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 Meet us for lunch most
 Fridays 12:00 for 12:30 at
 the Arts Centre Gold Coast.
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President Kathy's report

Brian Kidd's sergeant session was a great way to end the meeting last week; everyone had a smile on their face. It was a very funny and lively sergeant session. John Goldstein was our speaker but was unable to attend; we are all looking forward to the talk next time. Nicolette even made a rare appearance just to hear about the topic. No pressure John we understand it was unavoidable.

Tony Nesci put it to the group that we research the possibility of **organising some sort of outing for a group of Downs Syndrome people**. Most were in agreement. We need to do some further research as we are not equipped to be carers.

On Sunday many members of our club helped out at the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens - Community Celebrations for 10th Anniversary of 1st community planting. The car park attendants Peter Laurens and Greg Bowler got wet through (Mark Urquhart just missed the worst of the rain) but those of us under the BBQ shelter stayed dry and were run off our feet at the lunch time rush. We took over \$1,000 on the BBQ. Well done.

I need everyone's help please. When we agreed to take on a Youth Exchange Student we had four host families, one in our club, the family of the outbound student and two others. The two others have dropped off so we desperately need at least one other host family until around Christmas. Our student arrives on 13 August and for good reasons we don't have a host family for her. Obviously if I had of known this would happen I would never have agreed to take on a student. If you know of anyone who would be interested in being involved with us in this program by hosting please let me know ASAP. I have approached other Rotary Clubs in our area but no luck yet. I need your help please. Our student is a 17 year old female from France and she is booked to attend Miami State High.

Directors are busy getting their projects underway.

Don't forget to get your nominations for the Pride of Workmanship in. I hope you are putting all of the dates in your diaries to keep up with our social and fundraising events. Our speaker this week sounds fascinating. Come along and hear something different!

This week: Amanda de Warren, Animal communicator and behaviourist

Upcoming speakers August

9 Darren Scott, GC City Council, Major Gold Coast projects
 16 Sergeant Holly James, Crime prevention
 17 Race Day
 18 Whale watching
 23 Ernie Hicks students presentations
 31 Guess who's coming to dinner?

August Meeting Roster

If you're unable to attend please directly arrange for a replacement before the meeting. Thank you.

Welcome

Dianne Benadretti

Front Desk

John Kelly

Meeting Chair

Kathy Hogan

International Toast

Tony Nesci

Sergeant

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The Rotaract Club of Los Baños is composed mostly of college students, but also some young professionals who were recent graduates but still hungry to serve. Keeping our club going has not been easy. College students have their studies and social commitments, and the recent graduates are busy establishing themselves in their fields. Sometimes, it can be very difficult to raise sufficient funds and keep everyone motivated.

But this past Rotary year, we recruited a new class of members who brought renewed energy and enthusiasm to our club. They were graduates of the Interact Club of Los Baños National High School or incoming college freshmen, and they were committed to the responsibilities of being a Rotaractor. Even though they could see our club had been pushing through some rough waters, they fully embraced the possibility of volunteering and were excited to serve.

So, I am happy to say, there still exists young people who are willing to

dedicate themselves to service and bring hope to their communities, overcoming whatever challenges or barriers face them.

I am confident we will continue to help shape productive young leaders who will go on to make the world a better place. If you are a young person, join us! Find a Rotaract or Interact club near you and learn more. You won't regret it.

- Cristina Dimaano, a member of the Rotaract Club of Los Baños, Los Baños, Laguna, the Philippines

Empowering tomorrow's leaders

I became an Interactor to help my community in whatever small ways I could.

I had a vision for helping separate out biodegradable trash from non-biodegradable items and cleaning up around our school. As students, our classwork is a top priority, but we moved around whenever possible and responded when the community asked for help. When I became a Rotaractor, I had gained a deeper appreciation for why communities need an organization like ours. We are all about helping.



Three-day event provides free health care to thousands in Africa

Working with partners. The campaign also illustrates how Rotary partners with other organizations to expand its impact.

Since 2011, RFHA has partnered with the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, which contributed US\$450,000 for this year's three-country event.

Other partners were South Africa's Department of Health, South Africa Broadcasting Corporation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USAID, Delta Airlines, and Nampak (a producer of sanitary pads).

"We are proud to have partnered with RFHA and the Department of Health

in promoting access to health screening services," says Therese Gearhart, president of Coca-Cola South Africa. "At Coca-Cola, we invest in these initiatives because, together with our partners, we have a common vision of a South Africa that comprises healthy, strong, and thriving communities."

Leaders of the Rotarian Action Group hope to expand the event to more African countries each year.

"Rotary is the catalyst organization in this event because of the power and (political) neutrality of our brand and the respect we receive worldwide for our ability to mobilize communities into action," Bunch says. "This event represents the power of public/private partnerships. No one organization can do a massive event like this alone. Each partner has a defined role and set of responsibilities, and that's why it works."

DAILY COMMUTERS

Ranking	From	To
1	Gold Coast	Brisbane
2	Wollongong	Sydney
3	Brisbane	Gold Coast
4	Geelong	Melbourne
5	Newcastle	Sydney
6	Mandurah	Perth
7	Sydney	Newcastle
8	Sunshine Coast	Brisbane
9	Perth	Mandurah
10	Sydney	Wollongong

Source: Census

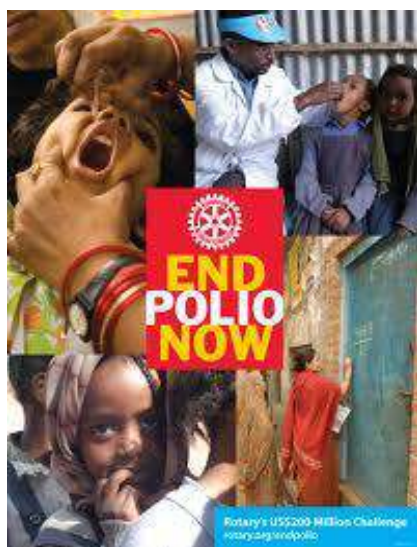
Road to city paved in gold for coast workers

The daily exodus of workers from the Gold Coast to Brisbane has increased more than 60 per cent since 2006, as the glitter strip's economic burst makes the Pacific Motorway the busiest intercity commuter corridor in Australia.

The almost 26,000 people who journey from the beachside city to Queensland's capital dwarf Australia's second-busiest commuter cohort, Wollongong to Sydney, which recorded 17,100 daily commuters at the 2011 census.

Brisbane to Gold Coast commuters came third with almost 12,000 commuters, followed by almost 10,000 Geelong residents who journeyed to Melbourne each day, according to analysis by The Australian's social editor, demographer Bernard Salt. The Gold Coast's population of 508,000 was hit hard by the global financial crisis, which burst the region's bubbles in tourism and construction. As the Gold Coast's unemployment rate increased from 5.3 per cent to 7.4 per cent between 2006 and 2011, the rate of people commuting to Brisbane increased by 62 per cent.

Mayor Tom Tate is trying to arrest the trend, pinning his short-term hopes on the falling dollar's capacity to lure domestic and international visitors, and the construction industry being buoyed with cuts to development fees. He is also planning to develop Southport into the decentralised Gold Coast's CBD, telling developers to "reach for the sky, build as tall as you like". "The state government has a lot of departments in Brisbane, so one of the factors that we should really look at is decentralising the state government. Why shouldn't the tourism department be here on the Gold Coast?" Mr Tate said. *Source: The Australian*



Five numbers to end polio now

Here are five numbers you should know about the fight against polio and how you can help win it.

1. 99% reduction in polio cases: In the past 25 years, the number of polio cases has dropped by more than 99%, from an estimated 350,000 cases in 1988 to **just 223 last year – the lowest number ever.**

2. 10 million walking: Since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative launched, immunization against polio has saved more than 10 million children from paralysis according to the World Health Organization.

3. Only 3 endemic countries: Polio remains endemic in just three countries – Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. This means that transmission of the disease has never been stopped in these countries. Until this happens, other countries are at risk of importing this highly contagious disease.

4. Failure could result in up to 200,000 new cases annually: As long as polio remains anywhere, it's a threat everywhere. According to the World Health Organization, failure to eradicate polio could, within 10 years, result in as many as 200,000 new cases worldwide every year.

5. \$40 billion - \$50 billion in savings: Economic models estimate that ending polio would save between US\$40 billion to US\$50 billion over the 20 years following eradication. We are closer than ever to ridding the world of polio, but finishing the job will require resources and commitment.

Recommit to promise made to the children of the world over 27 years ago.

Let's talk Strine

Bludgie:

a partner who doesn't work, but is kept as a pet.

Dodgeridoo:

a fake indigenous artefact.

