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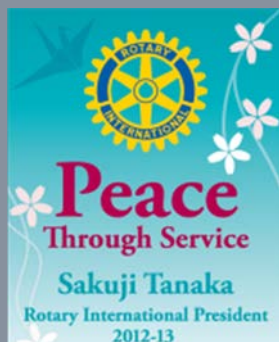
Tappings from Terry.

What a great month to start the Rotary Year! Both the District Governor and the Assistant District Governor visit, a new member, a significant planning meeting with positive action stemming from it. A fantastic effort by Chris and her helpers for the Christmas in July event (Can we have an Australia Day in August event to follow the new revised calendar?).

For me, attendance at the Success Conference in Canberra, the best yet conference for me, I am still to finish the production of notes from it, but they will be done and circulated along with a number of internet sites you may wish to visit and newsletters you might want to subscribe to as well.

Unfortunately I was not able to help at the Markets as I was in Canberra but the results look good for a winter month, have contacted Woolworths about having Sausage Sizzles there on a Saturday morning, maybe the Market Committee can include that in their agenda, I believe we propose to have a meeting this week.

Other committee members are having meetings this week so everything is looking good, but we must remember we are to have fun along with the work, so maybe our objective for the year can be: Peace through Service and Fun!



Tonight

Kim Bush – What's happening in the Shire with Youth Projects

Coming Events

Date	Event
9 August	Orit Karney-Winters. "This is my Life"
16 August	Board meeting
23 August	Martin Howard from India. Founder of the school which we supported with a Matching Grant, giving us an update on progress. Partners' Night
26 August	Narooma Rotary Market
30 August	Charmaine White. Report on Rotary International Convention in Bangkok

Duties

Duty	2 August 2012	9 August 2012	16 August	23 August	30 August
Chair/Rotary History	Jack Wightman	Bob Antill	George Barker	Charmaine White	Ian Thomlinson
Cashier/Wheel	John Rungen	Charmaine White	Laurelle Pacey	Orit Karney - Winters	Bob Aston
Invocation	Chris O'Brien	George Barker	Orit Karney - Winters	Bob Aston	Angie Ulrichsen
3 Minute Talk	Rolf Gimmel	Orit Karney - Winters	Jack Wightman	George Barker	Chris O'Brien
Fines	Ian Thomlinson		Bob Aston		Laurelle Pacey

News from the Secretary

Warning in / Warning out for meals.

This note is to emphasise the importance of providing accurate numbers to our meeting venue for catering purposes. Every week Attendance Officer John Rungen puts his reputation on the line to tell the Whale Motor Inn how many to expect for the Thursday night dinner. He is entirely dependent on members advising him if they will not be present, or if they will be bringing guests.

He will assume that you will be present if he has not heard from you. However, should you be absent without having advised John beforehand, a meal would have been prepared for you. In these circumstances you could be charged the cost of the meal.

Reporting service hours

Just a reminder that we are obliged to report to District monthly the number of hours spent in preparing and carrying out fundraising activities and any projects and programs we undertake in serving the community (in Community Service, New Generations Service and Vocational Service).

A signing in/signing out register is made available at the markets every month. If you are on market or van duty, please ensure that you use that form to record the times of starting and finishing your shift. Where it is impracticable to keep such a record, please make sure to inform the Attendance Officer the number of service hours you spent in the month, specifying the projects or programs in which you were involved.

News from Alice Hanigan

Dear Jack

I received my uni results in the last few days. I had a great first semester for 2012 and thoroughly enjoyed the four subjects I undertook; those being

- Urban Design
- Integrated planning
- Resources, Planning and the Natural Environment
- Tourism: The Global Future

I discovered a particular interest in the Urban Design course in which we were expected to design and create a master plan of our own housing estate in the South West Sydney area. The assignment was worth 50% of our grade and consumed a lot of my time but was well worth it and very interesting. I am finding the hands on and drawing /designing side of the course quite stimulating as well as the environmental components as studied in Resources, Planning and Natural Environment. Overall, I feel that I am only becoming more and more interested in the degree and hope that this semester yields similar results. In other news I have found myself a part-time job in Sydney working in retail and hence I was unable to make it back to Narooma for the break. I will certainly be making an effort to come down at some stage over the summer break and will be able to attend another Rotary meeting at the Whale. Once again I'd like to thank you and other members of the Rotary Club of Narooma for your support and interest in my studies. The financial assistance each semester has definitely been helping with all costs associated with uni, including that of the recently introduced union fees. Thanks again and I hope to see you all soon in Narooma

Regards
Alice Hanigan

Alice gained a pass, a credit and two distinctions. Not bad!

Significant dates in August

Inductions		Birthdays		Anniversaries	
16 th	Angie Ulrichsen	6 th	Kerry Messner	11 th	Terry & Annette
		10 th	Anne Barker	18 th	Ian & Micki
		22 nd	Merinda Antill		
		31 st	John Messner		

August is Membership and Extension Month

Rotarian Action Group expands maternal health project in Nigeria

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas

Rotary International News -- 6 July 2012

In Nigeria, one out of every 18 women dies as a result of childbirth. The country has the second-highest maternal mortality rate in the world.

That's why the [Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development](#) targeted the northern Nigerian states of Kaduna and Kano with a pilot program aimed at reducing maternal mortality by preventing and treating obstetric fistula, a serious birth injury. From 2005 until 2010, the project, partly supported by a grant from The Rotary Foundation, reduced maternal death by 60 percent in participating hospitals, reached 1 million women of childbearing age, and repaired obstetric fistulas for 1,500 Nigerian women.

"We have to empower women, and women cannot be empowered if they can't make their own choices in antenatal care and child spacing," says Dr. Robert Zinser, CEO of the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development and member of the Rotary Club of Ludwigshafen-Rheinschanze, Germany.

Zinser has been to Nigeria nearly 20 times to work on maternal and child health projects, including the northern Nigeria pilot focused on the prevention and treatment of fistulas. An obstetric fistula is a birth injury that can cause stillbirth and, in the mother, chronic incontinence, infection, nerve damage, or death. The primary cause is labor that goes on for too long, often for days. Because 70 percent of Nigerian women deliver at home, often without access to proper medical care, long labors that would be prevented in the developed world are more common.

According to the World Health Organization, "prevention is the key," Zinser says. "We insisted on a comprehensive approach of better antenatal care" that includes training, equipment, quality, hygiene, and benchmarking.

The project also included surgery to repair damage from fistula. Many women with the injury don't know it can be repaired, so Rotarians created a series of radio programs that explained the condition, its causes, and the available treatment.

"People listened, and village women found out their fistulas could be repaired at the Rotary center. We repaired 1,500 fistulas, 500 more than our goal," Zinser says.

The action group is now preparing to replicate the project in the states of Abuja and Onoda, with plans to eventually establish the model in other central and southern Nigeria states.

Zinser is adamant that the project can be implemented in other areas with high maternal mortality. "We must save the mothers so that the mothers can save the world," he says.

The Funny Side

Firefighter Training

At a training session in the fire station, the team was assembled around the kitchen table.

The training officer was discussing the behavior of fire: "You pull up to a house and notice puffs of smoke coming from the eaves, blackened out windows and little or no visible flame. What does this tell you?" he asked.

Expecting to hear that the house is in a possible back draft situation, a condition very dangerous to fire fighters, he instead heard from one quick wit:

"You got the right place."

New Neighbours

My quiet Saturday morning ended abruptly when my 12-year-old son, Billy, and one of his friends burst through the door.

"Hey Dad, announced Billy, "have you met the new neighbours?"

"No."

"Come on Dad, you have to meet them."

"Some other time; I'm busy."

"Dad, you have to meet them now."

From the urgency in Billy's voice, I assumed the neighbours were waiting outside. I set aside my project and went to the front of the house. No one was there.

"Where are they?" I asked.

"Well, Dad," he explained, "we haven't met them yet either, but our baseball is in their living room!"

A Golf Story

Two long-time golfing buddies got to the course one day and decided that this day they would play the ball where it lies ... "No matter what!"

On the 14th hole, one of them sliced his ball and it ended up on the concrete cart path. As he reached down to pick up and move his ball, his friend said, "Wait a minute! We agreed that we would not improve our lies! Remember? No matter what!"

"But I'm entitled to relief -- it's in the rules of golf!"

"Our agreement supersedes the rules. Not allowed."

Finally, in disgust, the man went to the cart and grabbed a club. He stood near his ball and took a few practice swings, each time scraping the club on the pavement and sending out showers of sparks.

Finally, he took his shot. The club hit the cement again and sparks went flying, but his ball shot straight toward the green, landed softly, and rolled to a stop no more than two inches from the cup.

"Great shot!" his friend exclaimed. "What club did you use?"

The man answered with a wry smile. "Your 7 iron."