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A Letter from Louise

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Quote of the Week:

“You can analyse the past, but you have to design the future.” – Edward de Bono

Club Assembly this morning & we have a lot of things on the agenda, so hopefully every member can find a project to assist with.

Phil Lyon is working on a “Policy & Practice Manual” to assist incoming Boards & all members with policies & procedures that are not necessarily in the Constitution or By-Laws but ensure the smooth running of the Club. This will be a document that will be continually updated & amended. Phil has asked for any input, particularly from past Board members on any matters they feel should be passed on. For example, the Past Presidents Table at the first meeting in the New Year & the Sergeant’s Dinner.

Speaking of Phil, I would like to take the opportunity to thank him for his constant support & wealth of knowledge in relation to matters re: the Constitution, By Laws & generally all things Rotary.

It was great to see Dr Rob this morning & get an update on New Guinea. Please speak to Dr Di, Vicki, Brett or Robbo if you have an interest in going, or know a “tradie” or “medico” that can assist on the next trip.

Thanks to Jim Raymond for organising the outing to Willow Tree by train & lunch at the pub last Sunday. It was a perfect day, wonderful company, great food & all round good fun. PDG Jane made friends with a German backpacker & we all got “flashed” on the way back to Tamworth, culturally quite a diverse experience.

I mentioned the Mental Health First Aid Courses this morning. I strongly recommend this course to everyone. I'm just waiting on confirmation on dates & venues, but please give this some thought. Courses are 12 hours, run over two days. Numbers are limited to 20.

Please get your tickets for Darren Carr & Ashleigh Dallas for Wed 12th Oct.

We need to sell 100 tickets to cover costs. Chris Watson has posters for your business & tickets to sell to friends, family & workmates. \$25pp.

Don't forget to keep a look out for some young people we can send to RYLA, a wonderful opportunity for personal development, the results speak for themselves.

Have a good week & make every day count,
Louise oxo

UPDATES/ NEWS / DIARY DATES

- **Futures Licensed Training Bistro**
Members are advised that places for dinner are available. Where: Bistro in K Block at the TAFE, Piper Street. 3 course dinner for \$19.50 / head available on Thursday evenings from 6pm on the following dates: 13th October, 20th October, 27th October, 3rd November, 10th November, 17th November, 24th November and 1st December. Bookings are essential. Contact Kaylene Thompson on 6768 2362. Jim Raymond is now looking at specific dates and then request numbers from members.
- **Guess Who is Coming to Dinner** will be held October 22 and based on large number of name listed so far, it is going to be **HUGE**
- **Christmas Party** – make a note of the date now - **26 November**
- **Bumper stickers** are still being sold and bulk deals are available. Please see Dools.
- **Bruce Hemmett** advised that the “Footloose” fund raiser for Brain Cancer Research on October 7 is a sell out.
- “**Stress less Day**” There will be a fund raiser event at The Pub on October 12 with comedian Darren Carr and Ashleigh Dallas from 7.00 pm. This will follow the ‘walk’ at 7 am and 7.30 BBQ breakfast (with HNE Health) and the hope is that \$25 x 200 tickets are sold. More details later. **This will be a transfer meeting so bring your running shoes.** I can't get the poster in the bulletin so have attached as a separate document.
- **Caramello Bear Quiz**, What does MUNA stand for and what is it all about? Answer..... Model United Nations Assembly and involves groups of three high school students representing various countries and negotiating various issues any way they chose. Winner – Barry Biffin.
- **Golf Committee Meeting** – 4 October 5.00 pm at “Hancocks Office” (Dennis Maunder)

- **Chris Watson has 5 boxes of hand knitted jumpers (sorry Paul jerseys) and not sure what he plans to do with them – Auction or Sale perhaps. But I think related to Stress Less Day. Chris will advise further I am sure.**
- **Helen Tickle reminds the club about the Serendipity 20 – 20 Cricket Match on October 7. \$50.00 gets you entry to the grand marquee. See Helen or Michael Smith for details.**
- **Can I have some more recipes please**
- **Chris Watson advised that assistance on the BBQ is required for the 360 Fitness Family Fun Day between 11.00 and 2.00 at Bicentennial Park on 1 October. Show of hands and good numbers indicated.**
- **Peter Ryan advised recent bike ride for Westpac Rescue Helicopter raised \$26,000.**
- **Brian Logan confirmed our catering involvement is again required for the Relay for Life on weekend of 15/16 October.**
- **Big thanks to Jim Raymond for organizing the Willow Tree train trip and lunch. Another trip will be planned for around March 2012.**

Club Assembly

New England Orthopaedic Outreach Program - Rob Sharp

- Problems this year obtaining the free services of an Anaesthetist
- Nursing visit in May was successful
- November trip planned for one week only
- ENT Surgeon Rob Dorrington to travel with group for preliminary visit
- Three trips planned for next year at least and possibly four
- Building plans for extension to theatre have been drawn up, but slow progress in PNG
- Next stage will be the costs and time lines and need resources.

Barry Murphy – Treasurer

- We have kack loads of money (not sure how to spell kack)
- Service \$24,757, Pedal the Peel \$968, Science & Engineering \$2,483
- 6 members left to pay their subs
- Fines averaging \$127 per meeting compared to \$106 last year

Jim Raymond – Service

- A great job is being done by Dave Hinwood with our Program and Brett with the Bulletin
- Recipes required please
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner will be a big one on 22 October
- Walcha Road trip being planned for new year
- Christmas Party on 26 November will again be at the Rugby Club and will have a game of soccer against the girls (Sunrise)
- Willow Tree successful and another planned for next year

- Bush Dance in the planning stage...just need a venue (minor issue)
- Futures Bistro will be booked
- Cricket Match had to be postponed to be fair to Sunrise who obviously needed more time to practice and Steve Massey will be looking at March next year
- Men's cooking course to be planned. No women allowed as not required as they have a gene for cooking.

Louise Matthews for Phil Lyon – Foundation

- Policy & Practice manual being implemented
- 24 October is Polio Day and need to consider how we acknowledge and recognise

Chris Watson – Public Relations

- Radio interviews each month going well
- Pull up banner being purchased to promote our club
- Receiving good PR for the Darren Carr show

John Glynn – Membership

- Want to get Club membership numbers back up to 72 from the current 69
- Younger people required and request members to actively promote our Club to a younger group rather than refer to other Clubs
- Promote Rotary and our Club
- Consider guest speakers as prospective Rotarians

Michael O'Connor – Service Projects

- Hunter New England Stress Less Day 12 October will be transfer meeting and even though BBQ is free, we will still charge our members and donate the money.
- Don't forget the walk before the breakfast
- NZ trip 4 couple already signed up for 8 to 18 March 2012 and working with Auckland Rotary
- 26 October will be a breakfast visit to Westpac Rescue Helicopter Base
- 30 November will be Namoi Regional Library visit
- Visit to the Sewage treatment works/farm be planned for next year
- Careers Expo in May 2012

Terry Robinson – Pedal the Peel

- NAB keen to support the event and donate \$5,000
- Will be held in March/April 2012

Terry Robinson – Science & Engineering

- Planned for 18 to 20 March 2012 at TREC
- Funding is happening and all proceeding well

Phil Penman – Golf Committee

- 3 trips still each year and well supported
- Hunter trip – we have 16 so far but need 36 to 48. Date is 23 – 25 October 2011-09-23

Louise Matthews – President Report

- Club Person of the Year will be awarded based on a points score such as best and fairest
- Public Speaking on 14 November and hosted by West Rotary and we may do a transfer to the Monday evening to support
- Mental Health First Aid Course is a 12 hour course being held over two days. Plan for either 27 October and 2 November (Wednesdays) or 7 and 14 December
- Knitting – 6 cartons left of kids jumpers in Louise’s garage
- Career Expo and involvement of Joblink Plus. Our Club is not able to run this event now without assistance. Joblink is perfect fit for the event and we do very little but get recognition. It is low cost commitment for our Club and we can’t afford the \$20,000 cost. Successful partnership and we have problems even filling a roster for our stand let alone organise, set up and run the event. Joblink have a dedicated person who starts organising event 9 months out.

Mark O’Connor – RYLA

- Nick H and Naomi S involved and doing a great job
- Bus trip planned to take interest Rotarians to Keepit for a day
- Keep in mind young people in the 18 to 25 age group that may benefit from this great program



President Louise presenting a cheque to Bruce Hemmett for the Gabby Botfield Angels Foundation to go to Brain Cancer Research

The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light Masterchef page

This weeks guest Chef is PP John Treloar

John Treloar's favourite Baked Pumpkin Risotto

1 Cup Arborio Rice
2 ½ Cups Chicken Stock
60 Grams Butter
350 Grams Jap or Butternut
Pumpkin, Peeled and diced

½ Cup Finely Grated
Parmesan Cheese
Cracked Black Pepper
Sea Salt
1 Tbsp Chopped Flat-Leaf Parsley

Method

Preheat oven to 190c. Place Arborio rice, stock, butter & pumpkin in an oven-proof dish and cover tightly with a lid or aluminium foil.

Bake for 30 minutes, or until rice is soft.

Stir through parmesan cheese, pepper, salt & parsley and serve.

Serves 2-3.



From the Fat Farmacist



IA Canberra airport ticket agent-must read! *This is priceless funny stuff; but alas, is only a small indication of how much trouble our country is in.*

God Bless Australia !

- 1. I had a politician (Julie Bishop) ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)**

- 2. I got a call from a Qld politician (Katter) staffer (Howard Bauleke), who wanted to go to Capetown . I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown IS in Qld...." Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cooktown is in Qld, Capetown is in Africa " his response -- click.**

- 3. A senior Labor Politician (Kevin Rudd) called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando . He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, 'don't lie to me, I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state!'" (OMG)**

- 4. I got a call from a Politicians wife (Landra Reid) who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada ?" I said, "No." She said, "But they look so close on the map." (OMG, again!)**

- 5. An aide for a cabinet member (Janet Napolitano) once called and asked if she could rent a car in Sydney . I pulled up the reservation and noticed she had only a 1-hour layover in Sydney . When I asked her why she wanted to rent a car, she said, "I heard Sydney was a big airport, and we will need a car to drive between gates to save time." (Aghhhh)**

- 6. An Independent (Wilkie) called last week. He needed to know how it was possible that his flight from Sydney left at 8:30 a.m., and got to Perth at 8:33 a.m.**

I explained that Sydney was two hours ahead of Perth , but he couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told him the plane went fast, and he bought that.

- 7. A Federal politician, (Joe Hockey) called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said, 'No, why do you ask?' He replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that's very rude!" After putting him on hold for a minute, while I looked into it. (I was dying laughing). I came back and explained the city code for Fraser Island is (FAT - Fraser Air Terminal), and the airline was just putting a destination tag on his luggage.**

- 8. A Senator (Bronwyn Bishop) called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii . After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii ?"**

- 9. I just got off the phone with a Labor politician, Peter Garrett who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?" I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these planes have that number on them."**

10. Peter Slipper (Qld politician) called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-Cola , Florida .Do I have to get on one of those little computer planes?" I asked if he meant fly to Pensacola , FL on a commuter plane. He said, "Yeah, whatever, smarty!"

11. Mary Landrieu, (Kevin Rudd's aide) called and had a question about the documents she and her boss needed in order to fly to China . After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded her that she needed a visa. 'Oh, no I don't. I've been to China many times and never had to have one of those.' I double checked and sure enough, her stay required a visa. When I told her this she said, "Look, I've been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express!"

12. Prime Minister (Julia Gillard) called to make reservations, "I want to go from Chicago to Rhino, New York." I was at a loss for words. Finally, I said, "Are you sure that's the name of the town?" 'Yes, what flights do you have?" replied Ms Gillard. After some searching, I came back with, "I'm sorry, I've looked up every airport code in the country and can't find a rhino anywhere." "Julia said, "Oh, don't be silly! Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!" So I scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don't mean Buffalo, do you?" The reply? "Whatever! I knew it was a big animal."

Now you know why the Government is in the shape that it's in!

Could anyone be this DUMB?

YES, THEY WALK AMONG US, ARE IN POLITICS,

AND THEY CONTINUE TO BREED..

ROSTER	28 September 2011	5 October 2011
Guest Speaker	John Hoye	Charles Impey
Topic	Gliding & Soaring	Children's Adventure Playground
Door Team	Di Ford & Graham Dooley	Dennis Johnson & Steve Massey
Meeter & Greeter	Garnet Wood	Michael Smith
Welcome	Michael O'Connor	Ross Lobsey
President Assist	Peter Hyde	Phil Heffernan
Visitor Assist	Ian Howle	John Fogarty
Corporal Assist	Paul Stevenson	David Hinwood
Introduction	Bruce Hemmett	Max May
Vote of Thanks	Vicki Cooper	Helen Tickle

**CORPORALS for: September: Terry Robinson and Helen Tickle
 October: Max May and Max Cathcart**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Vicki Cooper 30/9 24 yrs, Campbell McIntosh 5/10 44 yrs
Partners Birthdays	Pam Shields 29/9 39 yrs
Anniversaries	Stuart & Paula Glover 1/10 17 years
Induction into Club	Julian Smith 3/10 10 years
Attendance	
Make Ups	
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Brian Bailey & Anne Walsh
Head and Tails	Terry Robinson
Raffle	Skinner

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