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2011-2012



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A Letter from Louise

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Meeting 1068

Quote of the Week:

“I have a different vision of leadership. A leadership is someone who brings people together.” – George W Bush

First official day in “the chair” & I missed a bit. I can’t believe the PP’s didn’t interject sooner!

I would like to extend my thanks again to the organising team for a great night on Saturday at Changeover. Congratulations to John Fogarty presented with Club Person of the Year, Bruce Hemmett with a Paul Harris Sapphire pin from District & our own PHF recipients: Julie Hemmett, Patricia Varley, Chris Sheppard & Tim Coates.

80% attendance this morning & only two members left standing when I asked the Rotary Trivia Question. I’m sure if I had allowed the outgoing Board to participate they would have all known the answer....not!

Our condolences go to Simon Chamberlain & his family on the loss of his Dad, I’m sure everyone’s thoughts are with him.

Our guest speaker, Richard Hardwick, after 22 years in the regular Army has certainly had a turn around in career. Michael O’Connor expressed it well when he said Richard has gone from managing violence to managing compassion in his role at Challenge Disability Services. Richard’s time in Iraq would certainly have left him with a special appreciation for our beautiful part of the world & our wonderful lifestyle.

Please give close consideration to which committees you would like to serve on & nominate before Tuesday 12th July.

A very special thanks to the Minister for Women’s Affairs, Brett White, for multitasking as only a woman could do by filling in as Meeter & Greeter, President Assist & still took notes for the Bulletin!

Happy Fiscal New Year!!

Louise oxo

CHANGEOVER 25 June 2011



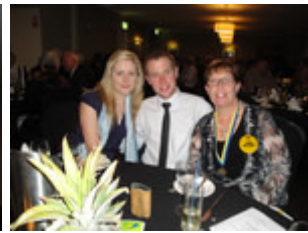
Louise showing her new hat



Tony Windsor & Chris Sheppard



Pres. David Hinwood & IP Louise Matthews



Louise and family



PDG Jane Bradford presenting Bruce Hemmett with Sapphire PHF for District



Julie Hemmett presented with PHF



Chris Sheppard presented with PHF



Patricia Varley presented with PHF



Tim Coates presented with PHF



John Fogarty presented with Steve Burrows Memorial Award Club Person of the Year by Lindsay & Mitch Burrows



Passing over the chain of office with a kiss



Louise and 2011-2012 Board



Louise presenting Graham Dooley with her painting of him



Our new President – Louise Matthews



Cup cakes to celebrate



PDG Jane and her mounted strawberry

UPDATES/ NEWS / DIARY DATES

- Golf Trip Gold Coast 7th August. Still opportunity to participate – some golfing ability an advantage! John Worldon announced that the golf Trips are a major fundraiser for the Club and have been going for twenty years. **The Golf Committee needs some prizes and / or sponsors OR members could make a small cash donation for prizes.**
- **Rugby Roster - next game 2nd July. Magpies vs Inverell with 3 matches on calendar - Contact John Fogarty**
Mobile: 0438 664359 and email ellwood-102@bigpond.com
John thanked members for participating so willingly.
- **[New Zealand / Australia Exchange in 2012](#)** – Louise Matthews outlined the aim of the program – a student from NZ spends a term here and stays with the student's family whilst her. The Australian student returns for a term in NZ and stays in the student's NZ home. This is reversed annually. The opportunity was offered to members with children of the appropriate age (years 8, 9 & 10) and the information will be sent to schools in due course. If interested, please contact Louise Matthews on mobile – 0420 743 083
Closes 30 June 2011.
- Pedal the Peel will happen again in March 2012 – NAB has agreed to sponsor
- Target shooting planned for 24 July. Speak to Michael O'Connor if interested.
- Next Board meeting will be on 12 July.
- Sergeant's dinner was to be held on 29 June unless the goat and the sacred cape could not be located. Chris to be inducted and educated and should be back to work in a couple of days.
- Please consider what committee you would like to be involved with and advise Louise prior to 12 July. Refer to the separately attached Board and Portfolios listing.
- The winner of last weeks 'Rotary Trivia Quiz' was PP Chris Sheppard.



PP David Hinwood thanks Lorna and Judy from Sanctuary Inn for the exceptional service during the past Rotary Year on behalf of our Club.



Past Presidents table

PP Phil & imaginary friends

Guest speaker – Richard Hardwick introduced by Michael O’Connor

Richard is now employed as Manager in the HR and OH & S area for Challenge Group. His talk was based on his experience of 22 years in the regular Army and as a reservist.

Richard spoke to the Club about his time serving in Iraq during Operation Catalyst (2003 to 2009). He served on or in PMV’s (Protective Mobility Vehicle) weighs 15 tonne and is made to withstand up to 15 kg explosive. He served south of the city Talil on the Euphrates River and this area experiences temperatures from 69 degrees down to minus 5 degrees.

The Talil area is renowned for being the home of the Ziggurat of Ur, Birth place of Abraham and location of the Towers of Babel.

Richards’s team had the task of patrolling, maintain observations posts and security actions. This involved protecting US convoys and securing unmanned aircraft except for minor accidental wing damage.

Part of Richard’s role was Key Leadership Engagement, which involved meeting with local people to discuss political and social needs.

Richards discussed the ever present roadside bombs or IED’s and the good aspects such as building schools, orphanages, ensuring safe water supply and providing food and water hand outs.

In answer to the question “What is the long-term future for Iraq”, Richards’s response was short and to the point “They need to Help Themselves”.

Barry Murphy commented that due to Richard’s history with PMV’s in Iraq, he is not permitted to drive any Challenge vehicles.



Richard was thanked by Steve Massey.

“ IN SEARCH OF THE ROTARY WOMAN! ”

Article by: Kerry

Kornhauser

District: Women In Rotary



President Elect

Director of Vocational

Rotary Club of Albert Park, District 9800

In the first of a three-part series, this article looks at the role of women in Rotary.

Recently when focus groups in 12 countries around the world were asked to describe Rotary and Rotarians, their responses were: *Business Men *Elite *Secretive *Old *Wealthy *Unsure if women are allowed to join.

Within each focus group in each and every region attendees commented “women are not allowed or welcome into Rotary”.

After 21 years of women in Rotary, this myth continues.

Perhaps this explains the alarming statistic, that just 17% of all Rotarians are women.

Yet there are an enormous number of women in businesses large and small, government, and professions with a desire to contribute to their communities; a track record of volunteering; and strengths and networks which could be applied to Rotary club and their projects. If we do not seek them out and make a place for them in Rotary it is our loss. So, are these women operating under the illusion that Rotary is a male-only environment? If so, how do we change their perception? And if not, how do we attract them to Rotary? Involving women in Rotary is a lot more than simply a matter of gender equality. The benefits to Rotary of recruiting and retaining women members include

improved club performance, enhanced relevance in our communities, and the increased attraction and retention of volunteers.

Moreover, we are experiencing a stagnant or falling male Rotarian membership; by adding more women to the membership base, we are growing our numbers of potential volunteers!

The future of Rotary depends on enthusiastic membership.

For Rotary is to be a dynamic force for good in our world women need to engaged.

Did you know that in the private sector, a link is increasingly being drawn between gender diversity in senior positions and performance? Studies show companies with higher levels of gender diversity outperform their competitors. Put simply by a former Chairman of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, William Donaldson, “monolithic backgrounds are destined to foster monolithic thinking. Women add a differing and complementing perspective to that of men, allowing more innovative ideas to develop”.

To address club membership, relevance and performance we need District Governors, Presidents and members to be forward looking and to spread the word ... *Women are welcome at Rotary !*

We invite you to explore these ideas further within your Club. If you need more information, contact “Women In Rotary” Suzanne Campbell suzannejoycampbell@gmail.com or Kerry Kornhauser at kerry@travelinn.net.au



THE SEXIEST MAN ALIVE!



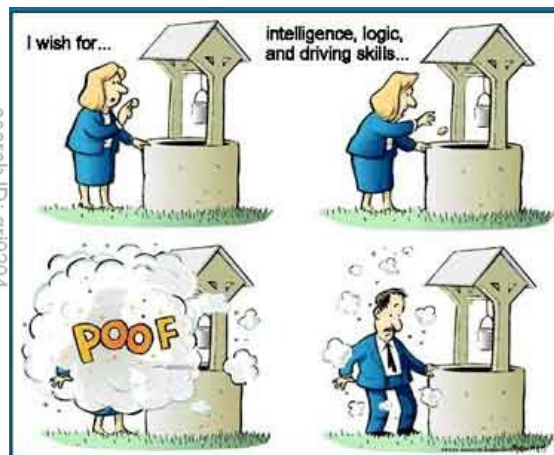
THE REAL REASON QUASIMODO BECAME A HUNCHBACK

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"Look! It's superwoman...and all her assistants!"



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Dictionary for women

Argument (ar*gyou*ment) n. A discussion that occurs when you're right, but he just hasn't realized it yet.

Airhead (er*hed) n. What a woman intentionally becomes when pulled over by a policeman.

Bar-be-que (bar*bi*q) n. You bought the groceries, washed the lettuce, chopped the tomatoes, diced the onions, marinated the meat and cleaned everything up, but, he, "made the dinner."

Blonde jokes (blond joks) n. Jokes that are short so men can understand them.

Cantaloupe (kant*e*lope) n. Gotta get married in a church.

Clothes dryer (kloze dri*yer) n. An appliance designed to eat socks.

Diet Soda (dy*it so*da) n. A drink you buy at a convenience store to go with a half pound bag of peanut M&Ms.

Eternity (e*ter*ni*tee) n. The last two minutes of a football game.

Exercise (ex*er*siz) v. To walk up and down a mall, occasionally resting to make a purchase.

Grocery List (grow*ser*ee list) n. What you spend half an hour writing, then forget to take with you to the store.

Hair Dresser (hare dres*er) n. Someone who is able to create a style you will never be able to duplicate again. See "Magician."

Hardware Store (hard*war stor) n. Similar to a black hole in space-if he goes in, he isn't coming out anytime soon.

Childbirth (child*brth) n. You get to go through 36 hours of contractions; he gets to hold your hand and say "focus,...breath...push..."

Lipstick (lip*stik) n. On your lips, coloring to enhance the beauty of your mouth. On his collar, coloring only a tramp would wear...!

Park (park) v./n. Before children, a verb meaning, "to go somewhere and neck." After children, a noun meaning a place with a swing set and slide.

Patience (pa*shens) n. The most important ingredient for dating, marriage and children. See also "tranquilizers."

Waterproof Mascara (wah*tr*pruf mas*kar*ah) n. Comes off if you cry, shower, or swim, but will not come off if you try to remove it.

Valentine's Day (val*en*tinez dae) n. A day when you have dreams of a candlelight dinner, diamonds, and romance, but consider yourself lucky to get a card

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.

ROSTER	6th July 2011	13th July 2011
Guest Speaker	Steve Bargwana	Brian Thompson
Topic	Recycling	Personal Profile
Door Team	David Hinwood & Rob Sharp	Graham Nuttall & Peter Bell
Meeter & Greeter	Max May	Julian Smith
Welcome	John Worldon	John Glynn
President Assist	John Toulmin	Phil Penman
Visitor Assist	Campbell McIntosh	Terry Burgess
Corporal Assist	John Fogarty	Simon Chamberlain
Introduction	John Treloar	Brian Thompson
Vote of Thanks	Stuart Glover	Ron Allen

**CORPORALS for: July: Vicki Cooper and Norm Dezius
August: Phil Heffernan and Anne Jacob
September: Terry Robinson and Helen Tickle**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Max May (2/7) and Garnett Wood (3/7) both 65 years young, Helen Tickle (1/7) 24 yrs
Partners Birthdays	Narree McIntosh (8/7)
Anniversaries	Phil & Trish Heffernan (28/6) 42 years of wedded bliss
Induction into Club	Nil
Attendance	80%
Make Ups	Brian Thompson – Sunrise, Helen Tickle – Tamworth West
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Nil
Head and Tails	John Glynn
Raffle	Skinner

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