



Julie J hands back the microphone after explaining her introduction to the Rotary Group Study Exchange & North Carolina



A smiling group having thanked both speakers

Des T & John G (The Guys who put the *BULL* into *BULLETIN*)

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Rotary Club of Cooma

"Rotary – Gateway to the Snowies"



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The first speaker was Prosan Sharp the Cooma Australia Day Ambassador, who is studying a degree in War Crimes. A Red Cross Volunteer and Ambassador for Human Rights, and is passionate of his Australian Identity. He informed us that Rotary has strong ties with the UN, informing us that when the original charter for the United Nations was prepared 37 Rotarians lobbied and had 2 items changed in the original charter. Then Bernie Rodgers of Hall Rotary Club, the DG Nominee for 2007/08 gave us an update on Rotary Polio Eradication program., Egypt

is now Polio Free but there are still cases of Polio in Nigeria, Indonesia and Yemen, 100 cases reported last year 800 in Nigeria, but hopefully Rotary's eradication program is still on track. The main speaker was Ann Louttit, PDG, Paul Harris Fellow employed by Dept. Foreign Affairs and Trade. Ann's topic was Rotary Foundation and with a bit of assistance from John Mercer & Julie J on Group Study Exchange, and matching grants from Peter Davis, Ann explained that foundation funds are used for Group Study Exchange, Rotary Peace Scholarships, Ambassadorial Scholarships, and identified some participants in Canberra the club might like to use as Guest Speakers. Also advised the matching grants program, advising that the foundation will not fund construction projects unless they are ablution blocks (Toilets for Bus Stop in the Park maybe?) matching grants consist of a donation from a club here, and another overseas, before RI will match this. She also advised that donations to the Foundation can be tax deductible and is sending the necessary forms down so we can complete these, make a donation and get a tax deduction and not have to put a gold coin in the little brown mug. Might also increase our donations.



Duty Roster – JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Attendance:

FEBRUARY: Monica Alcock, Tom Bellgard

MARCH: Geoff Bowland & Howard Brown

Meeting Preparation/Property

FEBRUARY: Richard Warner, Des Trute

MARCH: Tony Strong & Les Sutcliffe

Fellowship: Margaret Echarri

Be early, if not at a meeting arrange a substitute. If meeting held at another venue arrange to bring property.

Markets –

FEBRUARY 19th: Robbyn Crooks, Lou Moore (C'Van), Les Sutcliffe (BBQ), David Byrne, Des Trute, John Clarke

MARCH 19th: Wolfgang Laub (C'van), Alan Dodd (BBQ) Monica Alcock, Geoff Bowland.

NOTE: Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place. Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 8am. If you are unable to tow the van or chuck wagon PLEASE ASK SOME ONE WHO CAN, or advise Robbyn before the event. Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY 1st February, 2006

Venue: Cooma Thai Restaurant

Apologies & Guests to Darrell Please – Phone 6452 3302

PROGRAMME: Ken Silitch

TOPIC: Waste Management

Introduction: David Byrne Vote of Thanks: Geoff Bowland

6.00 for 6.30pm

RYPEN STUDENTS

RYPEN Students will address the Club on Wednesday 8th February. Their topic will be RYPEN

ATTENDANCE

38 members + 2 makeups = 78.4%

VISITING ROTARIANS: Anne Loutit, Bernie Rodgers

GUESTS: Maree (Pres Kevin), Katrin Hackney, Prasan Sharp, Freja (Club

APOLOGIES: Marianne B, John C, Ashley C, Shirley G, Alyson H-J,

Marco R, & Tony S. LEAVE: Ed C. MAKEUPS: John M, John C.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Anon

If you can count your money, you don't have a million dollars

Next week: Tony Strong

RYLA

Kerrie Sutcliffe and Mat Shirvington are the Club representatives at RYLA which started last Monday.

GYE STUDENTS

The outgoing students have arrived at their host homes, and are settling in. More detail next week.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Peter D advised that RI will not match the Aus Aid grant for the Kemabolo Water project, but Woden Daylight have donated \$1000 and we now have \$11,386 of the \$14,339 required. Also Bernie Rodgers is going to push our barrow on this one.

WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

February is World Understanding Month. This is a special month in the Rotary Calendar. It also includes the anniversary of Rotary's first meeting held on 23rd February 1905, now designated as World Understanding and Peace Day.

Let us emphasise the understanding and goodwill as an essential for world peace.

RI PRESIDENT TO VISIT D9710

It is the intention of the RI President to visit D 9710 in March. RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar will be visiting Bega on Thursday 23rd March. This is a unique opportunity to hear the RI President speak. President Kevin will discuss this at the meeting this Wednesday.

St Patrick's Day anniversary which is usually held with Tuggeranong Club at Michelago will also be discussed at the next meeting. So please be at the meeting and have your suggestions handy when asked.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 6th and 7th May in Yass –

Make a note in your diary now and keep the date free.