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24 February 2010 – Meeting #998

Brett's Banter -

Quote of the week

“A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words”



Three more meetings to go before the 1,000th. We have our team of designers and decorators constructing the elaborate table designs and decorations for the night. A large media contingent have been sought (Simon) and guests are going to be flocking to the event.

Meanwhile Tim will be still in the saddle riding with the Westpac crew with one cheek for 10 kilometres and then the other cheek for the next 10. Tip # 1 – a damp car chamois strategically placed can render enormous relief during and after the days ride. I expect Tim to return with some great stories and memories for us.... and a walk like John Wayne in Rio Bravo.

Thanks to Michael for a very concise Treasurers report. Please advise Michael if you wish to receive a monthly edition direct to your email. An Accountant with a sense of humour...Trudy is an Accountant and she married me..so?

Meg Larkin gave a great talk about NERAM and the history and issues surrounding the gallery. I think they have made a wise decision electing Meg as the Chair. I have worked at NERAM on a number of occasions and had the pleasure of browsing through the storage racks of artworks and it is a shame that they cannot all be on display. Maybe Meg can organise an exchange of artwork between NERAM and the Tamworth gallery.

Oxley High students should and will be congratulated for their superb efforts in assisting the fundraising for Blue Angel. Oxley are also one of our assigned schools and as suggested by Norm, we will be writing to the school expressing our thanks and congratulating the school students for their unselfish work.

The RCTFL Cricket team is coming together nicely and should be a great inaugural event. All are welcome to come and watch and enjoy the fellowship of the BBQ and some refreshments in the afternoon of 28th March. See Phil Penman if you want to have a go at silly mid off or stupid right in front etc. If you can swing your arm 360 degrees you are assured of a place.

Harvey Norman put out a catalogue this week solely on vacuum cleaners. Can't understand the timing as it is 10 weeks to Mother's Day.

Avagudone,
Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

RYLA will be at Port Macquarie on 10 – 17 April this year. Nominations are being sought – please consider someone within your own workplace – not necessarily the “best” person but the one who just needs that extra boost of self-confidence to really achieve and would gain so much by being provided with this opportunity. Please speak to Brett White or any Board member to obtain more information. It is a wonderful opportunity and the age group sought is between 18 and 25 years. **Nominations need to be in by Friday, 26 February (this month!!).....**

YOUTH EXCHANGE – Felix has now settled in with the Baddams so a reminder to all members – if you are doing anything special – trip to Sydney, out to Lightning Ridge or Dubbo Zoo – think of including Felix. He does have quite a busy social life so please give him warning to ensure that his social calendar is free to include you!!!!

ANZAC PARK OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EXTENSION AND BBQ's – Members please note that this will be a breakfast in the park on Wednesday, 31 March at 6:45 for 7:00 am and a fund raiser for the **PolioPlus Final Push campaign....**

GOLFERS TAKE NOTE – Tuncurry / Tallwood weekend of 26/28 February 2010 – Brian Thompson is seeking donations of golf balls, caps, umbrellas etc for the weekend – seeking a few more to fill the bus – **MALE ONLY** need apply.....

ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB CHARITY GOLF DAY – Wednesday, 24 March 2010 – please speak with Rob Clifton if interested, probably an overnight stay required

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE celebrating its TENTH year this year. **OUR MORNING MEETING (17 MARCH) WILL BE MOVED TO THE TUESDAY EVENING, 16 MARCH 2010**

360 FITNESS CLUB CELEBRATED ITS SECOND BIRTHDAY – raised some \$5,000 to go the Blue Angels Foundation. Peter Bell specifically thanked DJ - still in America - and noted how much easier it was having Oxley High School students washing the cars this year instead of the adults!!!

KINGSWOOD STORE – A MONTHLY MARKET – last Saturday of each month beginning 27 February and the Kingswood Store will be holding a Beer and Wine Tasting as well

1000th CELEBRATION DINNER – SATURDAY, 6 MARCH 2010 – Please confirm with Louise Matthews on 0420 743 083 or Bruce Hemmett via email – bruce.013@decorama.com.au NO MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH

CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS

06 March	1,000 th First Light Meeting CELEBRATIONS – 20 years
06 – 13 MARCH	BOWELSCAN WEEK
12 – 14 March	District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early
16 March	Science & Engineering Dinner replaces Breakfast next morning
15 – 17 March	Science & Engineering Challenge
28 March	Cricket Match – First Light V Tamworth Sunrise – Picnic Day
31 March	Official Opening of the extension and BBQ's at ANZAC PARK

APRIL D9650 PolioPlus Campaign will be held during this month

1 / 2 May	NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life
19 May	Career's Expo – TRECC
12 June	District Changeover at Wauchope
19 June	Tamworth First Light Changeover

PLEASE NOTE THE DISTRICT CHANGEOVER – UNDERSTAND THIS IS THE FINAL DATE – NO MORE CHANGES AND FOR OUR DISTRICT THE POLIOPLUS CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD IN APRIL 2010 – more information to follow via AG's and Presidents

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9650 LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

COME ON GIVE AN AUSTRALIAN STUDENT THE EXPERIENCE OF AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE.

Give a male or female student aged 15 years to 18 years & 9 months from your town:

- An opportunity to develop personal self-confidence and maturity
- An opportunity to develop a lifetime of international friends
- An opportunity to develop a real understanding of many different cultures
- An opportunity to develop new language skills
- An opportunity to develop a base for future education and career goals

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE: An opportunity for your Club to participate in an international program.

Applications for Students departing January 2011 are now being sort and are available from either the Secretary, International/Youth Director or www.rotary9650.org.au Links

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Community Service - Bowelscan

The District commends the recent report forwarded to Clubs on the BOWELSCAN project, and wishes to highlight a number of points.

- Rotary District 9650 continues to be the largest distributor of Bowelscan kits. Our District is one of the few Districts which run a District Program and have saved 100s of people over the past 20 years
- Further, D9650 has, with all Rotary Clubs help, contributed over \$250,000 to PhD scholars through Australian Rotary Health and Universities. Our Dollar is matched to increase to \$500,000 of research
- In 2009, 23,000 Bowelscan kits were distributed around the District. Out of the 18,496 returns, 299 were positive (54.8% male and 45.2% female)
- The 2010 campaign commences on 6 March and ends on 31 March. Posters and brochures will be distributed to Clubs at the end of January or early February
- **Costs for the kits to the Public will be \$8.**

This District strongly endorses the Bowelscan project and the benefits it provides to our communities. For further enquiries, please speak to your Rotary Club Bowelscan Co-ordinator or the District's Bowelscan Committee Chairman, Kevin Sharp – email kmesharp@bigpond.com.



20.02.2010 - President Brett pinning badge on our new member Dr Rob Sharp



Annette Arthur (sponsor), or new member Dr Rob Sharp and President Brett



Meg Larkin thanked by Ross Lobsey for her talk on the New England Regional Art Museum - Armidale (NERAM)

Meg Larkin opened by asking us to visualise a giraffe flat on the ground with legs spread-eagled, supporters around with predators circling beyond. Whilst employed by Tamworth Council, Meg had been involved with Regional Libraries, the Tamworth Library / Art Gallery construction and been on various committees relating to these areas and always working to bring our tax dollars back into the country – a very difficult and overall thankless task.

The New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) at Armidale is quite unique and has an unusually large art collection which on 1 July 2008 was valued at \$40M. There are three main collections and the most valuable by far is the Hinton Collection.

It was donated to the City back in 1933. This chap loved Australian Art and during the depression years he would buy this “art” from unknowns to provide food for their table. Consequently as the years have passed, the Collection has increased in value with examples of all our top Australian artists.

The Coventry collection is basically modern art and the NERAM Collection houses a variety of art works.

However when it was agreed that an extension to the Art Gallery Museum should happen, Armidale Council sold two paintings from the Hinton Collection and raised \$800,000 but were only able to prove \$300,000 of this money was used to house the Hinton Collection. However Armidale Council then decided to sell a half-share of the Tom Robert’s painting “Mosman’s Bay” to the NSW Art Gallery and Armidale reacted and basically split into two camps – very, very difficult situation which, as we know, went to the Supreme Court.

A new Committee was chosen and amongst others, we had a solicitor, a financial expert, art experts and “me” – the only one who had any experience in running an Art Gallery so made me the Chairperson. We are the Trustees of both the Hinton and Coventry Collections. NERAM has been built on Crown Land who felt that they now own the building and also felt they owned the NERAM Collection as well – more issues to solve.....

After many meetings, discussions, more discussions, NERAM finally has a 20 year lease with Crown Lands plus we have with Armidale Council a 20 year funding agreement. This took over a year and we finally became Trustees of the overall Collection. The people of Armidale will probably never realise what a brilliant solicitor we have on this Committee. Council put in half a million dollars, we have a huge responsibility and the Hinton Collection alone is now valued at \$36M.

We now have a Foundation set up which is growing and have guaranteed that only the interest will be utilised. We were then shown a collection of slides showing the museum, studio, shop area, plus café, store rooms maintained at a constant temperature which protects the paintings when not on display, workshop framing and preparation for all exhibitions happens on the premises.

Meg closed with the comment that we might now understand the reason for visualising the giraffe at the start of her talk....

Introduced by Max Cathcart, thanked by Ross Lobsey

Fondling In Bed

After 20 years of marriage, a couple was lying in bed one evening, when the wife felt her husband begin to fondle her in ways he hadn't in quite some time.

It almost tickled as his fingers started at her neck, and then began moving down past the small of her back.

He then caressed her shoulders and neck, slowly worked his hand down over her breasts, stopping just over her lower stomach.

He then proceeded to place his hand on her left inner arm, caressed past the side of her breast again, working down her side, passed gently over her buttock and down her leg to her calf. Then, he proceeded up her inner thigh, stopping just at the uppermost portion of her leg. He continued in the same manner on her right side, then suddenly stopped, rolled over and started to watch the tv.

As she had become quite aroused by this caressing, she asked in a loving voice, "That was wonderful. Why did you stop?"

He said, "I found the remote".

Club Website

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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 Nil
Partners Birthdays 25.02. - Judy Coates



Anniversaries Nil
Inductions 25.02.2004 – Terry Robinson (6 years)
 27.02.2008 – John Fogarty (2 years)
 28.02.2007 – PDG Jane Bradford (3 yrs)



Vocational Profile Max Cathcart

Attendance 87%
Make Ups Phil Penman, Chris Sheppard
 (Tamworth Sunrise)
Visitors Rotarians None
Visitors None
Heads & Tails Phil Penman
Raffle David Baddams

Where does time go????

*“Remember yesterday -
dream about tomorrow
BUT you better live for today”*



How quickly the years pass....

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

Little do we know when we are leaving a lasting impression on a young person! Years later that same child, turned busy adult, parent, career person and volunteer was asked to join Rotary – without hesitation the answer was “yes”.

Who was that original Rotarian who made such an impression? It was my best friend’s father, Joe (Mr G to me then).

Rotary was so important to him! Even as an elementary student where my world seemed to revolve around recess, piano practise, spelling sit-downs and riding my bicycle within the allowed perimeters of our neighbourhood, I was unknowingly impressed. When Joe could not pick us up at noon from school and take my friend and I home for lunch, it was because “this is Rotary Day”.

I soon learned Rotary must be something very important in his life. Joe was a busy business owner but everything seemed to step aside that special hour each week. He was a man of great character. Move ahead forty years, I was proud and honoured to be asked to be among the first wave of women Rotarians.

What an impact this wonderful organisation has had on my life! Service Above Self! Service acts that I cannot do alone can be accomplished because I am part of this powerful, caring, successful and highly respected organisation. I can hold my head high and say I helped to:

- ❖ Eliminate polio
- ❖ Educate thousands of students
- ❖ Build numerous houses, schools and medical clinics
- ❖ Help to promote peace and global understanding
- ❖ I am doing all of this because **I AM A ROTARIAN.**

- Rotary cares for others
- Rotary is a leader in our community and worldwide
- Rotary allowed me to develop new leadership skills and responsibilities
- Rotary broadened my circle of friends
- Rotary doesn’t just talk about doing good work – Rotary does work!
- Rotary Shares!
- Rotary Leads the Way!
- I am proud of this organisation and my membership and that is **WHY I AM A ROTARIAN..**

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
- **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

	24 February 2010	3 March 2010
Guest Speaker	Dr Roland Loeve	Const Phil Priest – Road Safety
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Bell	Julian Smith
Door Team	Paul Stevenson & Barry Biffen	Anne Jacob & Peter Hyde
Welcome	Graham Nuttall	Norm Dezius
President Assist	John Fogarty	John Glynn
Visitor Assist	Greg Birtles	Laurence Hearne
Corporal Assist	Pat Varley	Peter Hinchcliffe
Introduction	Alan Coates	Phil Heffernan
Vote of Thanks	Peter Ryan	Simon Chamberlain

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

February	Narelle Langfield and Brodie Shields
March	Brian Yeo and John Fogarty
April	Bruce Hemmett and Tim Coates
May	Ron Allen and Peter Bell
June	Barry Murphy and Phil Lyon

Strange Job Interview Behaviour

“.... announced she had not had lunch and proceeded to eat a hamburger and chips during the interview.”

“... bounced up and down on my carpet and told me I must be highly thought off by the company because I was given such a thick carpet.”