



The Racing Wheel

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

Building Better Communities



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Last week @ Rotary:

International Toast

Tonight's international toast is to the Rotary Club of Barrie, Ontario, in Rotary district 7010 which has 44 clubs with 1680 members in part of Ontario and Quebec.

The Rotary club of Barrie received charter in 1946, has 137 members who meet on Thursdays at 12-15pm at the Southshore Community Centre.

The Rotary club of Barrie has supported polio plus, an orphanage in Kenya, distribution of wheelchairs in Jamaica, and other international projects, is supporting construction The Trans Canada trail, a recreational trail connecting all areas of Canada from the Atlantic to Pacific to Arctic oceans.

Barrie Rotary Club is heavily involved tree planting in the local area, also supporting local charities requests for funds.

The club has a number of fundraising events such as organising an annual Internet and TV auction of donated goods and services, running an arts and crafts festival, running an Oktoberfest event, organising a Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival and organising an annual fun Run.

General Business

The general business centred around the Club's management committee meeting held prior to the usual weekly meeting getting underway.

Main items discussed were:

- Guest speaker – if you can't arrange a speaker, let PP Geoff Fry know and Geoff will endeavour to cover for you but give Geoff as much notice as possible – a month at least would be good.
- Members to attend meetings of the other Bathurst Rotary Clubs – do this 10 times a year, and to go

in groups of 2. The other clubs to be invited to our meetings.

- Membership evening – finger food provided with the main purpose being to highlight the activities of our Club, not just Rotary and Rotary International in general.
- Associated membership – to be further considered.
- International Project – suggested we start off in a small way by supporting the Rotary Club of Dili. We could for example, “dip our toe in the water” by sponsoring one local to become a Rotary member. It costs \$ 375.00 to sponsor one local.

Members were asked by President Peter to consider these and other ideas and put suggestions to the Committee.

Guest Speaker

Unfortunately we were unable to have a guest speaker again this week.

Three Minuter

PP Bob Newton presented the “three minuter”, giving a very interesting discourse on a very famous Bathurst landmark his grandfather helped to build, namely the Bathurst Carillion (and the tower it sits in).

The Carillion cost £ 4,002.00 to build, taking 13 years from concept to completion.

There are 35 bells in the tower, many of which were named after local villages that assisted raising the necessary construction funds by selling tea and scones, conducting raffles and other fund “raisers”. There is the “White Rock” bell, the “Rockley” bell, the “Raglan” bell and so on.

No scaffolding was used during construction with the construction being achieved hand over hand working from the inside, leaning out to place the bricks.

Opening day was 13 November 1933 and was officially opened by Ald. M. J. Griffin, the Mayor of Bathurst at the time with a crowd of around 8,000 in attendance.

“The Bathurst Times” described the occasion as: “Never before has there been in this City such a magnificent manifestation of combined loyalty and civic pride”.

Notwithstanding the Newton family connection, the thing still hasn't fallen down – thanks Bob.

Thought of the Week

The thought this week was given by Tony Pollard -

Life is like a camera...
Focus on what's important,
Capture the good times,
Develop from the negatives,
And if things don't work out,
Take another shot.

Greetings from DG David Kennedy



From this month's District 9700 News

Well here it is July 2014. It only seemed moments ago that someone suggested that I should apply for this role of DG for District 9700 back in early 2012. I can guarantee that time flies when you're having so much fun!!

My year started with Blayney arranging a well organised changeover at their sensational new Community Centre with up to 150 people in attendance.

Congratulations to our new Board for the next year and thank you to PDG Geoff and Bettye for their guidance and friendship over the last couple of years leading up to changeover.

Since then I have had the pleasure of attending many Changeovers in our District and the official club visits due to start in July and wish all in-coming Presidents for the 2014-15 year the best in achieving their Club and personal goals.

Next week 6th August @ Rotary

Registrar: **John Martin**

Guest Speaker: **Terry Mahony**

Greeter/3 Minuter: **Greg Madden** Thought for the Week: **Doug Coates**



Our guest speakers for August 6th will be Chris and Merran Olson, who will share with us details of their recent travels.

An interesting talk will ensue for which we extend our thanks to them.

Unfortunately Terry will be away on the night and will be unable to introduce Chris and Merran to the meeting, so if there is anyone else in the Club who happens to know the Olsons, perhaps they can "jump in" and do the introductions on Terry's behalf.

And the Following Week 13th August

Registrar: **Tony Pollard**

Guest Speaker: **Peter Keith**

Greeter/3 Minuter: **Doug Barnes**

Thought for the Week: **Kathy Woodley**

Fellows please find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil 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.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Please join us with best wishes to:

- 14 Aug Bill & Janice Dickie
- 26 Aug Doug & Sue Coates
- 30 Aug Brian & Leonie Rattray
- 31 Aug Geoff Fry



TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED

A couple from Terry Mahony:

A SPAGHETTI LOVE STORY

For several years a man was having an affair with an Italian woman. One night, she confided in him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he said he would pay her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to secretly have the child. Furthermore, if she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18. She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discreet, he told her to simply mail him a post card, and write 'Spaghetti' on the back. He would then arrange for the child support payments to begin. One day, about 9 months later, he came home to his confused wife. 'Honey, she said, 'you received a very strange post card today.' 'Oh, just give it to me and I'll explain it later,' he said. The wife obeyed and watched as her husband read the card, turned white, and fainted. On the card was written: **Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti. Three with meatballs, two without. Send extra sauce.**

(A true Story from an Irish Sunday School Teacher)

I was testing children in my Dublin Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. 'I asked them, 'If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?' 'NO!' the children answered. 'If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the garden, and kept everything tidy, would that get me into heaven?' Again, the answer was 'NO!' 'If I gave sweets to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?' Again, they all answered 'NO!' I was just bursting with pride for them. I continued, 'Then how can I get into heaven?' A little boy shouted out: 'YUV GOTTA BE F***IN' DEAD!' It's a curious race, the Irish. Brings a tear to the eye, doesn't it?

Thanks Terry.

OK, now a few Rotarian jokes:

A group of Rotarians meet to discuss where they should hold their 10th Reunion dinner & decide that they should meet at the Gausthof zum Lowen restaurant because all of the waitresses have big breasts & wear low cut blouses.

10 years later, for their 20th Reunion, the group meets again to decide where they should celebrate & they again agree to meet at the Gausthof zum Lowen because the food there is very good & the wine selection is even better.

A decade later, for their 30th, they once again choose the Gasthof zum Lowen because they can eat there in peace and quiet & the restaurant is also smoke free.

10 years later, at the 40th, once again they discuss where they should gather, & surprise! They all agree on the Gausthof zum Lowen because the restaurant is wheelchair accessible & they also have an elevator.

10 years later, the remaining members meet to celebrate 50 years in Rotary. They again discuss where they should meet for dinner. Finally it is agreed that they should dine at the Gausthof zum Lowe because they've never been there before.

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A small child asked his mother, "Mummy, how do lions make babies?"
"Good gracious child," replied the mother, ". How should I know that?. Your father's a Rotarian."

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A doctor, lawyer, and a Rotarian in charge of fundraising all die and arrive at the Pearly Gates about the same time. St. Peter tells them they may each have one thing to take with them to Heaven.

The doctor is first, and asks for \$1 million. This is given and proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for \$2 million. "Very well," say St. Peter and opens the gate to Heaven for the lawyer.

Finally it is time for the Rotarian, who had just finished a fundraising project for The Rotary Foundation. St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven. The fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and in a soft voice asks, "It it's not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me in line?" The motto: Always die trying.

Some interesting facts:

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented.
It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...

and thus the word GOLF entered English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%, (now get this)...
the percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

The average number of people airborne over the US at any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.

The youngest pope was 11 years old.

The first novel ever written on a type writer: Tom Sawyer.

'Complete' vs. 'Finished'

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words...

In a recently held linguistic competition in London and attended by supposedly the best in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was:.. How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand.

Some people say there is NO difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

Here is his astute answer.....

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED, and when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are

COMPLETELY FINISHED!!



OK, UNTIL NEXT WEEK, TAKE CARE



Tony P. – 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 RSL Club
Rankin Street, Bathurst, NSW 2795 Australia



