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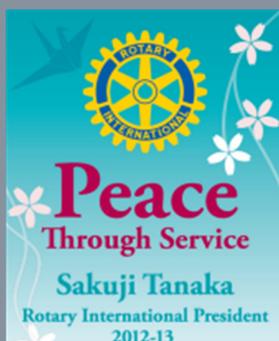
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Tappings from Terry

Sometimes it is possible to get lucky, when the scheduled guest speaker for last Thursday's meeting was unable to attend it was fortunate that our visiting Rotarian: Gordon Bentley, had armed himself with a number of illustrations of his Club's Destination Outback project to be able to give us a presentation on this amazing experience for the participants, and we even forgot to give him a memento of his talk. Must remember to do it this Thursday for Gordon, maybe we should let Di make the choice of what will be best for them.

The Destination Outback would certainly give their city visitors a great experience. Having driven from Darwin South from 1955 onwards, when sealed roads finished before the South Australian border, and not too far past Mount Isa, (The Blue Heeler Pub at Kynuna one Sunday for the send-off for the local copper when pubs weren't supposed to be open, and they had to have one of the blue heelers play in the cricket match because the total population then was only 21), I have some idea of the roads and places they visited, it would have been a comfort for them to be in convoy, but the insight into life in the outback would not have diminished.

One wonders if we could ever be brave enough to stage a similar event through the hinterland of our coastal home, or even a nautical experience taking an armada of boats to secluded beaches? Sometimes one idea can spawn others.

Just in case procrastination is working too well don't forget to register for the District Conference, there is an impressive array of speakers.

Have fun with Rotary

Terry

District Conference

Have you registered to attend the conference and booked tickets for the dinners and Sunday breakfast? If not, don't delay – complete the registration form on the District website www.rotaryd9710.org.au NB: you can add a guest – your partner or a friend. Except for the members who will be on market duty on the Sunday, our club attendance target should be 100%, especially for the conference proceedings which are free of charge.

Tonight
Board Meeting

Date	Event
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	11 October	18 October	25 October	1 November	8 November
Chair/Rotary History	Terry Irvine	George Barker	No Meeting	Kris Elphick	John Rungen
Cashier/Wheel	George Barker	Kris Elphick	No Meeting	John Rungen	Bob Antill
Invocation	Jack Wightman	John Rungen		Bob Antill	Jack Wightman
3 Minute Talk	John Rungen	GSE Team		Jack Wightman	Laurelle Pacey
Fines	Bob Antill			Peter Bull	

The Week that Was

Another busy meeting! We for fortunate to have Gordon Bentley from Dubbo South step in at the last minute as our guest speaker – The timetabled guest had a double booking! As Terry indicated in his introduction Gordon gave as an expert overview of his Club’s major fundraising event. The RC of Dubbo South hosts ‘Destination Outback’ every second year to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and other local charities. Basically it is a coordinated safari through a number of outback towns and locations, each car in the safari contributes \$2250.00 to participate, of which \$1000.00 of which goes to SFDS. It costs approximately \$650.00 per head to organise and cater for the event. Before the safari and along the way additional funds were raised through, raffles, sponsorships and auctions, this year more than \$217 000.00 was raised in total. Local community organisations also raise funds by catering for the outback tourers. It sounded like a lot a fun and maybe even an excuse to party along the way. To date the Club has raised more than \$1.1M for the RFDS.

President Terry snagged the wine, while Peter Bull won the port and John Messner picked up the bread.

Orit had the floor as the three minute speaker. She told us about her new job in Real Estate, although she is just starting out she has already had success listing and selling properties.

Group Study Exchange

Please don't forget that next week we will be hosting the GSE Team from Mississippi for a three day visit. They will be our guests at the Club's 18 October meeting. As always with these teams the individuals will be interesting and professional people and it is certain to be a good night for members and partners, friends of Rotary and guests of members. We want to make their Narooma experience a memorable one (for all the right reasons!) and encourage a good turnout to welcome them.

In addition to the hosts, it would be great to have the support of any other member who could help with transport locally over the weekend of 20-21 October, possibly providing backup if we need help to get the team to meet RC Bombala at the intersection of Princes Hwy and Snowy Mountains Hwy on the Sunday morning.

Please let Ian know if you can help out in any way.

What is GSE?

The Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation makes provision for every District in the world to participate in the Group Study Exchange program. By utilising some of the District Designated Funding (money contributed by Clubs and individuals to The Foundation) a second GSE team can be selected.

A Rotarian Team Leader and four non-Rotarian Team Members are selected to participate in an exchange to another District in another country to experience social, economic, business and cultural conditions and to observe their own professions in action.

GSE offers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, work on team building, and increase self-confidence. The program is designed to have an invaluable impact on the career of a young professional in the increasingly global workplace by creating networking opportunities and lifelong friendships.

Individuals who participate in this rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience will return home with a broadened cultural perspective and new understanding of a nation's history, language, commerce, and government

Using vocational service to build peace

*By Sakuji Tanaka (Posted on **October 2, 2012** by **Rotary International**)*

In Japan, we place great importance on the value of work. Whatever we are called to do, we should do it to the very best of our abilities, with dignity and with pride. Whether the job is running a country or shining shoes, there is honor in every vocation.

I grew up embracing this belief, but I had never stopped to contemplate it. One day, in my third year in Rotary, we had a speaker at our club who talked about the purpose of one's livelihood. He asked, why do we work hard? What is the importance of our work?

I had never thought about this before. I never saw it as a question. We work to earn money. We work to be successful. We work because it is required of us. To me, this was all.

On that day, I learned about the idea of vocational service. It was the idea that through our work, we can serve others. We think about others' needs, and grow to care more for the needs of our communities. We build positive connections between people, and a more peaceful world.

This is the idea that has changed my life. It did not change how much I worked, or how hard I

worked. But it changed why I worked, and how I experienced my life. It has made me see a higher purpose in everything I do.

The idea of Service above Self is an idea that is unique to Rotary. But it is an idea that can be embraced by anyone. And I believe very much that in Rotary, and beyond Rotary, we can build Peace through Service

The Funny Side – Thanks to Terry

Joe had asked Bob to help him out with the deck after work, so Bob just went straight over to Joe's place. When they got to the door, Joe went straight to his wife, gave her a hug and told her how beautiful she was and how much he had missed her at work. When it was time for supper, he complimented his wife on her cooking, kissed her and told her how much he loved her.

Once they were working on the deck, Bob told Joe that he was surprised that he fussed so much over his wife. Joe said that he'd started this about six months ago, it had revived their marriage, and things couldn't be better. Bob thought he'd give it a go. When he got home, he gave his wife a massive hug, kissed her and told her that he loved her. His wife burst into tears.

Bob was confused and asked why she was crying. She said, "This is the worst day of my life. First, little Billy fell off his bike and twisted his ankle. Then, the washing machine broke and flooded the basement. And now, you come home drunk!"

What was happening 5 years ago? – here is Laurelle's message from 18 October 2007

A big welcome to PDG Mick Newling tonight – I am sorry I will miss his talk – but no doubt I will read something about it in the bulletin when I return.

Last week our club assembly was most productive, except we are still down a Youth Director and President Elect.

We had good feedback at the assembly on the Blues Weekend from everyone involved.

*At the **Blues Festival**, our van took a total of about \$4,273. Friday night's takings were \$790.50, Saturday's \$1,661.70 and Sunday's \$1,820.90 – reflecting crowds were the biggest ever on a Sunday. It will be interesting to see how we end up after we take out costs.*

Everyone enjoyed and appreciated the participation of Queanbeyan West club members and pleased with the success of the welcome breakfast in Rotary Park. There was some discussion about in future having an overlap of shifts to make for smoother changeover with lanyards.

I reported on John Rowley's findings, viz that the van's power supply is being overloaded, particularly with the donut maker drawing 20 Amps through a 15 Amp and cord less than 15 Amp. We will do something about this soon, even possibly purchasing a more energy efficient donut maker.

George said he would investigate possible wind screens for the barbecue which has been an ongoing problem.

*The **Blues market** was a huge success attracting thousands during the morning. Gate takings (mostly collected the pervious markets) were \$1,385, with \$455 from the wishing well and \$75.30 from the milk can. That made a grand total of \$1,905.*

I will be away for the next three weeks, but hopefully back on deck after that. Many thanks to Ian for filling in for me in my absence.