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Brett's Banter

Thought for the Week

The great Mahatma Gandhi as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath.

This made him “A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis”

The first meeting of the 1,000th meeting/20 year committee met this week. We have decided to have a special celebratory function on 6 March 2010 to mark the 1,000 meeting, which would have been on 10 March 2010 and celebrate the 20th year of our Club Charter at the Changeover. Please note those dates and more information will be provided once a venue is confirmed. It would be a great help if all members could assist with contact details for any past members.

Paul Ying from the mixed sex Tamworth Rotary Club spoke to us about his role as chair of the Tamworth Tidy Towns Committee. Paul confirmed that the judging is not just about a clean/rubbish free city or town, but community involvement, sympathetic development and community space. A great honour to receive the 2009 Overall State Tidy Towns award and the Australian Tidy Town award. Because of our awards we will be hosting the Tidy Towns Awards weekend from 30 October to 2 November this year.

Well the Pedal the Peel would have been run by the committee and assisted by members at the time of this bulletin. We will hopefully still be celebrating our win over Sunrise as well. Lots of photos of members and family in bike shorts will no doubt fill the Bulletin for weeks to come. Thank you to Terry, Greg, Dennis and all of the committee members for all the work undertaken to get the inaugural Bike challenge off the ground. Thanks also to the Club members who assisted in various roles on the day.

Give someone a compliment today.
Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

10 October – Guess Who is Coming for Dinner – Please speak to Peter Ryan if you are keen to host and / or attend. The numbers are coming in – will be a great night – very successful last year.

Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise - charter dinner to be on Saturday, 24 October 2009 at 6:30 pm - venue to be confirmed

1,000TH MEETING will be Wednesday, 10 March 2010 and our charter was on 28 May 2010 so we have two excuses for – Brett White's "CELEBRATIONS" - Don't forget to put your ideas forward – leave your ideas with the door team as you pay each week – *surely there will be a prize for the most original suggestion.....*

CALENDAR 2009/2010 Events

10 October	Guess Who is Coming for Dinner
23 – 25 October	Nelsons Bay – Golfing Weekend
24 October	RI Club of Tamworth Sunrise Charter Dinner – <i>Please diarise now</i>
15 November	Family Tennis Afternoon (Self Catering) 1.00 – 5.00 pm (Moore Creek)
19 November	Inter-Club Great Debate – Tamworth Tennis Club, Treloar Park
28 November	Christmas Party – Rugby Club – diarise now
26 January	Combined Rotary Clubs involved all day Bicentennial Park
22 – 28 February	Australia-wide Campaign for PolioPlus
06 March	1,000 th First Light Meeting CELEBRATIONS
12 – 14 March	District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early
19 May	Career's Expo - TRECC
19 June	Tamworth First Light Changeover – note in diaries now
29 June	Tamworth Club's Changeover and Anniversary - 20 Years
30 June	District Changeover

Three old guys out walking
First one says "Windy, isn't it?"
Second one says "No, it's Thursday!"
Third one says "So am I. Let's go get a beer"

VOCATIONAL

Robert Clifton left school end of 1973 – did three years in engineering and managed to reduce his golf handicap from 15 – 9. Returned to Tamworth and obtained his commercial pilot's licence over two years. During that time he worked as a labourer, barman and anything else to keep funds coming in.

His first flying job was at Walgett for twelve months – really enjoyed his time there. He moved on to Darwin and flew to various Aboriginal Settlements and mainly in the northern part of the Northern Territory. Returned to Tamworth and worked with John Rowarth – East Coast Airlines (the forerunner of Qantas Link) and also worked with Jim Packer at Tamair.

Joined Qantas in 1984 as a 2nd Officer on 747's and within 18 months was lucky enough to move to the front right hand side seat – a fast promotion during a major growth spurt with Qantas. At the time there were 500 pilots – now 2,500 pilots. Had six years on Jumbos, eleven years on 767's and became Captain in 1990 during this latter period also became a Training Captain.

In 2001 moved back to the new 747 – 400s as Captain and in 2003 became a Check and Training Captain. In 2005 I was moved to the "Audit Department" which meant sitting at the back of the plane and reporting on how all staff performed and then having to write up 5,000 word Reports trying to read back his own notes / writing.

In 2006 moved back to flying as a Line Captain and now flies 747 - 400's on the International Routes - absolutely loves going to work and still has a passion for flying.

WHY JOIN ROTARY?:

“For those who want to feel connected, Rotary helps give us a sense of community.

For those wishing they could expand their business contacts, Rotary offers unbeatable networking opportunities.

For those who are lonely, it is a wellspring of friendship and support.

For those on the fast track, it provides tools and opportunities to help you become a better leader.

For those who lost to travel, it's like pulling into a strange town almost anywhere on earth and finding the welcoming light illuminated on the front porch.”

Frank Talk 1 p 64 (PRIP Frank Devlyn)

Robert R Barth, President of RI in 1993 – 1994 responded to this book as a Rotarian – he feels as a Rotarian the following:

I am reliable

I am available

I listen to you

I give more than I take

I add value

GUEST SPEAKER – Paul Ying, Chairman of Tidy Towns

Paul Ying has been a Rotarian for the past 30 years and today was talking about Tidy Towns. Tidy Towns is the flagship of Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB). The concept was borrowed from Ireland and began in Western Australia in 1969. It began in Tamworth in 1981 and he has been involved since that date and is the current Chairman.

Tidy Towns is organised in each State and Territory and the overall winner then competes for the National title organised by the Keep Australia Beautiful National Association. Last year Tamworth took out the State Award then for the first time won the National Award. As a result of our win last year, Tamworth will be organising this year's Tidy Towns State finals here from the 30 October to 1 November. Some 700 plus people will descend on Tamworth for that weekend.

Traditionally Tidy Towns focussed on tidy streets, litter prevention and beautification but over the past few years is aimed more towards the environment so now called Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Award.

Today's competition means addressing important environmental issues within your community not just clean streets and parks. There are different categories to be considered

- Preservation and restoration of the Town's assets
- Cultural Heritage
- Litter Prevention and Waste minimisation
- Recycling and resource recovery
- Water and energy conservation
- Conservation of wild life corridors and habitat protection
- School environment
- Young Legends (encourage, involve and educate young people about the environment)
- Civic partnerships between local government / business and the community
- Friendly towns to promote tourism
- Club partnerships to encourage registered clubs to work with the local community
- Bush Spirit – projects of special needs in the regional and rural communities.

Each project can only be entered once with the majority of the work being completed in that year and again only if major changes take effect in a few years time. Towns and communities can enter just one category or as many as they wish. However to win the overall competition all categories must be entered. There is a winner announced from each of six categories (relating to population size) and then an overall winner is announced. Tamworth competes in 25,000 and over population against Dubbo, Wagga Wagga, and Orange as examples.

Rotarian Laurie Beattie was the first Chairman in 1981 and all Chairmen (except one) since have been Rotarians.... Tamworth had little success initially – like all other towns and communities it was a learning curve but since the beginning of the 90's we have won every inaugural Award introduced – we won the overall in 1999 – took out the State Award covering twenty years for the most wins covering all categories in 2001. The winner is unable to seriously compete the year after their win so 2000 we were highly commended. Last year was our second State Award and we took out the National Award in its 40th year.

We have introduced the Sustainable Community Awards for Tamworth Region gardens with the aim of a major reduction in water usage in our gardens and lawns – this will continue to grow as residents become more aware of what is being sought – like Tamworth City Council had to do when we first joined the Tidy Towns program back in 1981.

Introduction Terry Burgess – thanked by Robert Clifton

Have not heard that this position has been filled so am running the advertisement again.... Please consider

POSITION VACANT - Northern Region ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) Secretary

Duties:

1. Attend Northern Region ROMAC Meetings at the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane at 11am on the first Monday of every third month (i.e. September, December, March and June).
2. Prepare and distribute the Agenda.
3. Record, prepare and distribute the Minutes.
4. Prepare "Thank You" letters and send with receipts for donations.
5. Attend to correspondence as required (not prolific amounts).

Qualifications:

1. Basic computer and email skills.
2. A desire to help a hardworking, devoted team of Rotarians from six (6) Rotary Districts in Northern NSW and Queensland and the generous members of the medical profession who tirelessly donate their time to assist the most needy children in the Oceania Region.

Remuneration: A terrific feeling of knowing that you are able to assist children who have no future lead a normal life.

This position is available for immediate start and you will receive willing support from the previous incumbent.

Further information is available from Deb Farquhar, District 9650 Service Projects Director by emailing deb@ballyrogan.com.au or Ph 0428 656 660.

Things Actually Said in American Courts

Attorney – What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

Witness – He said “Where am I, Cathy?”

Attorney – And why did that upset you?

Witness – My name is Susan!

Attorney – What gear were you in at the moment of impact?

Witness – Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

Attorney – Are you sexually active?

Witness – No, I just lie there.

Attorney – Now doctor – Isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Doctor – Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ARTIST'S CORNER

The idea for this section was to find out about “hidden” talents within our Club’s membership and we have had some wonderful insights to date – **thank you Steve Massey – our first recipe and he is the cook.**

*A gentle reminder to **Tim Coates for the Bulletin for 7 October** and thanks to **Brian Thompson** – in ahead of schedule and without being asked – WOW! That is impressive.....*

RACK OF LAMB WITH PRESERVED LEMON GREMOLATA

Cut the fat off the top of the racks and divide in half (4-5 bones). Seal meat in a pan with olive oil and put aside to cool.

Gremolata - dice a large handful of Italian parsley. Add 3 cloves of diced garlic, small amount of chilli, and 2-3 teaspoons of chopped preserved lemons (skin and flesh). Mix into a paste by adding olive oil.

Cover the tops of the racks with a thick layer of the Gremolata, and bake in a 200* oven for about half an hour. Cover the Gremolata with pieces of aluminium foil half way through to stop it burning.

Serve with baked potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

NOTES

- 1 This is a very tasty Moroccan-style recipe that I do a lot - it’s sensational, if you can get over the price of lamb!
- 2 I’m no great cook - this is pretty idiot proof.
- 3 Preserved Lemons are difficult to find in supermarkets, but the Magic Pudding has jars.

Reads well – can’t wait for the reports to roll in – am sure every household will try it unless vegetarian or similar.....

Global Handwashing Day - Thursday, 15 October 2009

Last year UNICEF introduced the first ever Global Handwashing Day which was held on October 15th, since then they have decided that it will become an annual event and this year it will again be held on exactly the same date.

All Clubs are requested to make contact with schools within their area and endeavour to hold a suitable event in the school during the week of 12 - 16 October. Children are recognized as “The Agents of Change”, so if we can get them involved we will get our message across to those that are often affected the most.

Because of the Swine Flu pandemic the Medical Authorities have been reinforcing the need for careful hygiene habits and people are very aware of consequences of poor hygiene, therefore, we believe there will be more acceptance and understanding of the importance of hand washing day. As a result, this angle should be referred to at every opportunity.

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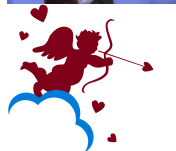
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009 - 2010

Club Service – Louise Matthews
Community Service – Brian Logan
International Service – Vicki Cooper
Vocational Service – John Worldon
Youth Centre – Annette Arthur

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays
 23.09 – Pat Varley
 26.09 – Ian Howle
 26.09 – Greg Birtles
Partners Birthdays
 29.09 – Pam Shields



Anniversaries
 23.09 – Dennis and Kerry Johnson (37)
 25.09 – Judy and Tim Coates (5)
 26.09 – Phil and Margaret Lyon (39)



Inductions
 24.09 – John Glynn (1)
 25.09 – Ron Allen (18)
 25.09 – Julian Smith (8)
 29.09 – Norm Dezius (10)



Vocational Profile
 Ross Lobsey

Attendance 79%
Make Ups A number at “Sunrise”
Visitors Rotarians Paul Ying – Tamworth Club
Visitors Nil
Heads & Tails John Fogarty
Raffle Michael Smith

MEETING ROSTER

- When rostered on and you can't make it – **PLEASE** find another member to fill in for you
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- Make sure that you let both the President and President Assist know before the start of the meeting
- If the above not organised the **Sergeant will love you**
- The starting time for the **DOOR team and MEETER & GREETER IS 6:30 AM**

- **Leave of Absence** - If members are going to be away for an extended period (holidays etc) please remember that a notification (letter) be sent to the Club Secretary noting date of departure and date of return and requesting "Leave of Absence" from the Club.
- **If you know you are going to be away for an extended period (holidays etc)** – **PLEASE** advice **Bruce Hemmett** by email at bruce.013@decorama.com.au
- **Please give at least TWO week's notice so the roster can be amended**
- **PLEASE** advice **Terry Burgess** – Attendance Officer by email at ssegrub@westnet.com.au

	23 September 2009	30 September 2009
Guest Speaker	Robyn Lane – Billabong Cottage	
Meeter & Greeter	Phil Heffernan	Laurence Hearne
Door Team	Chris Sheppard & Julian Smith	Ian Howle & Mark O'Connor
Welcome	Graham Dooley	Carmen Campbell
President Assist	Pat Varley	Peter Bell
Visitor Assist	Ron Allan	Simon Chamberlain
Corporal Assist	Andrew Hawkins	John Glynn
Introduction	Phil Penman	Neil Lyon
Vote of Thanks	Tim Coates	Bill Moss

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

September John Glynn and Peter Hyde
October Phil Heffernan and Graham Dooley
November Laurence Hearne and Barry Biffin
December Bill Moss and David Baddams

**UNCLEAR THINKING AND WRITING
(USA WELFARE DEPARTMENT)**

I am writing to the Welfare Department to say
that my baby was born two years old.
When do I get my money?