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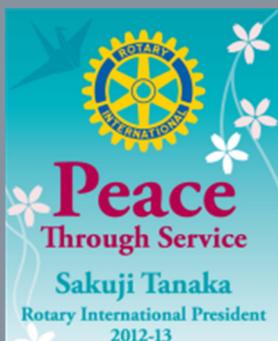
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Tappings from Terry

A busy week for Terry and Annette – below is his email relating his travels for the week

Here is my brief offering for this week, we are currently in Campbelltown, having driven up yesterday afternoon. We go on to Mount Victoria today, to revisit the Berghofer Pass with a relative, Holger Durben, who has come from the village in Germany to celebrate the anniversaries of migration, 150 and 160 years ago, of families from Munchhausen. Tomorrow I will catch up with an old school friend who lives in Leura, then spend some time with my cousin in Castle Hill, meet Holger again on Tuesday, in Kogarah, where my ancestors, the Berghofers, first settled. Then off to Canberra to help increase the medical professions income, and home on the weekend.

And the tappings!

Those that missed the Peace Forum at Moruya on Wednesday that was held instead of our regular meeting, missed an outstanding event. The two speakers: Anne Gallagher, and Bishop George Browning presented thought provoking concepts on Peace, based on their own personal experiences. The attendance in excess of 80 was a good response, but it could have been better. On reflection I hope, or wish, that the two speeches were recorded for posterity, the fact that I have only just thought of this shows it is hard to plan for everything for these types of events.

I will be in Canberra this week; the meeting will be conducted under the capable and experienced hands of Ian Thomlinson, who has done a wonderful job this year in organising the programme.

Have fun in Rotary

Terry

"If you don't believe that the education system in this country has gone to hell, just take a look at all the people who can't even count to ten in front of you in the express lane at the supermarket"

The Week that Was

As the editor was away, again there is not too much to report. I understand that the meeting on Wednesday was a great success, reminding us of our obligations to promote peace.

On Sunday the editor was ready to do his bit to help at the markets, however the weather intervened with a great storm – so a sleep in seemed to be the next best option!



RYDA 2013

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program will be held this year on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April at Moruya Racecourse. PP Derek Anderson, RYDA Coordinator for Eurobodalla, has a vacancy for a Rotarian to present the section called “My Wheels” during the two days of RYDA. This section deals with:

- Vehicle safety/ accessories.
- Registration/insurance.
- Vehicle maintenance.
- Running costs.
- Owner responsibilities.

Training will be provided by Road Safety Education (RSE) who are the overriding authority for RYDA.

If you are willing to conduct these sessions in “My Wheels” over the two days 9th and 10th April, please contact Derek whose details are: PO Box 5101, Broulee, NSW 2537; email dereka48@bigpond.com; mobile 0427 580 533.

If your offer to present “my Wheels” is accepted, let Laurelle know.

The Rotary Foundation

This past year was one of major accomplishments for Rotary and your Rotary Foundation.

Extraordinary progress was made toward the eradication of polio. We made history when India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries — leaving just Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. A difficult road lies ahead, but thanks to the commitment and generosity of Rotarians and friends, we are confident that Rotary will lead the way toward a polio-free world.

We also expanded Rotary’s reach in new and effective ways by entering into partnerships with Mercy Ships and UNESCO-IHE. And we built on our record of humanitarian service by continuing our strong relationships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, Aga Khan University, Oikocredit and the Rotary Peace Centers.

Over half a million young people worldwide participated in our New Generations programs. Their involvement in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotaract and Interact clubs, and RYLA events helped them develop skills that they’ll need to become service-minded community and global leaders - and future Rotarians.

In 2012, The Rotary Foundation also earned top marks from several independent charity evaluators, including the American Institute of Philanthropy, Charity Navigator and the Wise Giving Alliance.

As we look ahead, we can be proud of all that Rotarians have accomplished. I am pleased to share the digital version of the [2011-12 Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Annual Report \(click here\)](#), which offers a firsthand look at how Rotarians are working to improve the lives of people in need. I encourage you to review our annual report carefully, and to share it with others who may be interested in joining, partnering with, or donating to Rotary.

Thank you for helping Rotary achieve lasting change in your community and around the world.

Sincerely,

John Hewko
General Secretary
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Some Humour – Thanks to Terry

A tour bus full of American tourists arrives at Runnymede, England. They gather around the tour guide who says, "This is the spot where the barons forced King John to sign the Magna Carta."

A man pushing his way to the front of the crowd asks, "When did that happen?"

"1215," answers the guide.

The man looks at his watch and says, "Shoooot! Just missed it by a half hour!"

Sandra was out driving her car and while stopped at a red light, the car just died. It was a busy

intersection,
and the traffic behind her starting growing. The guy in the car directly behind her started honking his horn continuously as Sandra continued to try getting the car to start up again.

Finally Sandra gets out of her car and approaches the guy in the car behind her.

"I can't seem to get my car started," Sandra said, smiling.

"Would you be a sweetheart and go and see if you can get it started for me. I'll stay here in your car and lean on the bloody horn for you."

Some history lessons – Thanks to Peter

Here are some facts about the 1500's

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May. And they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, Then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals(mice, bugs) lived in the roof.

When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs." There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, It would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme:

"Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."



Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom; "holding a wake."

Duty	28 February	7 March	14 March	21 March	28 March
Chair/Rotary History	Ian Thomlinson	Laurelle Pacey	John Messner	John Rungen	Angie Ulrchinsen
Cashier/Wheel	Laurelle Pacey	John Messner	John Rungen	Angie Ulrchinsen	John Messner
Invocation	Angie Ulrchinsen	John Rungen	Charmaine White	Mike Young	Chris O'Brien
3 Minute Talk	Peter Bull	Mike Young	Chris O'Brien	Charmaine White	George Barker
Fines	Bob Aston				Ian Thomlinson

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

Date	Event
28 February	Club Night – Some Narooma Rotary History
7 March	Shanna Provost. Australian Red Cross - Project with remote Aboriginal communities in the NT, helping them to build resilience to natural disasters. PARTNER'S NIGHT
14 March	Club assembly, followed by Board meeting.
21 March	Joint meeting with RC Bega at Bermagui.
24 March	Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval
28 March	TBC
4 April	Cr Rob Pollock – Oncology unit update