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The Rotary Club of Bathurst East Inc NSW Australia.
Bathurst East: The Friendly Club

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Last week @ Rotary 27th May

Visitors

Tonight we welcomed Colin Frost, our guest speaker, to the meeting.

International Toast



This week's International toast, presented as usual by Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Dickie was to the Rotary Club of Kimberley South, in Rotary district 9370 which has 98 clubs with 2006 members in part of Lesotho and part of South Africa.

The Rotary Club of Kimberley South received its charter in 1970. The club currently has 35 member who meet on Fridays at 1:00pm at the Kimberley Club (pictured above right).

Some of the projects the Club is involved with include research into cataracts, polio plus, warning expectant mothers about the dangers of consuming alcohol, supporting a day care centre and working in with the Department of Education on a project known as the "Little Free Library".

For further details, please refer to the copy of Bill's notes as attached. Thank you Bill.

Stop Press

Due to the RSL Club's kitchen undergoing renovations over the next two weeks, we will be meeting at the BATHURST CITY COMMUNITY CLUB, Corner of William and Durham Streets, at 6:00 for 6:30pm as usual.

If you can't be in attendance at our meetings set down for 6th June and 13th June please let Alan Petersen know OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE MEAL as we have to notify numbers in advance for catering purposes.

Alan can be contacted on 6331 2850

General Business

1. PP Bob Newton advised he had been in contact with Bunnings and we can hold the BBQ there on Sunday 4 October next, being the first available day. A second Sunday may also be possible.
2. President Peter reported Greg Madden advised him Jan's operation over, but Jan is not "out of the woods" as yet. We all send Jan continuing best wishes.
3. Rugby Choir – Peter asked organisers for a "rain check" due to the many events in Bathurst around the time they wanted to be here.



Three Minuter



The "Three Minuter" this week was presented by Rtn. Merran Olson.

Merran started off by mentioning her adventures with mastering the riding techniques of a zero turn ride on lawn mower. Merran was fine however her instructor perhaps could have done better??

Anyway, the experience brought home the importance of how helpful a good memory can be, especially when, while zig zagging down the driveway finishing just short of a tree, trying to remember what to do.

After completing her life threatening escapade, Merran picked up her May edition of "Rotary Down Under" with an article entitled "Memory Matters" catching her attention. It set out ten habits for a healthy brain with Merran recommending we all look up this article, and have a good read.

One of the suggestions for example, being to: "Laugh often and laugh out loud". Thank you Merran.



Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this evening was Colin Frost, a health inspector of many years' experience who spoke to us on his career as an inspector and as a food prosecutor.

Colin was introduced to the meeting by PP Brian Burke, with Colin beginning his talk telling us he first qualified as an inspector with the Department of Health back in 1973.

In 1979 he specialised in food prosecutions, and over the years conducted many very successful prosecutions against all types of businesses and institutions having unclean premises and utensils. These ranged from your run of the mill food shops to larger institutions such as public hospitals.

Colin pointed out that a health inspector has a right of entry to any premises at any reasonable hour to carry out an inspection, with this including the family home.

He also mentioned some other interesting facts including you cannot have a dog in a food preparation area or smoke in such areas, with this applying equally to the family home as it does to a commercial kitchen – you can be prosecuted for any such breach.

- Membership Director: Greg Madden
- Service Projects Director: Peter Keith
- Rotary Foundation Director: Bill Dickie
- Youth Services Director: Graeme Bright
- Club Administration Director: Geoff Fry

Other Non Board Members:

- Bulletin Editor: Maree Richards
- Historian: Alan Petersen
- Photographer: Luis Hernandez

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- June 4** Jan Madden – Birthday
- June 7** Terry Mahony – Birthday
- June 9** Jennifer Pollard – Birthday
- June 19** Doug Barnes – Birthday
- June 21** Luis Hernandez – Birthday



Other events and more!

- Wed 01 July** *Changeover Dinner – Rydges Mt Panorama*
- Wed 09 Sept** District Governor's Official Visit & Ladies Night



June is Rotary Fellowship Month

The month of June is considered as Rotary Fellowship Month in the Rotary calendar. There is a misconception among Rotarians on what aspect of the RI programs is being celebrated for this month of June. Let us clarify the issue. When we talk about "Rotary Fellowships", we actually refer to the groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors who join together to:



- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.);
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession;
- Make new friends around the world;
- Explore new opportunities for service; and
- Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary.

A word from Rotary District 9700

Rotary District 9700
 Friendship Exchange Chairman
 Lance & Robyn Gillespie
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 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650



May 2015

Dear fellow Rotarians

Today I am writing to each Rotary Club in District 9700 in an attempt to raise the awareness amongst your members of the Rotary Friendship Exchange programme. While this may not hold high priority amongst Rotary projects in general, it is an important part of the fabric of Rotary International.

You may well ask “What is Rotary Friendship Exchange?” *The Friendship Exchange Program is an International exchange program for Rotarians and Rotary couples that provide participants with the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians, visiting their clubs and participating in the lifestyle/activities of their communities. The goals of the exchange are to advance international understanding and peace through visits across borders, as well as promote interclub relationships, fellowships and service projects. The Rotarians participating gain the opportunity to make long lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world.*

District 9700 has been very active over the last few years hosting teams from the US, Canada and England and sending teams from our District to the same countries as well as India & Sweden.

A team of 6 couples is preparing at the moment to leave for District 7120 in Alberta Canada on a reciprocal visit for 2 weeks. During this time they will be hosted by Rotarians in clubs with the magical names such as Rocky Mountain House & Red Deer Centennial. They will also have the opportunity to attend the Calgary Stampede. Members of this team are from Orange, Bathurst, Wagga Wagga & Narrandera clubs.

In November our District will host a reciprocal team from District 2380 in Sweden where a team from this District visited last August. Hosting clubs for this exchange will include Orange, Wagga Wagga & Leeton whose members were part of that team. Another host club will be needed.

Also in November we have the offer to send a team to District 4740 Brazil. This would be a fascinating place to visit and nominations to join this team are now being sort. Please be in touch if you are at all interested.

District 3010 in India is very keen to exchange with this District. Having travelled to India ourselves on a Friendship Exchange we can vouch for the great experience this was in the safety & comfort of Rotarians and their families.

Could you please ensure that this letter is included in your correspondence presented to members. It would be very beneficial to me as District Chair to know which clubs are willing to host RFE teams. It would appear that too often when RFE is mentioned to members the response is “I have never heard of it”. Even though for the last few years a twice yearly newsletter has been emailed to each club President & Secretary.

Rotary Friendship Exchange is a great program! Those Rotarians who have taken part nearly always come back for at least a second exchange. We are happy to share this experience with more Rotarians. Not only the experience of travelling as a member of a RFE team, but to be part of a club that hosts RFE inbound teams.

I would appreciate your advice as to your clubs ability to be on a register of clubs interested in hosting RFE teams as well as any members who would like to become part of the team to Brazil in November. Robyn & I are always willing to address your club on our experiences with Rotary Friendship Exchange.

In Rotary Friendship
Lance & Robyn Gillespie

Editor: OK, what are we going to do?



**Be a gift
to the world**

President's message



GARY C.K. HUANG President 2014-15

May 2015

One of my favorite parts of a Rotary convention is the House of Friendship. In Chinese, we say: 有朋自遠方來，不亦樂乎。 "To have friends come together from faraway places is a wonderful thing."

At the 106th annual Rotary International Convention, 6-9 June, the House of Friendship will reflect the excitement and the diverse blend of cultures of São Paulo, the host city.

In between general sessions, you can relax and enjoy all that Brazil has to offer – sample the cuisine, browse locally made gifts, and take in top-quality entertainment. You also can get ideas for service and find partners at booths showcasing Rotary projects and Rotarian Action Groups.

And best of all, you'll have the opportunity to spend time with old friends and make many new ones.

The House of Friendship is a wonderful place to bring your convention guests – your family and your friends from home. By attending conventions with me, my family experienced the true internationality of Rotary. Eventually my wife, Corinna, and all three of my children joined Rotary clubs.

You and your guests will want to be sure to come early for World Water Summit 7, on 4 June, sponsored by the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, or for the Rotary Peace Symposium, 4-5 June.

This year we are honored that Dr. Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica, will be the keynote speaker at the Rotary Peace Symposium. Arias received the Nobel Peace Prize for brokering a peace agreement that ended the brutal civil wars in Central America.

Other events 4-5 June include the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting, the International Institute, and the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting.

When the convention is over, spend time exploring all that Brazil has to offer – pristine beaches just a few hours away, the excitement and glamour of Rio de Janeiro, and the wonders of the Amazon rain forest.

Every year, I return from the Rotary convention inspired to do more, to give more in Rotary service throughout the year. Register today at www.riconvention.org. I look forward to seeing you in São Paulo!

Interesting 'photos  *department*





Those eyes..



7 Year Old Syrian Rebel





TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED

Ahhhh, Terry Mahony is back on the job.....



If My Body Was a Car

This is just too funny - scary how true it is!!!

If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull...

There's more.

My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My white-walls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it.



Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter,

Either My Radiator Leaks or My Exhaust Backfires!

Thanks Terry, we really needed to know that!!

Woo, Terry's not finished yet:

A distraught husband went to the police-station to report that his wife was missing...

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home...

Sergeant: What is her height?

Husband: Gee, I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

Sergeant: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

Sergeant: Colour of eyes?
Husband: Ooh...never really noticed.
Sergeant: Colour of hair?
Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown at the moment.
Sergeant: What was she wearing?
Husband: Could have been a skirt or shorts. I don't remember exactly.
Sergeant: What kind of car did she go in?
Husband: She went in my sports car.
Sergeant: What kind of sports car was it?
Husband: Mercedes-Benz C63 AMG 6.3 7G-Tronic Edition 125 Coupe finished In Magnetite Black Metallic with Black Leather AMG Sport Seats and Brushed Aluminum plus Piano Black Cappings; Unmarked 19" AMG Multispoke Alloy Wheels; Tilt/Slide Sunroof; (MP3, iPod etc.), Superb Sound System With DAB and Harman-Kardon Sound
...at this point the husband started choking up.

Sergeant: Don't worry, sir...we'll find your car...

You may or may not remember the old-time Jewish comedians: Shecky Green, Red Buttons, Totie Fields, Milton Berle, Henny Youngman, and many others. Perhaps you may have only heard of them. Great humor! Not a single "F"-bomb word in any of their comic routines as shown below:

- * A car hit an elderly Jewish man. The paramedic says, "Are you comfortable?" The man says, "I make a good living."
- * I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.
- * I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife finds out, she'll kill me!
- * Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.
- * We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
- * My wife and I went to a hotel where we got a waterbed. My wife calls it the Dead Sea.
- * My wife and I revisited the hotel where we spent our wedding night. This time I was the one who stayed in the bathroom and cried.
- * My Wife was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
- * The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.
- * The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your cheque came back." Mrs. Cohen replied, "So did my arthritis!"
- * Doctor: "You'll live to be 80!" Patient: "I AM 80!" Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"
- * A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?" The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"
- * Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears. " Doctor: "Don't answer!"
- * A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk says, "Okay, let's get started."

*Why do Jewish divorces cost so much? They're worth it.

*The Harvard School of Medicine did a study of why Jewish women like Chinese food so much. The study revealed that the reason for this is because Won Ton spelled backward is Not Now.

*There is a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the fetus is not considered viable until it graduates from law school.

Q : Why don't Jewish mothers drink?

A : Alcohol interferes with their suffering.

*Q : Have you seen the newest Jewish-American-Princess horror movie?

A : It's called, "Debbie Does Dishes."

*Q : Why do Jewish mothers make great parole officers?

A : They never let anyone finish a sentence.

*A man called his mother in Melbourne. "Mom, how are you?" Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak." The son said, "Why are you so weak?" She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days." The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?" The mother answered, "Because, I didn't want my mouth to be full in case you should call."

*A Jewish man said that when he was growing up, they always had two choices for dinner - Take it or leave it.

*A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has a part in the play. She asks, "What part is it?" The boy says, "I play the part of the Jewish husband." The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part."

Q : Where does a Jewish husband hide money from his wife?

A : Under the vacuum cleaner.

Q : How many Jewish mothers does it take to change a light bulb?

A : (Sigh) "Don't bother. I'll sit in the dark. I don't want to be a nuisance to anybody."

*Did you hear about the bum who walked up to a Jewish mother on the street and said, "Lady I haven't eaten in three days." "Force yourself," she replied.

Q : What's the difference between a Rottweiler and a Jewish mother?

A : Eventually, the Rottweiler lets go.

Fantastic, thank you Terry.

Now one just to fill in this space

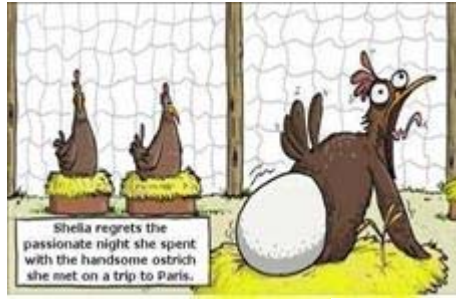
Bruce's boss has sent him to a safety course.

The instructor asks him: if a tsunami alert was issued Bruce, what steps would you take?

Bruce: big ones mate, *real* big ones!!!



Cartoon Corner



"Abort the mission! I think I forgot to turn my iron off before we left!"





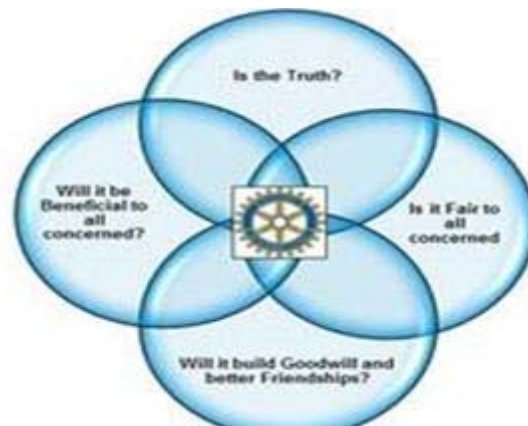
"I'm going to be doing some serious online marketing, so I invested in a larger system."



"Yes, I did hire a seven-year-old. He's the only person I know who knows anything about social networking."



"...And that, in a nutshell, is my marketing plan. Any questions?"



THAT'S IT FOR NOW, SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEDNESDAY



Tony Pollard – Editor

What is Rotary?

Rotary is ordinary people around the world sharing their professional skills and working together in a social environmental to build better communities.

We operate as a Club with weekly meetings developed around a guest speaker or special event where business, community and service issues are discussed in an interactive and relaxed atmosphere.

Come and join us:

Wednesday evenings 6.00 for 6.30pm at Bathurst RSL Club
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