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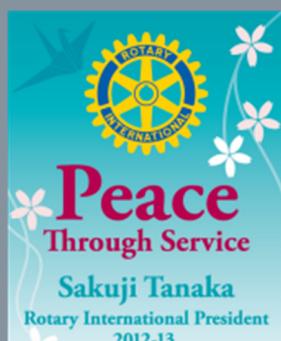
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Tappings From Terry!

Too many other things crowding out my life these last few days to be able to give too much thought to Rotary, other than compare notes briefly with Andrew about his club in Wagga. I did tell him how much we gain from having ladies in our club.

Yesterday was outstanding; the Massed Male Choirs performance was amazing.

Don't forget this week's combined meeting in Moruya on Wednesday night.

Have Fun in Rotary

Terry

Tonight: Wednesday - Joint meeting with RC Moruya and RC Bateman's Bay at Moruya.

Date	Event
22 November	No Meeting
25 November	Narooma Rotary Markets
29 November	"Team meeting", then Board Meeting
6 December	Barefoot Bowls - Club Narooma
13 December	Annual meeting, Election of office bearers
20 December	Club Christmas Party!!!!

Duties

Duty	21 November	29 November	6 December	13 December	20 December
Chair/Rotary History	Combined Meeting	Jack Wightman	Fun	Laurelle Pacey	Terry Irvine
Cashier/Wheel	With	Laurelle Pacey	Bowls	Kris Elphick	Peter Bull
Invocation	Batemans Bay	Kris Elphick	Night	John Messner	Orit Karny-Winters
3 Minute Talk	Moruya	John Messner		Bob Aston	
Fines	At Moruya	Bob Aston			Ian Thomlinson

If you cannot do your allocated duty please arrange a replacement then advise the editor

The Week that Was

A number of members were away due to other commitments such as visiting family and friends, work and of course the Narooma High School Year 12 Formal – the last for Bob and Bob and the first for Rolf!

Thanks to Ian for contributing this piece.

Members were in short supply but our numbers were boosted fortunately by our guests, namely Christine Stranger, our invited speaker and her husband Peter who came as the guest of John Rungen. We were pleased to welcome our favourite guests from RC Canberra, Colin and Enid Holmes. We were joined by Mike Young, a member of the RC Broome who has now left the north and is settling in Dalmeny where he has had a house for some years. Mike is obviously looking to join our club and he will be most welcome.

In lieu of a 3 minute talk ,our visiting Rotarian Mike kindly agreed to give us a resume of his life in Rotary and what a diverse experience it has been, starting as a charter member of the Yass Rotaract Club and ending up in Broome via a number of other clubs including Shepparton and Port Macquarie. Mike and his wife will be joining us at Moruya this week so please introduce yourselves to them.

The wheel was a quick diversion during the evening as no Rolf...no bread ,and no Bob Ant... no eggs.

A memorable night for Mike Young who took home the wine.

Our guest speaker Chris Stranger lives in Ringlands and practices as a psychologist at the Narooma Psychology Centre, providing counselling services in Narooma, Moruya and Bateman's Bay. She has been a registered psychologist for 10 years and previously worked in Human Resources with Honeywell where she gained considerable experience in workplace assessment, mediation and change processes.

Chris explained the various aspects of the work she carries out ranging from grief counselling to clients with mental health issues, gambling, drug and alcohol related problems. Many of these issues are brought on by the pressures of job loss, financial difficulties and marriage breakup where dedicated counselling can be very effective.

This was a most interesting talk passionately presented by Chris Stranger.

A Reminder!

Next week there will be no meeting on 22 November instead we will meet with Moruya and Batemans Bay at Moruya on Wednesday 21 November. The three clubs will hear from Jenny Cole about the East Timor Project that we have supported with a donation totalling \$1500.00. There will also be an opportunity on the night for a ROMAC update from Richard Woodburn who will also be attending that meeting enroute to Rotary Institute in Adelaide.

Former Rotary scholar a good return on Rotary's investment

By Susie Ma

The Rotarian -- November 2012

Jesse Sullivan was set to go to medical school when he decided to study global governance and diplomacy as a 2007-08 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Oxford. He never looked back. Sullivan later became a foreign policy adviser on a U.S. congressional campaign, worked at a displaced persons camp in Haiti, and served with the U.S. Department of Defense in Afghanistan. He's now a member of the Rotary E-Club of Oxford International.

THE ROTARIAN: Your experiences have taken you all over the world. Where did you get your start?

SULLIVAN: I am from a town of 2,300 people called Petersburg, Ill. When I went to Saint Louis University in Missouri, my dorm was half the size of my hometown. I saw the cultural diversity in the city, and I also saw some of the difficulties. I worked at a clinic for immigrants who couldn't afford health insurance, and I helped an Afghan family adjust after they had been relocated to the United States. Then I went to El Salvador for six months on an exchange program through the U.S. State Department. I learned that malnutrition is as much a socioeconomic problem as a medical one. So I deferred medical school and never went back after my Ambassadorial Scholarship.

TR: What kind of work did you do in Afghanistan?

SULLIVAN: I was a human terrain analyst with the Defense Department. My job was to bridge the gap in understanding between the Afghan people and the military. It was the perfect way for me to use my experiences from Oxford. In Helmand Province, we entered into an area with intense fighting between insurgent and coalition forces. I went into the villages and interviewed people – religious leaders, militia members, farmers, a father who had seen his son killed by an improvised explosive device. I asked them how they thought we could end the conflict locally. My role was to determine how to improve the implementation of a local police force. The first time I was there, families said they couldn't send their kids to school because they feared for their lives. When I went back six months later, I visited a school that had reopened. It was a small victory, but it was pretty neat to be a part of something like that.

TR: Now that you're back in the States, what's next?

SULLIVAN: Because of my exposure to Rotary, I've discovered what a vital role business plays in creating social value. In Haiti, the unemployment rate is astronomical. People need a way of generating wealth. I'm looking for opportunities to learn more about the business world and find a comprehensive approach to helping the developing world.

In the United States, we're in a unique position. We sit atop these global political structures and could be doing even more to make them work. People from the developing world don't have the ability to represent their interests.

TR: At your request, a flag was flown over the military headquarters of Regional Command (Southwest) in Helmand Province in honor of Rotary International on 28 May. Why?

SULLIVAN: When I was at the school that reopened in Helmand, I saw how excited the kids were to go to school. I started thinking about how lucky I was to get the education I did. I sent the flag to Rotary because I want Rotary to know the impact it made on my life. Rotarians deserve to be honored for their work.

The Funny Side

When the store manager returned from lunch, he noticed his clerk's hand was bandaged, but before he could ask about the bandage, the clerk had some very good news for him.

"Guess what, sir?" the clerk said. "I finally sold that terrible, ugly suit we've had so long!"

"Do you mean that repulsive pink-and-blue double-breasted thing?!" the manager asked.

"That's the one!"

"That's great!" the manager cried, "I thought we'd never get rid of that monstrosity! That had to be the ugliest suit we've ever had! But tell me, why is your hand bandaged?"

"Oh," the clerk replied, "after I sold the guy that suit, his seeing-eye dog bit me."

At a jewellery store, a young man bought an expensive locket as a present for his girlfriend. "Shall I engrave her name on it?" the jeweller asked.

The customer thought for a moment, and then said, "No-engage it 'To my one and only love'. That way, if we ever break up, I can use it again."

Anniversaries this Month - Apologies for the late notification!!

Birthdays

01 November	Rolf Gimmel
02 November	John Rungen
08 November	Karen Bull
14 November	Charmaine White
16 November	Denise Rungen

Wedding Anniversaries

15 November	George & Anne
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Narooma Fun Bowls

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Thursday 6th of December – 5.30pm till Dark

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