

The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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Brett's Banter -



Quote of the week

“Maybe, just once, someone will call me ‘Sir’ without adding, ‘You’re making a scene.’”

– Homer Simpson

Always good to see Admiral Bob Nelson back in Tamworth and a welcome visitor to our club. Bob spoke about the Science Engineering Challenge and the great results for the University. His story about Bellingen Public School brought a personal slant to the event and is a real underdog story with some hardship involved. Like all good stories it has a happy ending and would make a great movie- Aussie version of Mighty Ducks.

The last golf trip profit just keeps growing and growing. More bags of money found in the esky no doubt. Terry Burgess advised that the current profit is \$9,557.55. Magnificent effort from a small group over a short period. Well done to all involved.

I know it has been said before, but some of our best guest speakers are from within our own ranks. This morning’s personal profile from John Fogarty was no exception. John may have been reserved about how interesting his talk would be, but I for one found it fascinating and well delivered. Jane will expand on John’s talk – no doubt.

Ian Howle and Brian Logan gave us an update on the hospital redevelopment and the frustrations involved and doubts about the final delivery and extent of the project.

The Tennis afternoon was fun and a few mad keen tennis players took to the court in the heat of the day, but we all enjoyed the social aspect. Felix and my son Andy teamed up as Borg and Hewitt and were unbeaten. Felix brought his tennis whites and own racquet from Sweden so we knew there was a good chance he could play. Thanks David Hinwood for organising the day.

Looking forward to the inter-club debate and although we have the best team, some of us hope we don’t win as that would mean organising next year’s event.

Stay cool. Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

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 - it is a great way to learn about Rotary.

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

CHRISTMAS HAMPER FOR THE SALVATION ARMY – Please could members donate non-perishable goods OR wrapped children's presents marked for girl or boy for the Salvation Army's Christmas Hampers – to be handed to Captain Stuart Glover on Wednesday, 16 December 2009 - **donations accepted from this week – Thank you**

CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS

28 November Christmas Party – Rugby Club

2 December Club Annual General Meeting

13 January Official Opening of ANZAC Park BBQ

26 January Combined Rotary Clubs involved all day Bicentennial Park

03 February Vocational Visit to Oncology Unit

08 February GSE visit to Tamworth

22 – 28 February Australia-wide Campaign for PolioPlus

06 March 1,000th First Light Meeting CELEBRATIONS

12 – 14 March District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early

15 – 17 March Science & Engineering Challenge

1 / 2 May NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life

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 – will be back next week

How many of us remember back this far.....

Comments made in the year 1955!

That's only 54 years ago!

'I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are'
it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.00.

'Have you seen the new cars coming out next year?
It won't be long before \$1,000.00 will only buy a used one.

'If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit.
20 cents a pack is ridiculous.

'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging
7 cents just to mail a letter

'If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00,
nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.

'When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon.
Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

'I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with
saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie
has either HELL or DAMN in it.

'I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon
by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts
preparing for it down in Texas.

'Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$50,000 a year just to play ball?
It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.

'I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances
would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.

'It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women
are having to work to make ends meet.

'I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door
to a whole lot of foreign business.

'Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our
income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best
people to government..

'The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather,
but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

'No one can afford to be sick anymore, at \$15.00 a day
in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.'

'If they think I'll pay 30 cents for a haircut, forget it.'

GUEST SPEAKER

John Fogarty was born in 1947 – only child of Nelson and Poppy (Albertson) Fogarty at the Estonholme Private Hospital (Cnr White and Napier Streets). His early years were spent at “Ellwood”, south of Tamworth and he attended Gowrie Public School (one teacher). 1960 sent to Trinity Grammar School as a boarder – played Rugby, Athletics and involved with Cadets – school work of lesser importance - became House Captain Boarding.

1964 returned to “Ellwood” ran a Santa Getrudis Stud, some sheep and his father loved race horses so interesting that some of the biggest names in the racing industry were at school before, during and after his time there – Wherretts and Waterhouses to name a few....

Surprising to learn that on his return home, the region was in drought – the story of Australia. John played Rugby with the Tamworth Magpies in his spare time. He went to Tamworth TAFE for Sheep and Woolclassing, Electric Welding and met his future wife – Jacque.

John was very involved with the Country Party – Tamworth Branch President, State and National President over time. Often went to Sydney for Country Party Meetings so knew all the highlights of Sydney’s social set – the Purple Onion at Kensington, Surf City (Billy Thorpe) and Sound Lounge (Johnny O’Keefe) to name a few.... He was also a member of the West Tamworth Turf Club, Vice President of the Wallabadah Jockey Club,

In 1966 he joined the 12 / 16th Hunter River Lancers (during the Vietnam era – conscription) and was chosen to be Major General John Macdonald’s driver and personal aide. He was involved with basic training instruction for the 3rd Training Battalion at both Singleton and Gan Gan.

1972 married Jacque Abbott, joined Tamworth Apex and was the sales representative for Rumevite which involved extensive travelling.

1973 joined Pacific Office Equipment and moved business from Bridge Street to 515 Peel Street and involved in both sales and management. Gillian was born on 26 January 1975 at 8:55pm and Amanda was also born on 26 January at 9:00 pm in 1977. Decided to build a house in Rosedale Avenue in the same year (1977) and in 1978 sold the family rural interests and his father retired.

In 1979 became the Trainee Sales Manager for JT Fossey and completed various Ford Motor Company Courses but not his forte. In 1981 joined Royal Insurance as an Area Inspector and operated the Limelight Coffee Lounge in the Centrepoint Arcade and in 1987 was retrenched from Royal Insurance.

In 1988 joined Treloars in their Liquor Department and in 1989 joined NZI Insurance and was promptly seconded to the Westpac Bank for rural insurance – this ended in 1991. After a short burst with Jan Dampney in NSW Motel Brokers opened his own General Insurance Agency in 1991 and has been doing that ever since.... 1991 also saw him doing some taxi driving in Tamworth – quite an experience particularly late at night after fancy dress parties or “Manpower Australia” – wonder if the occupants of the taxi realize what they have done next day???

1999 sold the house in Tamworth and bought at Yamba and own a couple of properties down there now - renovated Flinders Lodge No 8 and then 12 Ager Street and that took three years to renovate.

2008 Joined Rotary - one of his better moves - and continues with his general insurance business and manages his share portfolio.

Introduced by Mark O'Connor, thanked by Barry Biffen



Barry Biffen thanks John Fogarty for his personal profile.



SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE – 16 – 18 MARCH 2010

Bob Nelson spoke briefly about “The Challenge” – 100,000 students now gone through and Newcastle Facility now over enrolled in engineering and thanks to 100 Rotary Clubs.....

Bellingen High School teacher very supportive – took the kids to Kempsey even though teachers were on strike. Bellingen won – went to Newcastle and won State through to Nationals and came second at Silver level.

Next year, teacher ill (Cancer) – kids went to Kempsey to win for their teacher – floods, less than two hours to get back before bridges closed. Very upset, managed to get the kids to Narrabri and billeted out – won there and came third in the State – they wanted to show their support for their teacher who is now in remission. Amazing, inspiring story – teachers can inspire their kids – again explains success of “The Challenge” –

Thank you Bob

WHY AM I A ROTARIAN?

I have contemplated this question over the past few days and have come up with a few questions of my own:

- “Why do Rotarians constantly feel the need to create goodwill and better friendships in our localities as well as with peoples of other nations?”
- “Why do Rotarians give so much of their time and effort for those less fortunate in distant lands who they will never meet much less be thanked for what they give?”
- “Why do Rotarians have a burning desire to help those unknown faces of the poor, uneducated and sick human beings that seem endless in this world of over 6.8 billion souls?”

My answer is simple:

I believe I am a Rotarian because I have a need to do God’s work on this earth, to do my part to help make this world a better place to live. In Rotary I can accomplish collectively with my fellow Rotarians what I would possibly not be motivated to do at all, much less do it alone.

As Rotarians, we are a body of wealth to every cause known to man, which in its 101 years of existence has managed to leave a trail of service and goodwill to humanity so numerous and so great that we should never have to ask ourselves why we are a part of this organization.

As a Rotarian, I am fulfilling a part of God’s plan for my life in using my gifts of service, giving and administration, and by my actions, it is my strongest desire to challenge others to become a part of this great organization we call Rotary.

CARL S. ROSENBAUM,

Past Rotary International Director ‘97-’99 - District 6150

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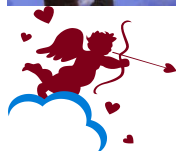
Club Service – Louise Matthews
Community Service – Brian Logan
International Service – Vicki Cooper
Vocational Service – John Worldon
Youth Centre – Annette Arthur

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays

18.11 – DJ Jones
 19.11 – Julian Smith
 19.11 – Paul Stevenson



Partners Birthdays

Nil



Anniversaries

Nil

Inductions

21.11 – Vicki Cooper (8 years)



Vocational Profile

Nil this week

Attendance

79%

Make Ups

None

Visitors Rotarians

Bob Nelson – Belmont

Visitors

Keith Muller, Chris Celovic

Heads & Tails

John Glynn

Raffle

Skinner

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

	25 November 2009	2 December 2009
Guest Speaker	PDG John Barwick – Foundation	Annual General Meeting
Meeter & Greeter	Max Cathcart	Les Jacob
Door Team	Bruce Hemmett & Dennis Johnson	Rob Clifton & Tim Coates
Welcome	Max May	Steve Massey
President Assist	Peter Hyde	Narelle Langfield
Visitor Assist	Michael O'Connor	
Corporal Assist	Dick Davison	
Introduction	Anne Jacob	
Vote of Thanks	Peter Hinchcliffe	

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 !!!
 Women will never be equal to men
 Until they can walk down the street
 With a bald head and a beer gut and
Still think they are sexy....