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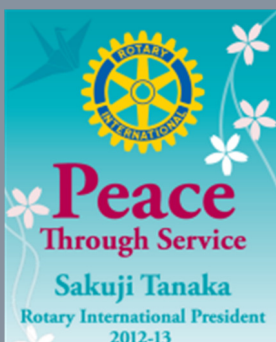
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### *Tappings from Terry in the Tropics!*

Board Meeting last week, good to see some of the members of the club who are not board members staying for the meeting, and a reminder that all members can stay for the meetings, and participate in the discussions but not vote. That is not a big deal though, since so far at least all the matters that have been discussed have not been contentious and really are resolved more than moved and seconded.

I believe Jack is submitting a report to be included in this week's Beacon so there is little reason for me to repeat the decisions.

At the meeting Jack very kindly let me take home the CD of this year's RI Directory, which I have now loaded onto my computer, anyone else that would like to do the same is welcome to borrow it. It is marvellous that what used to be book to carry around or loose, can now exist on your computer.

Remember this week's meeting is a partner's night; I look forward to a good attendance.

In the meantime

Have fun with Rotary

Terry

### *Across the Board*

The Board met last week with three away (Ian, Laurelle and Angie) and with three others present as observers (Chris, Rolf and John R.). Here is a brief report.

**Markets:** On behalf of the Markets Committee Chris indicated that other markets are also doing it tough, the one at Eden having closed down. People surveyed have suggested more food stalls would help. We have brought in Cameron Williams from Moruya selling pizzas and are looking for other food vendors. WE are also trying to get some musicians to come.

A suggestion by Charmaine for a small farm animals petting 'farm' to be featured at a market could not be accepted due to insurance issues (risk of liability for injury to children).

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## *Tonight*

Ashley Overholt. Fighting Colorado wild land fires. **Partners night**

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

## *Duties*

Duty	20 September	27 September	4 October	11 October	18 October
<b>Chair/Rotary History</b>	Chris O'Brien (No History)	Rolf Gimmel	Chris O'Brien	Angie Ulrichsen	George Barker
<b>Cashier/Wheel</b>	Rolf Gimmel	Bob Aston	Rolf Gimmel	George Barker	Kris Elphick
<b>Invocation</b>	Bob Aston	Peter Bull	John Messner	Jack Wightman	John Rungen
<b>3 Minute Talk</b>		John Messner	Orit Karny-Winters	John Rungen	Bob Antill
<b>Fines</b>		John Messner		Bob Antill	

## *The Week that Was*

A small number were present last Thursday. It must be the thought of a Board meeting that kept a few away – or maybe it was just our busy work life.

Bob Antill gave a three minute talk on the advantages and disadvantages of seat belts in busses, particularly relevant given the tragic accident earlier in the week when a student was killed in a bus crash.

President Terry gave a short talk on Rotary history and the relationship between Rotary and the United Nations.

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**Literacy project:** Bob Antill has been in touch with the Rotary Club of Moruya to verify that we are still participating with them and the Batemans Bay club in giving first readers to mothers for their babies born at Moruya District Hospital.

**Correspondence:** A certificate was received from ShelterBox Australia acknowledging our support for the program and advising that the Box we funded earlier this year is numbered 11264. We can track it on [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)

Information from the District Secretary about the Inspirational Women Awards is published elsewhere in this bulletin. A nomination form will be available in due course. The contact for further information is Margaret Atkin of the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise – 0409 924 047.

The RI Official Directory on disk has arrived and is available for members to peruse – ask the Secretary.

**Weekly program:** Barefoot Bowls at Club Narooma is being planned for a Thursday evening in November. Looking further ahead, our annual meeting with the Rotary Club of Bega is slated for 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**Moruya Hospital Oncology Unit:** You will recall President Terry's 'tapping' in the bulletin of 30<sup>th</sup> August that it was agreed with the Rotary Clubs of Moruya and Batemans Bay that we should have a special effort to raise funds for the Oncology Unit. One idea is a Swimathon such as run by the Rotary Club of Grantham in the UK, which Terry is investigating.

**Raffles:** The Whale Watching raffle being conducted by Angie and Chris at the August and September markets has attracted a lot of interest and will be drawn at 12.00 noon at the market on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It has been very successful with over \$1.000 raised so far.

The NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing has issued a fact sheet on raffles stipulating what information must be given to the public about ticket price, prizes and their value, place and time of the draw, and notification of prize winners. As far as Narooma Rotary is concerned, any fundraising by raffles is a matter for decision or approval by the Board, and tickets should be printed giving the required information. The use of readymade check tickets should be restricted to raffles conducted and drawn on one occasion where prizes are small in value, such as we do at Changeover functions.

**BowelCare:** The 2013 program is to run in March from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. If it is to be supplied with the test kits previously used, which are not as reliable as the type used by BowelScreen Australia, we will not be participating.

**Rotary youth programs:** Thanks to the efforts of Laurelle and Angie, we helped Katelin Donovan and Laoise Penton attend the RYPEN camp on the weekend 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, and sponsored Luca Russo, Jesse Hawke, Robert Kenna and Jacob Saly to attend The Science Experience at ANU on 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October

### *Rotary Inspirational Women Awards 2013*

Clubs are encouraged to nominate at least one inspirational woman for the District Committee to select a suitably qualified woman for the D9710 Award, to be celebrated at a dinner with NSW Rotary Districts in Sydney on Friday 8 March 2013. Nominees would ideally be non-Rotarians. However, Rotarians may be nominated if service is based solely on community service outside of Rotary activities. Women identified should have shown exemplary service and dedication in one or more areas of community service including vocational service, youth projects, and meeting the needs of international and local communities.

Successful candidates must be able to attend the Celebration Dinner in Sydney, in March 2013. As soon as it becomes available, Eligibility and Selection Criteria can be found linked to the District website; Nomination forms can be downloaded.

### *Fifty years of Rotary Youth Exchange in Japan*

By Megan Ferringer

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In 1962, Australia was a country grappling with change. Many older Australians were still emotionally rebuilding after World War II, and the nation was beginning to dismantle its anti-Asian "White Australia" immigration policy.

When Yoko Sekimoto arrived in Melbourne that year as Japan's first Rotary Youth Exchange student, she didn't realize that many people were wary of her visit. Fifty years later, she continues to marvel at the graciousness of her hosts.

"Everyone treated me like a daughter or sister. It was only 17 years after the war, but I felt a warm welcome and great hospitality," says Sekimoto (her married name – at the time, she was Yoko Miyazaki).

Japan's Youth Exchange program began with help from an Australian Rotarian. Don Farquhar addressed the 1961 RI Convention in Tokyo about the need to build friendships and cultural understanding throughout the world – particularly with Japan. He considered student exchange to be the best way to do that.

"Don was a person of both immense courage and foresight," says Stuart McDonald, program development officer for Youth Exchange in Australia. "In 1942, during World War II, Don was blinded in action against the Japanese. However, he maintained a desire and a mission in life to promote peace and goodwill."

After Farquhar delivered his speech, he was approached by a Japanese district governor, who asked him to help arrange the first Youth Exchange involving a student from Japan. The Rotary clubs of Rosebud and Kurume coordinated Sekimoto's year abroad. A few weeks after her arrival, another group of Japanese students came to Sydney, and the next year Japan welcomed several Australian students. The country's exchange program had officially begun.

Sekimoto's visit to Australia, along with the beginning of Youth Exchange in Japan, was considered so historically significant that photographs from her exchange are now housed in the National Archives of Australia, McDonald says.

"It was a hard time for Japan when I was 16," Sekimoto says. "When I came to Australia, it was just like heaven. It was such a different style of living. That became a big turning point for me – it completely changed my life."

Her experience as an exchange student awakened a curiosity to explore the rest of the world. After returning home to finish high school and college, Sekimoto worked as a flight attendant, married, and lived in Egypt before going back to Japan.

"Yoko's story is just one great example of Youth Exchange," McDonald says. "Fifty years later, thousands of friendships have been formed between people from all over the world and Japan."

### *The Funny Side*

Hillary Clinton died and went to heaven. As she stood in front of Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates, she saw a huge wall of clocks behind him. She asked, "What are all those clocks?"

Saint Peter answered, "Those are Lie-Clocks. Everyone on Earth has a Lie-Clock. Every time you lie, the hands on your clock will move.

"Oh," said Hillary, "whose clock is that?"

"That's Mother Teresa's. The hands have never moved indicating that she never told a lie."

"Whose clock is that?"

"That's Abraham Lincoln's clock. The hands have only moved twice telling us that Abe only told 2 lies in his entire life."

"Where's Bill's clock?" Hillary asked.

"Bill's clock is in Jesus' office. He's using it as a ceiling fan."

### *Significant dates in September*

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