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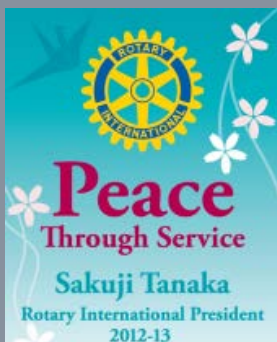
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Tappings From Terry!

Nice quick Annual Meeting last week. Our incoming President: Charmaine is fortunate to have Jack continue as Secretary/Treasurer, he has been a tower of strength for me, providing me with information and completing the secretarial tasks on time. Her Directors: Laurelle Pacey, Angie Ulrichsen and John Rungen, will also ensure the club is in good hands next year.

Christmas function this week, one of many this year for me, let us make sure we continue our club theme of having fun with Rotary.

Terry

From Secretary Jack **Annual Meeting**

Last Thursday's well attended meeting resulted in the election of the following members to Charmaine's 2013-14 Board which will include Terry as IPP:

Secretary/Treasurer
Directors

Jack Wightman
Laurelle Pacey, Angie Ulrichsen and John Rungen.

It will be up to the Board of Directors Elect to make appointments to positions left unfilled. Let Charmaine know if you are willing to serve.

Fundraising

It's that time of the year when we prepare for the annual Duck Race. At this stage the Surf Life Saving Club has agreed to help shepherd and recover the ducks with their IRB. We have also asked the Narooma Rescue Squad to provide IRB support as well. It looks as if a team of members other than those involved in the Australia Day set-up at Ken Rose Park will be required to launch the ducks from the bridge.

A number of members have taken Duck Race raffle tickets to sell, and a roster has been drawn up for selling tickets around town and at the caravan parks starting with a big effort at the forthcoming market on 23rd December. We can't sell at the January market because it occurs after the Duck race.. Volunteers are still needed to sell tickets at the Island View Caravan Park on 12th January and at the Narooma Newsagent's on 18th January. Let Jack know if you can help.

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Tonight: - Club Christmas Party

Date	Event
23 December	Narooma Rotary Markets
27 January	No Meeting
3 January	No Meeting
10 January	Informal get together at Terry and Annette's place
17 January	TBA, possibly a fish and chips night!
24 January	Fund raising for Oncology unit. Film "Quartet" at Kinema
27 January	Narooma Rotary Market
31 January	Youth night, tertiary scholarship winner

Duties

Duty	20 December	27 December	3 January	31 January	7 February
Chair/Rotary History	Terry Irvine	No	No	Peter Bull	Orit Karny-Winters
Cashier/Wheel	Peter Bull	Meeting	Meeting	Orit Karny-Winters	Laurelle Pacey
Invocation	Orit Karny-Winters			Laurelle Pacey	Kris Elphick
3 Minute Talk				Kris Elphick	Rolf Gimmel
Fines	Ian Thomlinson				

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

Secretary Jack (Continued)

We took the opportunity to have a sausage sizzle at the launch of the 'Swimming in Art' mural at the Narooma Pool on Saturday as well as having the food van at Carols by Candlelight on Sunday.

We had planned to sell Safe Moneyboxes at the January market to raise funds for the eradication of polio; however members expressed a contrary view when this was discussed last week.

Christmas party

A sumptuous menu priced at \$30.00 has been set for Christmas dinner. John Rungen has a good idea of attendance but if there are any variations to the information that he has or any apologies not yet noted, please let him know. Members, their partners, and their guests are reminded to bring presents valued at about \$5.00 and marked 'Boy' and 'Girl' for the Christmas tree. It's a custom which makes Santa's job easier.

Membership

Some members have paid their subscription for the whole year; others will not be surprised to receive an invoice for the amount due on 1st January for the second half year. Keep on keeping on, fellows!

Clubs that welcome kids can boost membership and service

by Kim Lisagor

The Rotarian -- September 2012

Two days after my son, Wes, was born, my husband delivered celebratory cigars to the stogie-loving ladies and gentlemen at our Rotary club's Tuesday morning meeting. The gesture was genuine, but I secretly hoped it would also help cushion the impact of our next surprise: Our noisy, spit-up-spewing newborn was about to become a Rotary regular.

Our club had not yet broken the baby barrier. We're a young and jovial group, but I had trouble envisioning an infant blending in at our weekly breakfasts. After a three-month leave, I stuffed a diaper bag with pacifiers, blankets, diapers, wipes, onesies, and enough spit-up rags to mop up the entire restaurant. Scott and I loaded up the car and hoped for the best.

It didn't take long to realize that my concerns were unfounded; the welcome from the members of our club – the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo Daybreak, California, USA – couldn't have been warmer. Soon enough, Wes had a better attendance record than many of the grown-ups. The wait staff started setting out a high chair for us in advance – near an exit, in case we needed to make a speedy departure. Fellow Rotarians joked that Wes was the founding member of a brand-new club they called "Romperact."

Clubs are not always so accommodating. In an online forum in 2009, Genevieve Flight, now a member of the Rotary Club of London, reported that at her previous club, she was reprimanded after she brought her three-year-old to a meeting. A club officer warned her never to bring her son again. In the same post, she suggested that Rotary International do more to encourage clubs to welcome Rotarians with children. "This is the best way forward towards getting more younger members into Rotary," she wrote.

Rotarians often fret about the absence of 30-somethings in their clubs. Interact and Rotaract clubs attract teens and young adults, but most don't become Rotarians. Worldwide, only 11 percent of Rotary club members are under age 40.

Some clubs have attempted to bridge the gap with less-frequent meetings or lower dues. Many others have worked to make Rotary more appealing to tot-toting families like mine. Those family-friendly clubs have reported success in gaining new members and keeping those they might otherwise have lost

The Funny Side

Punishable Punographics (from the December newsletter of RWAF – Thanks Jack)

I know a guy who is addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

Velcro – what a rip off!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

To Members, Families and Friends of Rotary
We wish you a peaceful and relaxing Christmas
2013



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to Steve Elphick for 4
January and to Maureen Young for 31
January

Bob & Therese Aston being school
teachers celebrate their Wedding
Anniversary on 6 January



The next issue of the Beacon will be published for our first meeting back at the Whale in 2013 –
24 January 2013. The deadline for articles will be 2:00pm Sunday 20 January 2013