



The Racing Wheel

The Rotary Club of Bathurst East Inc NSW Australia.

Bathurst East: The Friendly Club



Building Better Communities



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Editor's Comment: Again this week due to a very heavy work load, attendance at audit seminars and Rotary Conferences (P.E.T.S. and the District Conference), I've had to once more rely on a member or two to take the meeting notes for me. Thank you to Kathy Woodley and our inimitable President, Peter Keith, for stepping into the breach and doing a first class "fill in" for me. Back to normal now, "J'espère". TP.

Last week @ Rotary:

International Toast



The International Toast this week, presented as usual by PHF Bill Dickie, is to the Rotary club of Kenton on Sea, South Africa, in Rotary district 9370 which has 98 clubs and 2006 members. Lesotho and part of South Africa. The Rotary club of Kenton on Sea received charter on 14th April, 2009, has 42 members who meet on Tuesdays at 5-30pm at the Dias Angling Club. Some projects are organising a soup kitchen, assisting a hospice, donating to the Save our Rhino organisation and distribution of wheelchairs to the needy. The club supports a community garden project, caters at the finish of a local cycle race, RYLA and a Christmas tree of joy. Fund raisers include Carols by Candlelight, seafood night, theatre nights, cocktail party, selling "save the rhino" car stickers and auction and bistro evenings. Thank you Bill.

General Business

1. Condolences were expressed to Terry Mahoney on the passing of his Dad in the last few days and Greg Madden told us of the passing of Rotarian Peter Diprose of Grenfell. A minutes silence was observed to honour these two gentlemen.
2. Bathurst Daybreak Club requested assistance with the B2B Cycle Classic on 12th April. Our job: to collect the timing tags from the cyclists as they cross the finish line on Pit Straight. Seven people from 10.30am till 2.30pm on the day. Volunteers so far John Martin, Merryn Olson, Terry Mahoney, Geoff Fry, Chris Olson (12.30 till 2pm) Robin Price and Richard Siede (12 till 2). A couple of reserves would be handy if you can manage.

3. The Directors resolved to donate \$2000 to the Rotary appeal for Vanuatu. This was most generously enhanced by donations of \$2000 and \$1000 by two of our club members, making a total from Bathurst East Rotary of \$5000. Very generous and much appreciated.
4. Also it was resolved to donate \$100 to a Bathurst girl, Tahlia, whose dancing skills are leading her on a performing trip to the USA.
5. Daffodil Cottage have a fund raising drive just started to double the capacity of their treatments. We are staying in touch with Doug Kinlyside of Bathurst Daybreak who will come and talk to us shortly on this subject, a cause very close to Doug and to our own Chris and Merran.
6. We had assorted other requests but decided, with respect, to "keep our powder dry" on them for the time being.
7. The National Youth Science Forum applications will be opening for 2016 soon so we shall keep alert for that for any suggested applicants.



Three Minuter

The "Three Minuter" was given by Rtn Chris Olson who gave an amusing 3 minute (?) rundown of the state of toilets in Russia and China at the time of Nikita Khrushchev and Chairman Mao. There were a few holes in his story but he was none-the-less flushed with pride upon the passing of his delivery which didn't need a motion of acceptance!!



Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this week was Fred Siers, a very old friend of Robin Price's, with Robin introducing Fred to the meeting.

Fred gave us an amazing account of his life. From his terrifying experiences as a 9yo boy being bombed in his home city of Birmingham, England during the "Blitz" of 1940, meeting the love of his life, Barbara, when they were 13 and 15 years of age, through to moving to Australia then Bathurst to work in the Tech College (TAFE) as Robins boss.

During the blitz the children lost friends and relatives, and did not know from day to day if he would have a school to go to the next day. "If you could hear a bomb it was not for you". A most amazing luxury after the bombing was to be able to turn the lights on at night. Fred was 15yo when the war ended, he joined the Defence Force, did an electrical trade course, saved his money, and married Barbara when he was 21 and she 19. They saved some more, bought a house for 1100 Pounds and had 2 boys.

The Cold War was on in earnest by this stage and Fred described England as having a cloud over it day and night. They decided to take up the offer of becoming "10 Pound Poms". They embarked with their boys on the "Oriana" in 1953, had a surprisingly marvellous time for 3 weeks and 3 days steaming to Perth, then Melbourne then on to Sydney. Unsure at first about the wisdom of their move they decided to "give it a go" for 2 years. As an electrical engineer at this stage, Fred got a job designing electricity transformers. They settled in Rooty Hill and as devout Christians took on the responsibility of running a home 10 foster boys (as well as their own two lads). Over 20 years they helped 25 foster children.....all boys. When their "flock" attracted the eye of passers-by Barbara would explain that they were "trying for a girl"!!

After 22 years in design engineering they moved to Bathurst, TAFE, Robin and the rest is history. Following Barbara's passing after 61 years of marriage, Fred was devastated, but he soldiered on, joined the Men's Shed where he is now Treasurer and still gets to boss Robin around. Many thanks Fred (and Robin) and Good Luck.

Next week @ Rotary

Registrar:Kathy Woodley **Guest Speaker:** Graeme Bright

Greeter/3 Minuter: Maree Richards **Thought for the Week:** Peter Keith

And the Following week 1st April @ Rotary

Registrar:Maree Richards **Guest Speaker:** Bill Dickie

Greeter/3 Minuter: Brian Welch **Thought for the Week:** Robin Price

Van Roster – 12th April

Morning: Doug Barnes, Stephanie Brown, Brian Burke

Afternoon: Alan Petersen, Heather Crawford, Lee Rayner

Fellows please find a replacement if you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty.

In order to let our members know in advance the subject your guest speaker will be presenting, kindly provide the Bulletin Editor with relevant details at least a week in advance (two weeks preferably) so particulars can be published ahead of time.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please join us with best wishes to:

21 Mar Luis & Marie Hernandez - Anniversary

24 Mar Peter & Denise Keith - Anniversary

Other events and more!

Fri 03 Apr Bathurst Motor Festival – Mt Panorama

Sun 12 Apr Rotary Club of Daybreak – B2B Cycling Event

Fri 17 Apr Royal Bathurst Show commences

Sat 18 Apr Dinner – Combined Service Clubs of Bathurst

Sun 03 May Car Rally – Bathurst east Rotary Club

Thu 07 May Bathurst Bi Centenary – Local Event Day



Rotary's focus this month is Literacy.

Combating illiteracy has been a focus of Rotary International since 1986 - and for good reason. UNESCO estimates there are 862 million illiterate adults in the world and about two thirds of them are women. Millions more are functionally illiterate, without the reading and writing skills necessary for everyday life. The United Nations has identified illiteracy as a major obstacle to economic, political, and social development. How can you be involved? Be a part of the solution for this world wide problem.



Interesting signs  department.....





Computers Department:



Cloud or on-site: Where should you be hosting your data?

Over the past 10 years, an increasing number of businesses have abandoned their physical IT systems and migrated to the cloud. Amazon Web Services, VMware, Microsoft Azure – it's impossible not to have heard of the larger cloud providers, if not the thousands of smaller cloud services available. However, many companies continue to use traditional file servers.

Let's get physical

File servers have been around for longer than desktop computers and their basic function has remained more or less the same. Traditional servers allow you to keep all your files in one location over which you have exclusive control. You may have read the stories of electronic surveillance by hackers and even overseas authorities. With an on-site server you don't have any of the data sovereignty, privacy or compliance concerns that you might have with cloud services hosted in other jurisdictions. In addition, you can customise the server to fit your business's unique needs.

Do traditional servers still serve a purpose?

There are three major disadvantages to traditional file servers and they are largely responsible for driving businesses to the cloud. First, file servers can be vulnerable to physical threats such as fires, floods and other natural disasters. Colocation – where your server is moved to a dedicated data centre – can reduce, but not entirely eliminate, the risk of irretrievable data loss. Second, file servers tend to be more costly to replace or upgrade compared to equivalent cloud services. Finally, you must pay for your server 24/7, even if its maximum capacity is only required during infrequent peak periods.

Entering the virtual world

Cloud-based solutions promise improved sharing capabilities and affordable performance –though this often comes at the price of reduced control for IT personnel. On the other hand, cloud storage frees your team from having to worry about ageing IT infrastructure, costly maintenance, and the need to constantly acquire new resources. Importantly, many cloud solutions offer scalability – the ability to quickly add resources like disk space when required. As a result, you pay only for the resources that you use day-to-day. This means cloud solutions tend to be more affordable in the long term.

Every silver lining has a cloud

As cloud providers have attracted new businesses, they have been increasingly targeted by malicious cyber-criminals. In most cases, this has led cloud providers to become meticulous when implementing security measures. However, large-scale attacks have been known to cause service outages and, in some rare cases, data theft. Some IT professionals may also be put off by the unfamiliar processes that underpin cloud solutions – a case of ‘better the development platform you know’. Finally, the benefits of the cloud can only be enjoyed by those with a fast and reliable internet connection – and for some smaller or remote businesses, this is not a given.

Where to from here?

Ultimately, the best solution for your business will depend on its unique needs and objectives. An on-site file server might be the best and cost-effective solution for your needs. Or you might decide to move to the cloud. If so, just remember that not all clouds are the same – and in particular there’s a difference between ‘hosted’ and ‘cloud’. For example, if a hosted storage service doesn’t allow you to quickly add disk space, that’s not cloud. A true cloud service will scale as your business grows.



TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED

FINALLY....A WRITTEN BREATHALYZER TEST.....



Smile, the Irish Explanation

The mother-in-law arrives home from shopping to find her son-in-law Paddy in a steaming rage and hurriedly packing his suitcase. "What happened Paddy?" she asks anxiously. "What happened!! I'll tell you what happened. I sent an email to my wife (your daughter) telling her I was coming home today from my fishing trip. I get home... and guess what I found? Yes, your daughter, my wife Jean, naked with Joe Murphy in our marital bed! This is unforgivable, the end of our marriage. I'm done, I'm leaving forever!" "Ah now, calm down, calm down Paddy!" says his mother-in-law. "There is something very odd going on here. My daughter would never do such a thing! There must be a simple explanation. I'll go speak to her immediately and find out what happened." Moments later, the mother-in-law comes back with a big smile. "Paddy. I told you there must be a simple explanationshe never got your E-mail!"

Now to Scotland:

Jock was digging peat at his croft when a passing American tourist asks,

"How much land do you have here?"

"About two acres" Jock replies.

"You know back home it takes me a day to drive around my ranch!" the American boasts.

"Aye", says Jock "I once had a car like that."

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was, which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub"

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

What Do You Say?

While on maternity leave, a woman from our office brought in her new bundle of joy. She also had her seven-year-old son with her. Everyone gathered around the baby, and the little boy asked, "Mommy, can I have some money to buy a soda?"

"What do you say?" she asked.

Respectfully, the boy replied, "You're thin and beautiful."

The woman reached in her purse and gave her son the money.

The Tooth Fairy

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds.

She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day, I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass.

As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

Cartoon Corner



"Before I couldn't keep him off the couch. Now a new problem has arisen."



"I think our cat's a little too curious. Our phone line has been tapped."



You told me you'd spend your whole life trying to make me happy.

I didn't expect to live this long



THAT'S RIGHT, DEAR, OUR ANCESTORS HAD TAILS.

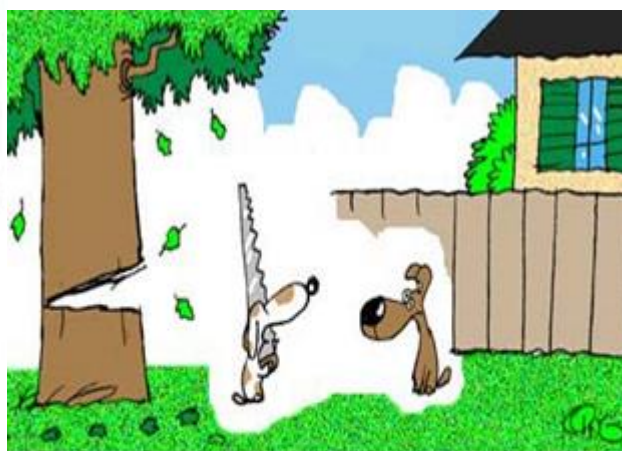


KATIE HAD A DREAM ...



WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE CATWOMAN

AND HER DREAM CAME TRUE....



"I'm getting tired of fetching one stick at a time for my owner. So today I'm going to surprise him by giving him the whole dang tree."




"I see you driving it everyday. I guess I got a little curious."



"Listen, that dog is a headache to both of us. So if we want this problem to go away, we'll have to work together."



 **The Four Way Test**
of the things we think, say or do.

- Is it the *truth* ?
- Is it *fair* to all concerned ?
- Will it build *goodwill* and *better friendships* ?
- Will it be *beneficial* to all concerned ?

Another week over, – soon be Easter, see you next Wednesday!



Tony Pollard – Editor

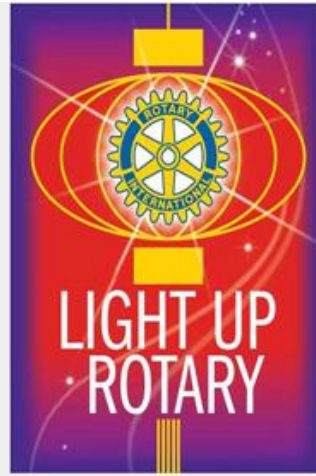
What is Rotary?

Rotary is ordinary people around the world sharing their professional skills and working together in a social environment 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
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