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THE PRESIDENT WRITES

President John is still on a pre-changeover break – so no President's report this week. Instead a note from PE Terry:

Jack and Terry at Eurobodalla Council Morning Tea Wednesday May 30.

As reported on page one of the Narooma News on the same day,

“Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shire Councils recently announced that their application for a mobile outreach model Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) had been successful.”

What does not seem to have been reported is the precursor of the PCYC was established in Sydney in 1935 by:

Commissioner William (Bill) Mackay, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Sydney, persuaded the then President of the Rotary Club of Sydney, Sir Henry Braddon, of the great need for this sort of facility.

Initially the Rotary Club of Sydney funded the new organisation with a donation of 500 pounds which was subsequently augmented by a public appeal which allowed the organisation to be commenced.

Terry was able to give some additional information to the group which included the police, members of council, the incoming President of the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay and some students. He mentioned that this would be a project which would be supported by our club (on the basis that it is easier to get forgiveness than permission) a statement that he hopes the club will endorse, given the history of the PCYC.

PE Terry

Changeover

Our annual Changeover will be held on Thursday 28 June at the Whale. Keep the date free.

Anniversary of Inductions

03.06.04	Chris O'Brien
18.06.09	Rolf Gimmel
24.06.00	Jack Wightman
24.06.05	Kris Elphick

The Editor

Tonight
A Surprise!!!

Coming Events

- 14 June Combined Board Meeting
21 June Charmaine to tell us about Int'l Rotary Convention in Bangkok
28 June Change Over at the Whale

The week that was

Last week there was no meeting on Thursday evening instead we descended on Phil & Daiva Gaffney's place on the Old Highway for a barbeque to welcome Tim's mother Barbara. Unfortunately the weather was cold and miserable (more like Melbourne!) so we stayed inside and enjoyed some wonderful slow cooked dishes prepared by Daiva (we also enjoyed a red wine or two in front of the fire).

I was great to see many friends and guests at the gathering including Charmaine's bother and niece.

Charmaine made a small presentation on behalf of the Club to Barbara. (And told some of the things Tim had been up to!)

Barbara told us that she was greatly impressed with Tim and the way he had adapted to the Australian way of life – she was also a little surprised to see how tall he had become since leaving home. She also thanked the Club and host parents for looking after him during his time here.

Last week Bob and Tim showed Barbara around Sydney, this week it is off to Cairns for some warmth and sunshine.

(There should be some photos in next week's Beacon – The Editor)

News from Jack Ings

To all Narooma Rotary members,

As you have generously accorded me the title of Honorary Member for Life, I am pleased that every so often I can let you know I am still alive, report on my activities within Rotary and send my greetings to all in the club.

This year I will celebrate 43 years in Rotary since I joined the Sydney club in 1970. Although I had already been in Rotary for 16 years before I became a member of Narooma Club, it was in Narooma that I was able to enjoy great fellowship and achieve so much in Rotary.

You awarded me the club's first ever Paul Harris Fellow, after we got the Life Education Program started on the Far South Coast and, as well as making me your President, also put me forward as District Governor, a role that occupied about 3 years of my Rotary life but was worth every moment of it. So many District roles also followed.

The programs the club got started in those days were so many and varied; the Australia day celebration, the Bowelscan program, the Narooma Ladies and Bermagui Probus clubs and the extension and expansion of the Red Shield annual

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Apologies and additional guests to Rolf Gimmel the Tuesday before the meeting on 44762274 or email rolfs@dodo.com.au
OR you will be charged for your meal.

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Duties
This week
Cashier
Angie Ulrichsen

3 Minute Talk

Wheel

Next week
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Wheel
Rolf Gimmei

collection, to name just a few.

Although I was able to fill many positions in the club, I really enjoyed writing the 40year history, with archival help from Norm Hoyer and Kevin Young. Members might remember that we were awarded a Presidential Citation for the publicity that generated. Are you planning to update the story of Narooma Rotary for the sixtieth?

After moving North, I spent 3 years in South Nowra Club and when the late PDG Hugh Newman started the breakfast club in Gerringong, I moved over to it again enjoying great fellowship and personal achievement.

Our move to Melbourne because of Joy's health and the wisdom of being close to our daughter Allison, allowed me to join the Hawthorn club, with whom I had connections in 1981-2 when, as a member of Melbourne club I started their Probus club which was the first in Victoria.

But as Joy's condition has worsened with rheumatoid arthritis, I am now her full time carer and find it hard to take part in club activities. I do take my turn as chairman, greeter and any other lunchtime duties, as well as writing part of the bulletin each week. I also take part in the collection of the left-over food from the Camberwell Saturday markets for the Salvos kitchen feeding the needy. So I am not right out of it.

I read your bulletin every week and look forward to seeing what the club is doing and hearing of my old friends and the new ones that I have not yet met.

Greetings to all. Keep up the good work and I will, too.

Jack

Youth exchanges build peace

Posted on **May 30, 2012** by **Rotary International**

Sadie Rose Zavgren, a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from the United States to Thailand, attended the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May. The following is an excerpt of the speech she delivered during the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting.

When I was 12 years old, a friend of mine went on a youth exchange to Germany. She came home talking about the enriching educational year she had just lived. I decided then that one day I, too, would be an exchange student.

I chose Thailand because the country seemed unique, and who wouldn't want to be in a country known as the Land of a Thousand Smiles. When I arrived in Thailand last August, I knew approximately five Thai words. When I look back at my first three months living in Thailand, I feel like I was underwater constantly, trying to swim to the surface to get a breath of air to communicate with the people in my life.

I now have two months left of my exchange year, and I have found myself traveling all over the country, from snorkeling in the south to riding elephants in the north.

My counselor in America once said that if every person went on a youth exchange, there would be world peace. After this year, I couldn't agree with those wise words more.

I met some of my best friends this year. I got to meet exchange students from France, Brazil, Germany, Taiwan, Italy, Mexico, Canada, the United States, Russia, Belgium, Bermuda, and Australia. Meeting these people from all over the world has been both eye-opening and fascinating.

My world feels much smaller and friendlier now. I feel like I can travel anywhere in the world, and I'll have someone to visit. I thank Rotary, my host family, my family in America, and all of my exchange and Thai friends who have made my year truly special and one that I will never ever forget.

The Funny side – some airline humour

On a Southwest flight (SW has no assigned seating), you just sit where you want. passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing, when a flight attendant announced, "People, people we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"

On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants.

"On landing, the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane"

From a Southwest Airlines employee: "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight 245 to Tampa. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favourite".

Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "Delta Airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"

Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault, it was the asphalt."

Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

What was happening on 5 June 2008 – Here is Laurelle's message from Beacon Number 44 Edition 50

Laurelle's Musings

Last week we welcomed Joy Gillette, the CEO of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. It was interesting to hear both Joy's story and that of ARHRF from its start researching cot death in 1986 right through to today. The ARHRF will spend about \$4.2 million in 1986, half of that on mental health. Joy clarified that all the research must be done in Australia by Australian citizens. It is interesting to note our club has given over \$3,000 to ARHRF in the last two years.

It was also good to have Amelia Baxter with us. Amelia is our nominee this year for NYSF and she will join us again as part of her preparation for Canberra.

It is great to have Erin Fahey back with us tonight as part of her preparation for the Youth Exchange Program.

Tonight PE Ted will take us through what he is thinking for his year as President.

Enjoy your evening.

Laurelle