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Tappings from Terry in the Tropics!

No wonder Bob Aston was dressed in coat and tie for the last meeting, Chairman for the night, and armed with his trusty iPad to record the proceedings, it was a wonder he did not have to wear a special hat too!

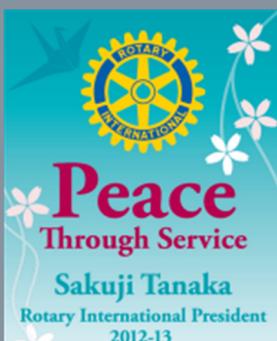
As I was able to stay awake long enough to present the speech, and everyone now has a copy of that; there is no more to be said, other than a repeat of the request to read the speech, use the links to web sites, and be inspired to make comments on what was presented and anything that the material stimulates as an idea for us to consider, let us make this a significant year for the club!

It was good to have Kris Elphick back with us after her sabbatical.

As I write this I can feel as a responsible citizen having voted in the local government elections, I hope the 3 lady members of Rotary we know of are successful in their quest for office, it is an extension of the Rotary motto of "Service above Self". I remember my time as an Alderman on the Darwin City Council - it was a rewarding, and, challenging, time. Often I had to choose between a number of demands on my time and council meetings did not always happen at convenient times, and it was sometimes a surprise that not everyone agreed with my ideas!

Have fun with Rotary

Terry



Tonight
Club Assembly and Board meeting Coming Events

Date	Event
20 September	Ashley Overholt. Fighting Colorado wild land fires. Partners night
23 September	Narooma Rotary Market
27 September	Peter Bull – This is My Life
4 October	Kevin Stevens. Auswide Projects
11 October	Board Meeting
14 October	Ringlands clean up and BBQ
18 October	GSE Team from Mississippi arrives. GSE Team Presentation at dinner meeting. Partners night
19 – 20 October	GSE Team visit
25 October	Regular Meeting Cancelled
26 – 28 October	District 9710 Conference
28 October	Narooma Rotary Markets

Duties

Duty	13 September	20 September	27 September	4 October	11 October
Chair/Rotary History	Terry Irvine	Chris O'Brien (No History)	Rolf Gimmel	Chris O'Brien	Angie Ulrichsen
Cashier/Wheel	Chris O'Brien	Rolf Gimmel	Bob Aston	Rolf Gimmel	George Barker
Invocation	Rolf Gimmel	Bob Aston	Peter Bull	John Messner	Jack Wightman
3 Minute Talk	Bob Antill		John Messner	Orit Karny-Winters	John Rungen
Fines			John Messner		Bob Antill

The Week that Was

Bob Aston was in the chair and it all seemed to go to his head, banging the gavel with much enthusiasm!

President Terry, just back from Darwin gave a thought provoking talk on the recent Rotary Success Conference that was held in Canberra. For more details see the notes that Terry emailed out separately.

Laurelle Pacey presented a short and sharp three minute talk on what is happening in the world of the arts.

Orit won the bread, whilst Laurelle had the honour of serving the port, Terry managed to pick up the wine.

Visiting guests included Colin and Enid Holmes – great to see them again!

We also welcomed back Kris Elphick after some extended leave.

Attendance Matters

All members are reminded to inform John Rungen of apologies or additional guests by Tuesday even or first thing Wednesday morning. Members are reminded that they will be charged for their meal if they do not attend and an apology is not tendered.

Rotarians honored for promoting literacy

By Daniela Garcia
Rotary News -- 4 September 2012

Two Rotary clubs are being honored 7 September at an [International Literacy Day celebration](#) in Washington, D.C., as the winners of the RI-International Reading Association-Pearson Foundation Literacy Project Awards.

A panel of Rotarians and International Reading Association (IRA) members gave the award to the Rotary Clubs of Rockford, Michigan, USA, and Salem, Oregon, USA, for demonstrating outstanding collaboration with local reading councils in their communities. Each club will receive US\$2,500 for literacy projects.

“Teaching all children to read requires not only teachers who know how to reach every child but communities that value and support literacy,” says Richard Long, director of government relations for the International Reading Association. “These two projects highlight the notion that it is a partnership that teaches reading: the community to provide the tools and to say it is important and the teacher to bring it all together for each learner.”

The IRA is a professional membership organization dedicated to promoting high levels of literacy by improving the quality of reading instruction, disseminating research findings and information about reading, and encouraging a lifetime of reading. The IRA network comprises 70,000 members and more than 300,000 affiliate members in nearly 100 countries, including councils and affiliates at the local, state, regional, or national level.

Since 2002, Rotary and the IRA have combined their resources and skills as [service partners](#) to advance literacy in communities worldwide. Rotary clubs and districts are encouraged to share resources and information with IRA councils and affiliates to develop cooperative literacy projects.

The Rockford club won its award for Reading Rocks, an annual reading festival that takes place in August. The club partners with the local reading council, school district, and library district for the daylong event, which includes live entertainment, a parade, and family activities that promote the importance of literacy.

Neil Blakeslee, 1988-89 president of the Rockford club, says that his community sees reading not only as a fundamental skill but as a way to enhance every aspect of an individual's life.

“Receiving recognition for a necessary job well done gives us all a great sense of accomplishment and validation of our efforts,” Blakeslee says. “Winning awards is not as important as the achievement, but awards do provide encouragement for continued efforts.”

Making books for children

The Salem club was chosen in recognition of a bookmaking project for schoolchildren in Santa Avelina, Guatemala. With the help of the Vineyard Valleys Reading Council, volunteers from both organizations put together children's books for The William M. Botnan Experimental School, where all 130 elementary students speak Cozatl Ixil, a Mayan language. The project is an effort to preserve culture through the indigenous language, which is not recognized or taught in public schools.

Jayne Downing, a member of the Salem club, says the club's Youth Literacy Committee selects projects they believe will have the greatest impact for at-risk children, whether in their local community or around the world.

"We were honored to be connected with the Guatemalan project for many reasons, including the ability to make even a small difference in reducing barriers and increasing access through such literacy projects," Downing says. "The recognition brought by this award will allow greater visibility to the project and the needs of this community."

The Funny Side

God created the donkey & said to him: "You will work unceasingly from sunrise to sunset carrying burdens on your back. You will eat grass, you will have no intelligence & you will live 50 years.

You will be a donkey. "The donkey answered: "I will be a donkey, but to live 50 years is too much. Give me only 20 years. God granted his wish.

God created the dog and said to him: "You will be a dog." You will guard the house of man. You will be his best friend. You will eat the scraps that he gives you and you will live 25 years. You will be a dog. "The dog answered: "Master, to live 25 years is too much, you give me only 10 years. God granted his wish. God created the Monkey and said to him: "You will be a monkey." You will swing from branch to branch doing tricks. You will be amusing and you will live 20 years. You will be a monkey. "The monkey answered: "Master to live 20 years is too much, you give me only 10 years. God granted his wish.

Finally God created the man and said to him: "You will be a man, the only rational creature on the face of the earth." You will use your intelligence to become master over all animals. You will dominate the world and you will live 20 years. Man responded: "I will be a man but to live only 20 years is very little, give the 30 years that the donkey refused, the 15 years that the dog did not want and the 10 years the monkey refused. God granted his wish. And since then, man lives 20 years as a man, he marries and spends 30 years like a donkey, working and carrying all the burdens on his back. Then when his children are gone, he lives 15 years like a dog, taking care of the house and eating whatever is given to him, so that when he is old, he can retire and live 10 years like a monkey, going from house to house, from one son or daughter to another, doing tricks to amuse his grandchildren.

Significant dates in September

Inductions		Birthdays		Anniversaries	
25 th	Bob Antill	10 th	Lin Morey	9 th	John & Denise Rungen
		12 th	Laurelle Pacey		