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THE PRESIDENT WRITES

This is my final weekly contribution to this publication. Next week we have the 54th Changeover and bumper addition of The Beacon that is currently being produced with an end of year report on Club achievements in 2011-12.

An Observation

Significant headwinds are currently being experienced in Club fundraising. The core fundraiser is the monthly markets. Visitor attendance is significantly down on previous years due in part to a challenging economic climate that is placing downward pressure on consumer expenditure, and impacting on domestic and international tourist numbers in the local region.

The Sunday market this weekend will be a good barometer for future outcomes during the remainder of this year. A restructuring of the mix of stall holders along with children activities and increased publicity may arrest the slide in market takings.

Misplaced Club Assets

Several days ago it was brought to my attention by Pat Reid that she had a portable gazebo in her garage that belongs to the Club along with a large wooden Rotary wheel. The Club did own two gazebos and one was missing. These items plus the portable fridge will need to be removed from Pat's garage and stored elsewhere in the coming weeks.

Youth Exchange Program

As most of you would probably know, our YEX student, Tim, will be departing Australia on 2 July for Germany. Tim's stay with us will have been for a period of 11 months. This time has passed very quickly and it will be sad to see Tim leave as it has been a very rewarding experience for the Club.

President

John



Tonight

Charmaine to tell us about Int'l Rotary Convention in Bangkok

Coming Events

28 June Change Over at the Golf Club

The week that was

Not much to report as the editor was away!

Shutterbugs find a picture-perfect way to develop skills and friendships

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 11 June 2012

You don't have to be skilled with a camera to enjoy Rotary's newest fellowship, the International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers.

The fellowship, which was recognized by the RI Board of Directors in January, counts amateur and professional photographers among its members, as well as those who have an appreciation for photography.

"Our group is open to anyone at any skill level, from point-and-shoot beginners to longtime professionals," says Layne Marshal, a member of the Rotary Club of Campbell River Daybreak, British Columbia, Canada, who chairs the fellowship. "We have 65 members on our membership list in Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia, and India, but that list is probably incomplete."

Marshal, an amateur photographer, was interested in joining a fellowship where he could meet other Rotarians and sharpen his skills, but found that there wasn't such a group. After learning that others had attempted to form a photography fellowship, he worked with them to file the appropriate paperwork with RI.

"I certainly did not develop this all on my own," he stresses.

As a newer group, the fellowship is still developing activities, but it has an online forum for members to share advice, ask and answer questions, or otherwise discuss photography. It is also building a [website](#) for members to display their work, receive or offer critiques, and take part in competitions.

"I enjoy the challenges and rewards of capturing a good photograph, which I feel is too often more luck than skill in my case," Marshal says. "I know there are lots of people out there who are interested in photography and would join an effort to share and learn."

The photography fellowship, and the [Rotarian Jazz Fellowship](#) which became official in September, are among 62 recognized by RI. Fellowships bring Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors together to share common interests, explore new opportunities to serve, have fun, and promote vocational development through friendship. Each June, they are celebrated during Rotary Fellowships Month.

A sampling of other Rotarian fellowships and their upcoming events:

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Jack Wightman

Treasurer
Kris Elphick

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
Chris O'Brien

3 Minute Talk
George Barker

Wheel
Tim

Next week
Cashier

3 Minute Talk

Wheel

- The [International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians](#) is participating in a jamboree in Denmark, 21-29 July. It will be the largest scout and guide event ever held in Denmark, with about 35,000 participants expected.
- The [International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians](#) is holding its eighth annual world championship in Guarapari, Brazil, on 29 August. Last year's event in Bol, Croatia, drew more than 100 players.
- The [Fellowship Cycling to Serve](#) will hold its annual championship cycling event 7-8 September in La Rochelle, France. The group of cycling enthusiasts also organize and participate in a four-day touring event and several other cycling events every year.
- Members of the [International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians](#) will be running in a marathon in Graz, Austria, on 14 October. The group organizes a marathon event in a different city each year.

The Funny side - Thanks to Terry

Men verses Women

Joe was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sick father died, he decided he needed a wife with whom to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment seminar he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will pass, and I'll inherit his large fortune."

Impress, the woman took his business card and three months later, she became Joe's stepmother.

Women are so much better at estate planning than men!!

QUOTE: Success, Emerson

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success."

Be careful of old ladies with guns

An elderly lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her car. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them at the top of her voice, "I have a gun and I know how to use it!

Get out of the car you dirty rotten scoundrels!"

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation but got out and ran like mad, whereupon the lady, somewhat shaken, proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat.

She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried and then it dawned on her why. A few minutes later she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the police station.

The sergeant to whom she told the story nearly tore himself in two with laughter and pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale white males were reporting a car jacking by a mad elderly woman described as white, less than 5' tall, glasses, and curly white hair carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

Rotary Club of Narooma Inc

54th Changeover

28 June 2012 at the Narooma Golf Club

6:30 for 7:00pm

Cost \$35.00 a head (including wine on the table)