

Bulletin # 37 from 4th of April

Guest speaker John Sully Taking Caravans from England to Italy after the 1980 earthquake.

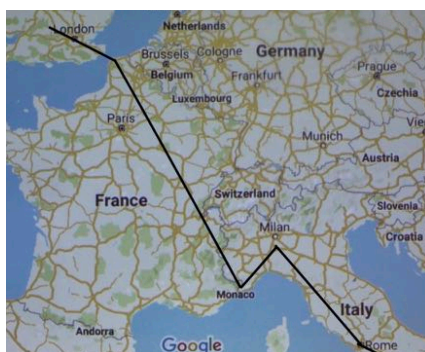
We have had many interesting talks from John Sully over the years and tonight's talk was no exception. This talk relates to events which occurred nearly 40 years ago when a devastating earthquake hit a region of Italy near Naples. John mentioned he often felt dissatisfied with the Christmas giving period and not providing something to people who are really in need.

John mentions being an early riser and was watching the 6am news when he heard of the earthquakes in Italy. The pictures of the widespread devastation made an impact upon him, and he felt he wanted to do something to help. This event occurred a few weeks prior to Christmas in 1980. The winter was bleak in Europe with freezing conditions and widespread snow. People in Italy were left without houses and were forced to shelter anywhere they could, often in cars, waiting for authorities to make the area safe.



At the time John was working in an engineering company and foundry and they decide to have a fund raising night. Money was raised and donations of warm clothes and blankets flowed in. An offer was made to donate a used caravan as well. No problem other than it needed to get to Italy to do good. Gradually a team came together, and Round Table (Apex) members were involved. Enough money was raised to buy a second caravan. With the two vans and warm items piled high they set off across the channel. Consular approval was given for the journey and mainly the trip was not charged tariffs at the various freeway stations. An amazing number of vans were sent from England causing traffic delays at the final stages of the journey. There were some ups and downs, including a puncture, and bumping into a petrol bowser, but the two vans were gratefully received at their final destination. They surely deserve some accolades for towing two caravans through the traffic in Rome.

The trip home was a joyous one, with some Beaujolais to celebrate, (and reduce the effects of the cold). John felt it was a great Christmas that year, as he had been able to do something worthwhile, and still get home for time with the family.



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Birthdays this coming week:

Josh Rimmer, Apr 14

Denise Diemar, Apr 15

Sue Williams, Apr 17

Andrew Downey, Apr 20

Anniversaries :

Milton Williams, Sue Williams
Apr 13

Alicia Cameron, Luke Cameron
Apr 14

Douglas Craike, Jenny Craike
Apr 14

Member Duties

Door: Peter Mc Bean
Ian McIver

Meet/Greet: Peter Page

Loyal Toast: Tricia Parnell

Grace: PDG Helen Ryan

Intro Guest speaker:
Not required

Thank Guest
Not required

Club assembly.

Next meeting -

Apologies/Extras, phone or text before noon on Wednesday! Ph: 0401 450 239

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Dinner Ladies

There was a good turnout of Rotary Partners to this meeting tonight and many stayed to hear the guest speaker. Phil Smith snuck downstairs for the photo. The only concern from the ladies was that they must be in trouble for something. Guilty conscience perhaps?



Other News

Most of the discussion centred on plans for the golf day.

Vice president John Stuhmcke was chair the meeting in the absence of our President Kathy who was preparing for the big day following.

Peter Page won Heads & Tails.

Honorary Member Terry Fitzsimmons attended the meeting. There were no other guests attended the meeting.

2-7 mm of rain was forecast for the golf day so we also said a collective prayer for fine weather and thankfully the day was mainly fine.



Next week events

Bunnings family Night.

At the same time as the club meeting next week, Bunnings is holding a staff night at which our members will be catering. We have enjoyed the opportunity to do this for the warehouse despite it often being a little bit busy. Start from 5.15 pm.

Member Volunteers: Milton Williams, Lesley Freeman. Peter Page, Geoff Dieter, and John Stuhmcke.

Normal Public BBQ on Friday 19th of April is also coming up.

Club Meeting Next Week. No guest speaker.

Golf Day Photos

Player Photos on the Course

There are more photos to look at on Flickr.

I am afraid not all the players can be included in this Bulletin Edition.



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Officials and Golf Day helpers



Thanks to Arja, and the golf committee, for organising another successful golf day. I can only say from the players point of view this was a really well organised day and there really was no excuse not to enjoy the golf other than your own ability. The food and drinks on offer through out the day were another highlight, and the burger in the club at the end, capped things off . The betting holes are great fun and there is always next year for the car! The travel consultants added another element at a couple of holes, perhaps an excuse for a poor drive was dreaming of holiday. I had a couple of new players with me this year and they want to come back next time so I think we will have no trouble filling the field next year. Whilst fund raising was not the emphasis this year I believe there is good news to announce on this front as well.

I will probably miss someone out here but I took these names from the duty roster.

Thanks to all members and friends:

President Kathy, Don & Fiona W, Dieter, John & Yvonne S, Warwick M, Phil S, Milton W., Laurie Wilson, David C, Richard Turner, Doug B. Jim, Ian , Peter Mc, John Sully, Tricia, Jonathon Cincotta, Claire & Scott Morrison, ,Lesley Freeman,Chelsea, Narelle & Doug Melhuish, Chris McGrath, Geoff Cousins. A great team effort.

Some of the Prizewinners with Arja

