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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hi all,

We had a fine example of our Narooma Youth at our last meeting, it gives us hope for the future. There are so many reports of the problems with the youth of today; it is really satisfying to acknowledge the contribution that our Club makes to assist our awardees in their chosen fields. Of course, our contributions would not be possible without the trust that our early donors put in Rotary to manage their bequests.

This coming week's meeting is our third Club Assembly for the year. This is your opportunity to voice any opinion you may have as to the running of the Club's projects, the future projects or any suggestions for the betterment of members.

Far be it for me to keep harping, but so far have not had much of a response to my request for names of possible members for me to approach. Vocational service director Jeremy and I need names to circulate within the Club, before any a contact with people can be made. We are in the last six months of this Rotary year, time will quickly pass and our Goal for an increase in membership to a worthwhile level, (5 new members) before the 30th March will not be met. So please consider your neighbours, workmates or friends. Remember, your experience in Rotary, should be shared with others.

Make Dreams Real

Cheers

Ted

Tonight

Club Assembly & Board Meeting

Duties

TASK	5 February	12 February	19 February
Welcome/Wheel	John Messner	Bob Aston	BBQ
Cashier	Angie Ulrichsen	Laurelle Pacey	@
Toast / thanks	Laurelle Pacey	Max Reid	Paradise Point
3-minute talk	Max Reid	Marilyn Gibson	
FINES	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Antill	
Introduction	Bob Antill	Angie Ulrichsen	

Coming Events

5 February	Club Assembly & Board Meeting
12 February	Transitional Towns
19 February	BBQ @ Paradise Point
22 February	Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval
26 February	TBC

Narooma Rotary Website

Check us out on the Web at <http://www.naroomarotary.com/>

Last Week

A fantastic turn out at last week's meeting. We had the pleasure of the company of our new Rotary Scholar; Heather Gow-Carey and 2006 and 2007 Scholars Calum Robertson and Elizabeth Downey. Calum and Elizabeth updated us on what they have been doing at university, Calum is getting right into physics, especially fission and fusion and Elizabeth is starting to experience the joys of medicine.

Heather thanks Rotary for its support and assistance, she is off to the University of Wollongong to study Science. Also with us on Thursday night was Katie Baddley who was awarded a special one off scholarship by the Club.

Max fined us with a trivia quiz and George won the port. Who won the wine?



Memorial fund set up for shooting victims

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News -- 29 January 2009

The Rotary Club of Clackamas, Oregon, USA, and Rotary International District 5100 (parts of Oregon and Washington, USA) have established memorial funds after two Rotary Youth Exchange students were killed and five others wounded in a shooting outside an underage nightclub on 24 January in Portland.

The two victims, Ashley Lauren Wilks, 16, of Happy Valley, Oregon, and Martha Paz De Noboa, 17, of Arequipa, Peru, were at the club to celebrate a birthday with nine fellow exchange students when the incident took place. The five injured students have all been released from the hospital.

Investigators of the Portland Police Bureau described the shooting as "a random act of violence," and said that the victims did not appear to be targeted and did nothing to provoke the 24-year old gunman, who later died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"We are deeply saddened by this tragedy, and our focus now is on supporting the surviving victims and

their families, and the family and friends of the students who have died," District 5110 Governor Dennis J. Wickham said in a release. "Immediately after being notified of the tragic incident, Rotary's procedures and personnel in place for such an emergency were activated."

District 5100 has established a fund to help defray some of the medical and travel costs incurred by the victims, their families, and the host families. Any funds remaining after paying these expenses will continue as the Martha (Tika) Paz De Noboa Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Clackamas Rotary club has set up a memorial scholarship fund at Clackamas High School, where Wilks was a student. The club's foundation will define the criteria for applications with Wilks' interests and motivation in mind. Wilks, a straight-A student, was hoping to spend her senior year in France or Spain.

"Ashley was a wonderful person who had a strong passion for international studies and peace," says Shirish Patel, past president of the Clackamas club. "Our club and community are deeply hurt by this loss. Our hearts go out to Ashley's family and friends."

Scott Bieber, youth protection officer for District 5100, says the safety and well-being of students is always a top priority, but adds that the program also strives to give participants the authentic experience of being a U.S. high school student.

"Sadly, you can't plan or prevent for something like this," says Bieber. "We're all shocked and saddened. But we are focused on giving the victims and their families the support and trauma relief they need."

Hundreds of Rotarians worldwide have contacted district officials to express their condolences and offer their support. In addition to monetary help, the district's Youth Exchange officers set up a volunteer support committee to assist students and their families.

Committee coordinator Brandie Kajino, a former Rotary exchange student, says the outpouring of support from Rotarians has been unbelievable.

"It's extremely touching to see all the caring Rotarians selflessly willing to volunteer their time and money," says Kajino, a member of the Rotary Club of East Portland. "Through good times and bad, Rotary has always stuck together. Now more than ever, we need to mobilize and help these kids get through this horrific tragedy."

Kajino notes the sad irony that students who aimed to build peace and goodwill were victims of such a senseless violent crime.

"It's heartbreaking," says Kajino. "Having experienced the Youth Exchange program, I know the difference this program can make. It's an incredible and life-changing experience that will only strengthen the lives of students who participant."

The Funny Side

QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME! Thanks to Fred Doctor

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two Cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane ?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs

If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Why do they call it an asteroid when it's outside the hemisphere, but call it a haemorrhoid when it's in your butt?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

International Toast

Tonight we continue our travels around Germany so let us toast the Rotary Club of Weiden, District 1880, chartered in 1961; it has 58 members and meets on Wednesdays at lunchtime.





Photos

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President Ted presents Heather Gow-Carey with her cheque

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Ted, Calum, Elizabeth, Heather, Katie and Katja

Left
Erin is welcomed to Germany by her host families

Below
Erin with the President of her host Club, Arend H. Buter and the Club's two other exchange students, Juan (Mexico) and Thais (Brazil).

Erin's host Club is Melle-Wittlage, District 1850. If your German is OK check out their website at <http://www.rotary-melle-wittlage.de/>

