

# The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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11 November 2009 – Meeting #985

## *Brett's Banter -*



### Quote of the week

**Employees are like mules. Some you stand in front of and coax them along with a carrot. Some you stand behind and kick them in the arse. The key to good management is knowing which mules are which.**

Terry Burgess advised that the profit from the golf weekend to Port Stephens was \$8,598.00, which is quite amazing for 42 people and considering it is for 3 days. Well done to all concerned.

Jane mentioned the Film premiere “Amelia”, which is a fund raiser for Polio Plus. No hard work involved, just come along and enjoy the film and raise valuable funds for this great project. Polio Plus is also one of the main focuses for our Club this year.

Thanks to PDG Ken Hall for bringing Felix along to give his talk about Sweden and his family and life. He is nervous now, but just wait until middle of next year and witness the change that the YEP experience brings to young people. I look forward to his involvement with our club and families from next January.

Greg Stannard from the Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise made a visit to see how another club operates and expand his knowledge of Rotary.

Looking forward to the Tennis challenge on 15 November. Robo and I working out where we are going to put the trophy and who gets to keep it first. That's a challenge if you haven't guessed!

Be kind to someone smaller than you today.  
Brett

## AND FOR THE NEWS

**INTERCLUB DEBATE ON THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER** – we have a great debating team in Simon Chamberlain, Phil Penman and Chris Sheppard – we will be there in numbers to support you – so please diarise now.....

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**SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE** – the dates are 15 – 17 March 2010 – always worth a visit and being involved (**will be celebrating 10 years**)

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**AGM FOR TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT** will be on Wednesday, 2 December 2009...In our recent survey a number of members expressed an interest in being more involved – now is your opportunity – please approach David Hinwood - it will make his job easier to know he has people keen to be part of his team for 2010 / 2011.... He will also be seeking members for his team – please make yourselves available – it is a great way to learn about Rotary...

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**GOLF WEEKEND** – Terry Burgess reported an interim profit of \$8598.00 for the weekend with fines of \$520 to go to the Rotary Foundation – just waiting for the last invoices to come in.....

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**TENNIS – Sunday, 15 November 2009** - David Hinwood sending sheet round for names – bring family and friends – BBQs available and a pleasant afternoon of fellowship.... Time 1:00 – 5:00 pm

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**BLUE ANGEL QUILT & COLLECTABLE EXHIBITION** – Peter Bell reminded members that it was on this weekend and support would be appreciated – information has been sent to all members....

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*At lunchtime, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on  
and point a hair dryer at passing cars.  
See if they slow down....*



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**CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS**

- 7 – 11 November**      **Blue Angel Quilt & Collectable Exhibition**
- 11 November**      **Amelia – Movie – PolioPlus Fund Raiser**
- 15 November**      **Family Tennis Afternoon (Self Catering)**
- 19 November**      Inter-Club Great Debate – Tamworth Tennis Club, Treloar Park
- 28 November**      Christmas Party – Rugby Club – **diarise now**
  
- 2 December**      **Club Annual General Meeting**
  
- 26 January**      **Combined Rotary Clubs involved all day Bicentennial Park**
- 22 – 28 February**      Australia-wide Campaign for PolioPlus
- 06 March**      **1,000<sup>th</sup> First Light Meeting CELEBRATIONS**
- 12 – 14 March**      District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early
- 15 – 17 March**      Science & Engineering Challenge
  
- 19 May**      **Career’s Expo - TRECC**
- 19 June**      **Tamworth First Light Changeover & Charter CELEBRATIONS**
- 29 June**      **Tamworth Club’s Changeover and Anniversary - 20 Years**
- 30 June**      **District Changeover**

## 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 Les Jacob who has already supplied an article for next week as well....**

### **SCOTLAND PLUS PLUS MUCH MORE.....**

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Our visit to Scotland to catch up with our friends Colin and Morag started in Edinburgh, where Colin and Morag have a unit at Leith, next to the harbour. The Edinburgh festival was in full swing when we arrived, so we had lots of shows from which to choose. We saw a lot of comedy shows, some very good others almost put us to sleep. The streets and pubs of Edinburgh were full on with entertainment of all varieties (like our country music).

We all decided after about a week that a change of venue would be nice, so we organised a flight direct from Edinburgh to Hungary and spent 3 days in Budapest. We were fortunate that the city was celebrating their National Day, St. Stephens Day whilst we were there, so the concierge organised tickets for us to have drinks and nibbles on a cruise on the Danube to see the fireworks over the city. We did a lot of walking, drinking coffee at sidewalk cafes, visiting historic buildings and enjoying the food and beverages at piano bar restaurant in the evening.

From Budapest we flew into Croatia to the city of Zagreb to pick up a flight to Dubrovnik. The flight from Zagreb to Dubrovnik was the most expensive of all flights as it was like flying from here to Brisbane with Brindabella Airlines..same size plane !!! Luckily it was only about one hour, great scenery, very flat and a lot of agriculture. We stayed at a resort about a 20 minute bus ride from the old Walled City in Dubrovnik. The resort was on a headland with beautiful views across the Adriatic Sea. Each day we saw at least two cruise ships slide by plus lots of sailing boats, jet ski drivers and wealthy tourists in varying size (mainly large) yachts sailing by.

Our daily program began with a early swim off the rocky and cement shore (no sand), breakfast about ten am, coffee was a short walk along the cliff top to a small restaurant with 180degree views of the ocean at about noon, lunch was at two pm then onto a bus down to the Walled City for shopping, drinking and sight-seeing, not necessarily in that order. The Walled City was under heavy artillery attack during the civil war and for the period in 1991, the city was attacked for over 7 months. On December 6th was the heaviest shelling with about 19 killed and over 60 wounded. When the bombardment started the residents went underground for safety. The city has been rebuilt to strict guide lines to keep the appearance as original as possible. You can still see the evidence of the bombing where some residents haven't rebuilt their homes. We had a great time being tourists in the city - walked along the city wall (2 miles), took a boat ride across the harbour to an island where MAXAMILLION had his summer palace...now in ruins.. Walked the narrow streets checking out the shops and restaurants. Colin and I found a very helpful barman called Alexander who kept our pints full of Ozujsko which is a Croatian larger - very nice. We had dinner about nine pm after which we would catch a bus back to our resort.

As we were leaving the City all the "young and beautiful "people were arriving. We loved the place but after 7 days of indulgence, we flew back to Edinburgh, then drove up to Colin and Morag's home at Newport-on-Tay. I attended two Rotary meetings with Colin, one when the DG Bill Macfarlane and his wife Daphne had their visit, ie the photo, and at the other meeting Colin was trying organize a Rotary function. Listening to the meeting reminded me of home - same problems different location !!

Colin's club, The Rotary Club of North Fife, meets each Thursday 6.00PM for 6.30 at the Drumoig Hotel (have now or were going to relocate) Their President, Dakers Fleming has a sense of humour not unlike our president, so the meetings were a lot of fun. They have about 40 members and Colin has taken back our tradition of two-up. Members enjoy it, 50p each in the pot, with the winner receiving half, which covers next week's meeting cost, plus a pint of lager. I also participated in their once a year golf challenge called Dotty's Potty, where the winner is presented with their prize of a figurine of a person on a potty, presented by Rotarian John Pott. I, as the only contender, won the International visitors' prize...a golf ball !

Anne and Morag attended the prize giving presentation dinner at the Scotsraig Golf Club which was a fun filled evening with members and partners from Colin's Club. Our time spent with Colin and Morag was just as you would spend your time with good friends. Colin as a whisky buff..has introduced me to a variety of whiskies, all of which range from very good to excellent ! Some of his favourite whiskies are :

- Highland Park distilled on Orkney - 18 yrs old...an enormous nose of excellent consistency, with salty butter and burnt honeycomb is always present.
- Caol Isla from Islay..a coastal salty biting tang with hints of rock pools and visions of rock pipients and oystercatchers among the seaweed enormously oily, coating the palate with a mildly subdued smokiness and then a burst of gristy malt.
- Ardmore from the mainland....a malt which simply caresses the tastebuds. The fruit influence is important but the malt and smoke are intriguingly subtle. It gets better each time you taste it..

Colin comments that there are other favourites such as Lafriog , Ardbeg , and Bowmore etc.. If only I had had MORE time - I was becoming a good student....

Regards Les and Anne

## Scottish Recipe courtesy of Colin and Morag

### CLOOTIE DUMPLING

225g Plain Flour  
200g Golden Castor Sugar  
1 Level Tsp Ground Cinnamon  
1heaped Tsp Mixed Spice  
110g Shredded Suet  
110g Sultanas  
110g Currants  
110g Stoned Dates Chopped  
1 Heaped Tsp Bicarb Of Soda  
Approx 200ml Milk, Sour Milk Or Cold Tea  
Flour And Castor Sugar To Sprinkle On The Cloth

Mix the first nine ingredients together in a bowl with enough liquid to make a soft dough of a dropping consistency. Dip a large pudding cloth/tea towel into boiling water, drain, and lay flat out. Sprinkle evenly but not thickly with flour and then sugar.

Place the mixture in the middle of the cloth, tie up the cloth securely with string, allowing room for expansion. Place on a heatproof plate in the bottom of a large saucepan. Top up the boiling water to just cover the pudding and cover the pan with a lid. Simmer gently for three and three quarter to four hours. Check the water level occasionally and top up as reqd.

Wearing oven gloves remove the pudding from the pan, dip briefly into a bowl of cold water, no more than 10 seconds, so the skin does not stick to the cloth. Cut the string, untie the cloth invert the dumpling on to an ovenproof plate. Pace in the oven(180 c/350 f) gas mark 4 for 10-15 minutes until the skin feels less sticky, sprinkle with castor sugar ad serve hot with cream or custard. – I actually like it fried the next morning with bacon and eggs

# WHY I AM A ROTARIAN?

It has provided me with the ways and means of being of service locally and nationally for 65 years by utilizing The Rotary Foundation for international service and my Rotary Club for community service.



**Norman F Kloker**  
**PDG D6450 1985 – 1986**  
**Charlottesville VA**  
**United States**

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## Oooops

Oh dear, they didn't consider the sun when designing this wall



## November is The Rotary Foundation Month. Director PDG Harry Durey From our International President John Kenny:

The playwright George Bernard Shaw once wrote,

**“Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire; you will what you imagine; and at last you create what you will.”**

There is no shortage in this world of people able to imagine a better future. But in Rotary, we do not just imagine that future -- we will it, and we work to create it. This we do through our two great strengths: our Rotary clubs and our Rotary Foundation.

Two decades ago, we Rotarians made a promise: to make life better for the entire world, forever, by eliminating polio. It has always been an ambitious goal, but it has always been a realistic one. And now, thanks to our Rotary Foundation, we are closer than ever to reaching it.

It is my hope that with the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and [Rotary’s US\\$200 Million Challenge](#), there will soon come a time when we will be able to say that we have made polio a thing of the past. For if we fail now, we will fail all those who have gone before us, and every child to whom we made a promise. If we fail, we risk our own good name, and the good name of all the Rotarians who came before us. We will not fail. We can and we must succeed.

I know that each one of you recognizes that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands* – and that the future of our Foundation is as well.

### NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The Rotary Foundation has brought hope to millions of people throughout the world as it has worked to fulfil its Mission Statement: **“To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.”** Through a wide range of educational and humanitarian projects lives have been changed and endless opportunities have been opened up to men and women across the globe.

For more details check the RI website: [www.rotary.org/foundation](http://www.rotary.org/foundation)

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## VOCATIONAL PROFILE

**Peter Ryan** became an apprentice technician in 1985 covering typewriters, copiers (only 4 pages a minute back then), bubble jet printers etc. He was also involved in sales in Dubbo, Moree and Tamworth (Firstly with Pacific, IBM then Canon).

Tamex Transport often delivered product to the Canon office and after a pleasant lunch with Peter Brazil and Peter Hoffman at the Workshop – Inland Technology was born. Inland Technology purchased from Canon the Tamworth, Armidale and Moree businesses. Later Canon held a “Canon only” Conference in Central NSW and shortly after that Dubbo, Orange and Bathurst businesses were acquired making Inland Technology the largest regional dealer in Australia.

At the beginning the company had a \$4M turnover and now turning over in excess of \$15M with 60 staff and have now set up three companies. We have been successful in winning lots of “incentive” deals enabling us to travel fairly extensively around the world and we continue to grow from strength to strength.....

Congratulations to the three Peters – we are lucky to have such talent in a regional city....

## SERIOUS – COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE –

A husband and wife are travelling by car from Brisbane to Melbourne.

After almost ten hours on the road, they're too tired to continue and they decide to stop for a rest. They stop at a nice hotel and take a room, but they only plan to sleep for four hours and then get back on the road.

When they check out four hours later, the desk clerk; hands them a bill for \$450.00. The man explodes and demands to know why the charge is so high. He tells the clerk although it's a nice hotel; the rooms certainly aren't worth \$450.00.

When the clerk tells him \$450.00 is the standard rate, the man insists on speaking to the Manager. The Manager appears, listens to the man, and then explains that the hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference centre that were available for the husband and wife to use

'But we didn't use them,' the man complains

'Well, they are here, and you could have,' explains the Manager. He goes on to explain they could have taken in one of the shows for which the hotel is famous. 'The best entertainers from New York, Hollywood and Las Vegas perform here,' the Manager says.

'But we didn't go to any of those shows,' complains the man again.

'Well, we have them, and you could have,' the Manager replies.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentions - the man replies, 'But we didn't use it!'

The Manager is unmoved, and eventually the man gives up and agrees to pay. He writes a cheque and gives it to the Manager.

The Manager is surprised when he looks at the cheque. 'But sir,' he says, 'this cheque is only made out for \$50.00.'

'That's correct,' says the man. 'I charged you \$400 for sleeping with my wife.'

'But I didn't!' exclaims the Manager.

'Well, too bad,' the man replies. 'She was here and you could have!'

**.....supplied by a solicitor.....**

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## GUEST SPEAKER

Felix Frankenberger is our newest Youth Exchange Student and is currently with the Tamworth Club and will join us at the beginning of the year 2010.... Felix speaks surprisingly good English and he spoke a little about the history of Sweden, his home and family and his interests – sport, sport and sport..... The flight from Sweden seemed to take forever – over 20 hours – a long way without a break.

Sweden is probably most famous for the Viking era (actually Danish) – it was established some 13,000 years ago and has one of the oldest monarchies in Europe. At the death of the current King, Sweden will have its first Queen. In winter the temperature drops to -21°C, spring is lovely at 20°C and summer varies between 25 - 30°C – swimming in the ocean is very pleasant during the heat of summer. Autumn is probably the best time to visit as it is so beautiful with the autumn colours.

Sweden is probably most famous for SAAB and Volvo cars and trucks, Ericsson (mobile phones) – Felix’s father worked at Ericsson for 11 years and currently with the third largest paper mill in Europe. His father provides and maintains the industrial tools required in that business. – World renowned sportspersons would be Bjorn Borg (Tennis), Ingemar Stenmark (Downhill Ski Racer), Ingemar Johansson (Boxer) and Annika Sorenstam – female golfer.

Halsingland is the home province where traditional costume is still worn for official occasions and is noted for its forests and paper mills. The name of Felix’s home town is Hudiksvall – it was a trading port and was destroyed by the Russians in 1721 – burnt to the ground excluding a church and one house. The population is slightly smaller than Tamworth – 30,000 people. Felix’s mother is a Patent Lawyer.

Felix plays Soccer (Football), Handball (very European and not known here) and Freestyle skiing.

Q You did not mention ABBA – the world loves ABBA?

A Sweden is very tired of ABBA

Q Are you missing the snow and your winter?

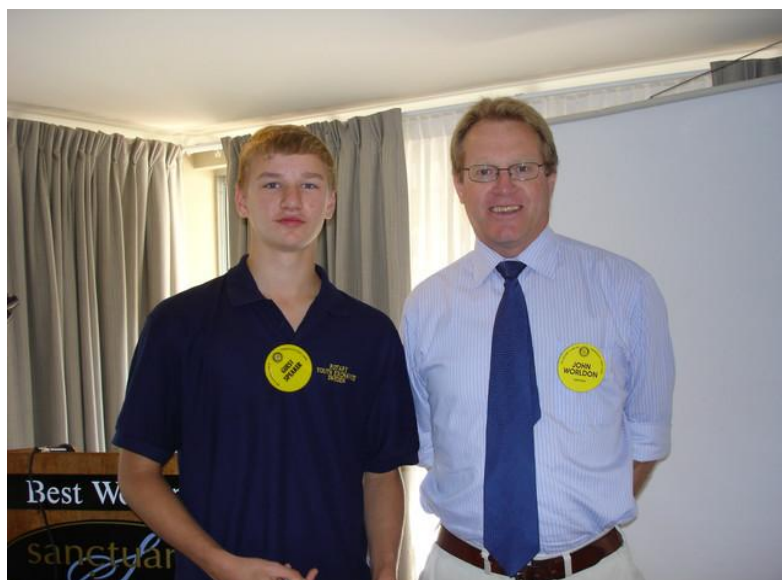
A No – great for skiing, otherwise just cold....

Q How long are you here in Australia?

A For twelve months – have been here four months so far.

Introduced by PDG Ken Hall (Tamworth Club), thanked by John Worldon

Our new YEP student  
**Felix Frankenberg**  
thanked by John  
Worldon



# Club Website

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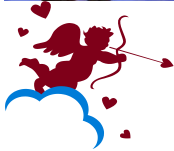
## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009 - 2010

**Club Service – Louise Matthews**  
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**Youth Centre – Annette Arthur**

# Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



**Birthdays** 17.11 – Steve Massey



**Partners Birthdays** Nil



**Anniversaries** 12.11 – Bruce & Julie Hemmett (4 years)

**Inductions** 14.11 – John Worldon (2 years)



**Vocational Profile** 11.11 – Mark O'Connor

**Attendance** 73%

**Make Ups** Dick Davison – Tamworth West

**Visitors Rotarians** PDG Ken Hall – Tamworth

Greg Stannard – Sunrise

**Visitors** Nil

**Heads & Tails** Bill Moss

**Raffle** Michael Smith

## **PRESIDENT ASSIST**

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members & Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

**Need to be in attendance by 6.30 am**

## **DOOR TEAM**

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

## **MEETER & GREETER**

To meet & greet our members & welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

## **VISITOR ASSIST**

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

**Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am**

## **WELCOME**

To publicly welcome our Members & Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his/her substitute.

**Need to be in attendance by 6.50 am (or earlier)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

## **VOTE OF THANKS**

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed).

## **CORPORALS**

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting. Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.

## **CORPORAL ASSIST**

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting if the Corporals are unable to do so.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:ssegrub@westnet.com.au)

	11 November 2009	18 November 2009
Guest Speaker	<b>Peter Ryan – Paperless Office</b>	John Fogarty – Personal Profile
Meeter & Greeter	<b>Graham Dooley</b>	Simon Chamberlain
Door Team	<b>Terry Burgess &amp; Peter Bell</b>	John Glynn & Laurence Hearne
Welcome	<b>Alan Coates</b>	Ian Howle
President Assist	<b>Phil Heffernan</b>	Bill Moss
Visitor Assist	<b>Chris Sheppard</b>	Neil Lyon
Corporal Assist	<b>Greg Birtles</b>	Julian Smith
Introduction	<b>Pat Varley</b>	Mark O'Connor
Vote of Thanks	<b>Phil Penman</b>	Barry Biffin

## CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

- November**      **Laurence Hearne and Barry Biffin**  
**December**    **Bill Moss and David Baddams**  
**January**       **Narelle Langfield and Ross Lobsey**  
**February**      **Stephen Mitchell and Brodie Shields**  
**March**         **Brian Yeo and John Fogarty**

**!!!!MEN STRIKE BACK!!!!**  
 Scientists have discovered a food  
 that diminishes a woman's sex drive by 90%  
 It is called a  
 "Wedding Cake"