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31 March 2010 – Meeting #1002

Brett's Banter -

(Phil's Report off the Catwalk)



Quote of the week

Put decaf in the coffee maker for three weeks. Once everyone is over their caffeine addiction, switch to expresso....

It was an honour to chair the meeting of our Club today in the absence of President Brett who is helping clean up insurance claims as a result of the recent Melbourne hail storm.

It was with great delight, I noted that all the jobs given to people to help run the meeting were filled by those first nominated to do so.

Our guest speaker, Peter Ross gave us a run-down of his life to date. He also elaborated on his job as the CEO of the Capitol Theatre. Without a doubt he is the right man for the job which he is taking great pride in carrying out.

Louise reminded us that next week our meeting is at Anzac Park to officially open the new and updated BBQs our Club has set-up there. The Sunrise club will be joining us on that day and it is our fund raiser for the End to Polio Final Push.

Phil Penman has a formidable team to play cricket against the Sunrise Club on Sunday. All members are welcome to attend.

Phil Lyon advised of the up-coming Pride of Workmanship Awards – closing date is 3 May 2010.

Annette Arthur advised there would be a meeting of the RYAG Equine committee on Tuesday, 30 March and RYAG Equine will be held over the weekend 26 – 28 May 2010.

I thank the Club for the opportunity of chairing today's meeting and confirm that President Brett will be back for next week's meeting.

Enjoy your week.... Phil

AND FOR THE NEWS

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....**

USA Consul General will be the guest speaker at the RC of Tamworth North on Thursday, 15 April – if interested, please contact Ron Chorlton – 6766 1663 or email ronvalc@bigpond.com

Pride of Workmanship Awards Dinner – West Diggers on Wed, 26 May at 6:30 for 7:00 – Cost \$35.00 per person – John Worldon will have nomination forms for members to nominate staff or recommend to other businesses to promote their staff and enter....

Bowelscan – Dennis Johnson thanked all members who participated – kits sold well but waiting for final numbers to see if we are up on previous years.

RYAG EQUINE – meeting of “Committee” this Tuesday, 30 March at 5:15 pm – weekend will be 28 / 30 May at the Equine Centre

BUSH DANCE - Louise Matthews confirmed for Saturday, 15 Mat 2010 – please note in your diaries – more information to follow....

CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS

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| APRIL - JUNE | D9650 PolioPlus Campaign will be held during these months |
| 15 April | US Consul's visit to Tamworth North Rotary Club |
| 1 / 2 May | NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life |
| 15 May | Bush Dance – details to follow |
| 19 May | Career's Expo – TRECC |
| 26 May | Pride of Workmanship Awards / Dinner at Diggers, Kable Avenue |
| 19 June | Tamworth First Light Changeover |
| 03 July | District Changeover at Wauchope |

**Genuine answers to exam questions.
You won't know whether to laugh - or cry.**

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for Bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

Unusual names

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.

Learning to speak Latin.

Name one measure which can be put into place to avoid river flooding in times of extensive rainfall (e.g. in Mississippi).

Flooding in areas such as the Mississippi may be avoided by placing a number of big dams into the river

Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.

Two polar bears
~~Three~~ Four Seals

Assess Fashion House plc's choice to locate its factory near Birmingham. Is Birmingham the right location for this type of business?

No. People from Birmingham aren't very fashionable.

How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?

It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.

Mrs Orpheus

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

And they walk amongst us and they will be able to vote!!

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

I am a Rotarian because of very fond memories. Rotary reminds me of my grandfather who was a charter member of the San Luis Potosi Rotary Club in 1925 and District Governor in 1943 / 1944 and was a role model for me. It brings my youth up front as I remember going with my father to International Conventions, District Conferences, parties and Club meetings.

The first time I spoke in public, was to my father's Rotary Club at our return from the International Convention in November 1957 – I was seven. My father was also District Governor, 50 years after my grandfather in 1993 / 1994.

I am a Rotarian because most of my friends are Rotarians, because Rotary has been a University for me....

- it has taught me to listen instead of just hearing,
- to communicate instead of just talking,
- to co-ordinate instead of leading,
- it has taught me the greatness of some and the humility of others.
- it has taught me to be a good person.

I am a Rotarian because I like to serve and help people, and Rotary provides me with the opportunity to do so in an organised and international manner.

I am a Rotarian because I am very proud of what we, as Rotarians, achieve.

Federico Compean III
PDG 1990 / 1991 – District 413
San Luis Potosi Industrial Rotary Club
MEXICO

MINI VOCATIONAL

Paul Stevenson is working at Centacare and covers Family Relationships. This is a Federally funded program and has 66 centres around the country. The aim is to try to bring “warring” families together and show how they are ‘parenting” their children and introduce changes. Assist men to obtain visiting rights and similar with their children, assist by providing relevant information to the men who attend anti-natal clinics, visit men in prison and help keep them informed. Appreciate that more and more grandparents and relatives are bringing up children while parents are either working, split-up situations and similar. There is no financial assistance for grandparents and relatives – seeking ways to assist them.

GUEST SPEAKER

Peter Ross has been in Tamworth for a little over 15 months and he and his family are really enjoying the move to the country – really enjoying Tamworth and feeling quite settled. Peter’s wife, Leonie is also enjoying her work at the Atrium Business Centre.

Peter grew up in Newcastle and participated in musicals at school and then the Youth Theatre where he caught the “bug” and has been involved in and around the theatre ever since. At the Youth Theatre he was assistant stage manager and they organised six shows a year. Great training ground and was there for three years – Resident Stage Manager, Directed and performed. He had six months in a show in England and a year away in total. Came back to “Freewheels” – theatre education in Hunter Street, Newcastle back when that was a vibrant part of the city. He has toured the States in Australia bringing theatre to children and this proved a very good training ground as well.

He moved to Perth and trained with stars such as Hugh Jackman and Lisa McCue and chose musical theatre for his future....He moved back to Sydney and did various part-time jobs to help pay the rent, various commercials, some bit parts and directing. He has worked at the Ensemble Theatre at Kirribilli and met his wife, Leonie and married also working with the Sydney Company as assistant manager, director etc. Finally with The Boy from Oz – Hugh Jackman travelled with this show until the move to Tamworth. Peter’s son was born during all this excitement.

Peter also worked with Peter Cousens as the artistic producer for Kookaburra Company for three years. In December 2008 he was the referee for a person who applied for this position – this person did not take up the offer and he was asked and here he is.... In January 2009 I met Meg Larkin who did a wonderful job with the setting up of this theatre. Since then I have created a new logo for the Capitol Theatre, opened a website, ticketing now centred at Tourism Tamworth and introduced an annual program and subscription. This year we have 22 events coming to the Capitol – know that it is probably not possible to attend all but overall the response is above expectation which is very rewarding and augers well for the future – the community has been so supportive - Tamworth Regional Council supported a risky venture and must be feeling relieved that it has worked.

How do I program?

Cyberpaddock is held twice yearly – we, in the business, see a number of short overviews and we vote. These shows then go to the Long Paddock and we see them in detail and vote again. The shows with the most votes are then “toured” through each of the States and a flat fee is charged for each show. The shows we will see in 2011 – 2012 will be chosen in April 2010.

We have arranged letterbox drops, we seek presenting partners (local sponsors) who are able to bring clients or family members also (so many free tickets are issued). Also attend schools with some of the touring artists to assist with their drama classes and include primary schools in these events.

I am open to any suggestions to help promote the Capitol Theatre and, of course, Tamworth and am now on the Board of Tourism Tamworth and this is part of the promotion – the diversity that is available in Tamworth.

Introduced by Brian Thompson and thanked by Meg Larkin.

Charge Your Glasses - Let's Drink a Toast To.....

PRID John Thorne.

A toast is given in honour of someone or an organisation or event.

At Rotary club meetings we sometimes drink a toast to a member who is celebrating a birthday, an anniversary or return from hospital after an illness, for example. This would be more informal and so after someone (the club president?) proposes the toast the response might be casual or light-hearted, such as:

- Cheers or Good Health – Australia, New Zealand
- Bottoms Up or Good Health – United Kingdom
- Chin Chin – Argentina, Portugal
- Prost or Gesundheit – Germany
- Kampai – Japan
- Mabuhay – The Philippines
- Proost – The Netherlands
- Salud or Salut – Spain and Spanish speaking countries
- Santé – France and French speaking regions
- Skål – Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland
- Slàinte – Ireland.

There are other occasions that are more formal. The event we might think of now could be dinner at an important District combined event, the District Conference or a Zone Institute.

There are four parts to these types of toasts:

1. The verbal tribute
2. The agreement by those present
3. Drinking the toast
4. The response.

The organiser, knowing this plan, has early decisions to make. Preparation is essential as we all want to avoid surprises.

Let's think of a Toast to Rotary International. If you think through the purpose, then it is clear that the first decision is – who is appropriate to respond on behalf of Rotary International and will be present? This should be easy since RI has an approved list, in order, of the seniority of Rotarians. If the President of Rotary were attending the function, for instance, then he or she would be the only choice to respond on behalf of RI. If the President will not be there then his or her representative responds – after that you simply go down the list.

This protocol list is also printed in the RDU booklet, “Good Manners in Rotary?”

Once the person to respond has been chosen and informed, then the organiser should decide on the most appropriate person to propose the toast. At a District Conference, for instance, this might be the District Governor or it might be a revered, long-time member of Rotary.

The toast proposal should be two minutes or less, sincere and genuinely create a firm link between those present and (in this case) Rotary International. It is not a speech.

The MC invites the proposer to come forward. The proposer stands – asks those present to charge their glasses as there will be a toast ... and then to stand. When all is ready and quiet attained, he or she gives the toast.

The people then raise their glasses, agree with the toast by saying something like, “To Rotary International” and have a sip. There is no need to clink or touch glasses. Everyone sits down.

When the people are re-seated the MC invites the responder by name and title to respond to the toast. An appropriate response would be about one minute – it would again be well thought out, genuine and link those present with Rotary International; it is in effect a ‘thank you’ from the most senior member of Rotary present.

Other issues that need to be considered are:

- When to have the toast and if there will be more than one toast – people do not enjoy sitting, standing, sitting and standing
- Will everyone be able to see and hear the proposer and the responder?
- That there is indeed liquid on the table for a toast
- And that there are both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available
- With the Loyal Toast, there is generally no need for a response.

Let’s enjoy Rotary because..... “Rotary is in Your Hands”.

How Dinosaurs became extinct.

The very first "senior moment"



TOP THIS FOR A SPEEDING TICKET...

Two Hunter traffic patrol officers from Newcastle LAC were involved in an unusual incident while checking for speeding motorists on the F3 Freeway. One of the officers used a hand-held radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill, and was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 800Kph. Their radar suddenly stopped working and the officers were not able to reset it.

Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact latched on to a Williamtown FA-18 fighter jet which was engaged in a low-flying exercise over Wyong, approaching from the ocean.

Back at police headquarters the Local Area Commander fired off a stiff complaint to the RAAF Liaison officer at Williamtown.

Back came the reply in true laconic RAAF style:

'Thank you for your message, which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it.

Furthermore, an air-to-ground missile aboard the fully-armed aircraft had also automatically locked onto your equipment.

Fortunately the pilot flying the Hornet recognised the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile systems alert status, and was able to override the automated defence system before the missile was launched and your hostile radar installation was destroyed.

Thank you for your enquiry.

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2009 - 2010**

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Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions

Birthdays

03.04 – Dennis Johnson
 05.04 – Stephen Mitchell

Partners Birthdays



Anniversaries

Nil



Inductions

02.04 – Peter Ryan (2 years)
 04.04 – Peter Hinchcliffe (3 years)
 05.04 – Laurence Hearne (15 years)



Vocational Profile

Max May

Attendance Make Ups

82%
 District Conference – Annette Arthur, Jane Bradford, Vicki Cooper, David Hinwood, Louise Matthews, Terry Robinson, Brett White

Visitors Rotarians Visitors

Nil
 Jill Toulmin, Diana Lockwood, Chris Celovic, Patrick Mahoney

Heads & Tails Raffle

Skinner
 Brodie Shields

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
- 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

| | 31 March 2010 | 7 April 2010 |
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| Guest Speaker | Official Opening of BBQ's | Russell Hooper - NYSF |
| Meeter & Greeter | | Rob Sharp |
| Door Team | Brodie Shields & Helen Tickle | DJ Jones & Greg Birtles |
| Welcome | | Ross Lobsey |
| President Assist | | Terry Burgess |
| Visitor Assist | | Max Cathcart |
| Corporal Assist | | Barry Murphy |
| Introduction | | Dennis Maunder |
| Vote of Thanks | | Jeanette Mouatt |

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

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| April | Bruce Hemmett and Tim Coates |
| May | Ron Allen and Peter Bell |
| June | Barry Murphy and Phil Lyon- |
| July | Chris Sheppeard and Pat Varley |

Strange Job Interview Behaviour

“His attaché case opened when he picked it up and the contents spilled revealing ladies undergarments and assorted makeup and perfume.”