursday night we had the privilege to be taken on a very special spiritual journey.

Judy Taylor is now the Minister of All Saints, the Anglican Church in Bodalla,.

She recounted a journey which started as a Mental Health nurse who slowly became involved in the Church and continues as a Minister.

During her studies a breakdown brought her closer to her patients and eventually to her God.

Now a vital part of our community, it was wonderful to hear her story and Ted's thank you response on behalf of us all.



Photo's by Laurelle



Following the success of our Mental Health Forum Ted, as it happened on his watch, (you have read Jack's story on page 1) presented Bob Antill with the Rotarian of the Year Shield for 2008-9.

Marilyn also announced the times and schedule for the GSE visit and organised billets.

A NOTE FROM THE ED

This is my first attempt at the Bulletin and working with Word as a layout tool, not the best program I could think of but I will get there!!!

Please feel free to send me stuff BUT no later than 5 pm Monday. Email at rjantill@bigpond.com and Telstra permitting I'll find it..... maybe!
Bob Antill.

ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS' VISIT AND GALA DINNER

The Rotary World Peace Fellowship is a global initiative of Rotary International. The program funds young professionals competitively selected from around the world to study for a Masters degree in international relations, peace studies, sustainable development and conflict resolution at six specifically established Rotary Centres for Peace and Conflict Resolution. One such centre is based in Australia, at the University of Queensland (UQ).

Our District has been remarkably successful in nominating World Peace Fellows. Since its inception, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) has selected one Fellow from District 9710 every year.

District 9710 has managed to arrange for at least one of the classes of Fellows at UQ to travel to Canberra (at UQ's expense) as a formal part of their curriculum. They will meet people with expertise in Peace and Conflict Resolution subjects, visit the Australian War Memorial and Parliament House, and speak at a formal dinner, the main event of their stay in Canberra.

The dinner is to be held on 12th September. Its aim is to promote the Peace and Conflict Resolution program and to raise funds to help meet local costs of the visit (if any) with the balance to go to TRF for funding the program.

The dinner is open to everyone – Rotarians and anyone they know who would be interested to attend and support the program. Watch this space for information about the dinner arrangements.

Dear Laurelle and Rotary members,

It's been a very busy start to semester two at UNSW. The workload has increased significantly from last semester. Although this has been obviously challenging, I have been really enjoying the subjects that I am taking. Last semester the foundations in mathematics and physics were laid to assist in the subjects that I am undertaking this semester.

The subjects that I am taking include Engineering Mechanics, which involves the analysis of static and dynamic structural members, Maths 1B, which is a continuation from semester one mathematics, Engineering Materials and Chemistry, which looks at the atomic and structural aspects of materials and why they are chosen in civil projects, and Surveying and GIS that provides an introductory look at surveying techniques.

These subjects have been enjoyable as they involve a range of learning mediums including laboratory classes, field exercises and group projects. Assessments occur on a weekly basis for all my subjects and will continue up to the mid-session break in early September.

Again this semester I have tried to balance work with my many sporting endeavours. I am playing soccer on a weekly basis and participating in weekend gala days for other sports. I continue to enjoy living at college. I have found it to be a huge advantage for both social and academic purposes. I always have many outlets when I need assistance with my course work and regular social events are organised that I enjoy participating in.

Its been a great start to the semester.

Warm Regards,

Liam Phelps