



Peace Through Service

Guest Speakers: Mississippi Group Study Exchange Team - District 6820

Judy Lyons, Paul Foster, Katharine Frantes, Matthew Goddard & Alonda Wright

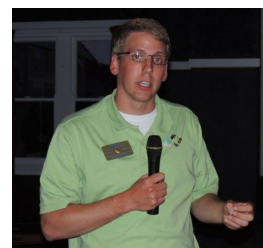
Intro: Katrin H

Thanks: Steve S



Judy Lyons, PhD, is the GSE team leader. She is a member of the Rotary Club of North Jackson, in Mississippi. Her father was a Rotary Club president and Judy became involved during her High School years, she was president of the local Interact Club. She has been a Rotarian for 17 years and is a Paul Harris fellow. In her everyday life, Judy is a clinical psychologist specialising in post traumatic stress and disaster response. While here she would like to see models of mental health care administration and discuss models of disability compensation for injured workers and veterans. She would like to learn how others design and manage mental health care programs, set care priorities and prioritise resource allocation.

Paul Foster, CPA, CFE, is a Forensic Accountant at HORNE LLP located in Jackson, Mississippi. HORNE is one of America's top 50 public accounting firms. He completed his tertiary education, graduating with a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Taxation from the University of Mississippi. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is interested in visiting a business which is the equivalent of the firm he works for in the US, particularly one that focuses on forensic investigations, fraud or business valuations. As a result of this exchange he expects to continue to gain confidence in communication within a professional setting.



Katharine Frantes, MS, is an International Education Coordinator at Mississippi State University (the traditional rival to Paul's University of Mississippi). She would like to visit the study abroad and exchange student departments at the Australian National University, University of Canberra, University of NSW and University of Wollongong as well as any other Universities that she can get access to. She hopes to gain an understanding of the regional and cultural heritage of NSW so she can better recommend Australia to Mississippi State University students who are intending to study abroad. She also hopes to set up an exchange agreement with one of the universities in District 9710.

Matthew Goddard, PhD, is an agricultural researcher and site manager for Monsanto in Leland, Mississippi. He has a passion for agriculture and enjoying the outdoors, a passion which he shares with the other GSE team members. He is anxious to visit the many diverse geographical regions of Australia and see the many state and national parks. Within these regions he would like to meet with local producers, academics, researchers and law makers in order to see and learn how the agricultural industry operates in Australia. This visit provides him with a unique opportunity to discuss similarities, differences and trade ideas with people whose industries are similar but conditions are so different. Matt would also like to meet with local Monsanto representatives during this visit.



Alonda Wright, BS, is a wildlife biologist/outdoor outfitter in Natchez which is located along side the Mississippi River. She hopes to visit coastal areas, the outback, biological areas, ecotourism businesses and specifically nesting areas of Australian sea turtles or a rehabilitation centre for sea turtles. Also anything which relates to the outdoors such as Byron Bay, Montague Island and Jervis Bay National Parks. She would like to encounter ecotourism and natural areas in Australia, look at coastal areas and habitat conditions, environmental standards and community efforts to promote sustainability and preservation of biological areas and marine habitats.

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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

3 MINUTER

This week we heard from Mark C. He entertained us with his recollections of growing up in Murrurundi, which is at the head of the Hunter Valley, in the 1960's & 70's. The town had a population of 900 with a climate similar to the Mediterranean, short cold winters and long hot summers. There was no swimming pool until the mid '70's, all swimming was done in the swimming holes along the Pages river, which changed after every flood plus there was the added excitement of not knowing whether you were swimming with snakes or not. From about the age of 7 there was no parental supervision, it was straight home from school to eat a substantial snack then back out again until dark. There were no mobile phones, no checking in with Mum, they definitely were not wrapped in cotton wool. The cuts, scrapes and breaks they got were all part of growing up and one of the most fun things we did was sliding across the level crossing in the green slime when the water level had dropped. A major form of entertainment was when the circus came to town - everyone stopped to watch the trained elephant help erect the big top. Another town stopper was the Rodeo which happened on 1 January. Our immunisations were done at the local hospital by a Flying Doctor as there was no doctors surgery in town.

During the May school holidays it was a trip to the coast including visits to Mini Waters, Coolangatta, Kooliwong, Foster, Long Jetty and Tuncurry, just to mention a few. As Dad was a shearer other school holidays were spent working in the sheds pressing wool with hand presses with very long handles that you had to pump to squash the bales.

On Saturday lunch was BBQ and on Sunday it was always roast, after Church. Hot water came via a wetback in the St George wood stove which had to be lit no matter the weather. The weather always kept them busy, if it rained then the gutters would overflow and swamp the lino in the breezeway, which meant all hands on deck with mops. Hot days meant making sure that snakes didn't come into the house where it was cool but the lino showed scars of where they had been and where they met their ends.

Nobody had air conditioning and even a ceiling fan was a luxury. Bikes came in one size with 1 gear and back pedal brakes. It was a race bike, a mountain bike, a box bike and a trials bike all rolled into 1. Sport was football every Saturday in Winter and the away games meant getting up early for a bus ride to places like Scone, Muswellbrook or Singleton. In Summer, once we got a pool, it was swimming club. Most Sundays were devoted to golf, he played in the adult comp as there was no juniors comp and when a partner was needed Dad met the call and they even won a few times.

Christmas was an event for the family and the extended family. It was always hot so the Christmas dinner was done late Christmas eve when it had cooled down. Present opening was done before Church and if they were good the boys were allowed to take one present with them.

Once a year there was a shopping trip to Tamworth, they would also go to the Drive-in there. Mum, Dad and baby in the front and the 3 boys in the back. The trip was spent beating on each other, no wonder they didn't go many places. A major treat was the smorgasbord at the pub, they managed to embarrass Mum so she left around about the 5th helping. Sometimes Mum would need a break after suffering from 3 boy syndrome, so she would go to Sydney to visit her Mum and return a week or so later recharged and ready to go again.

Photo Gallery



Elaine M, Paul, Matt, Katharine & Donna Sadler (out bound GSE)



Judy, Robb S & Tom B



President Richard after presenting the GSE team with certificates and banners



Donna, Mark C, Pres Richard & Judy



GSE team at Mt Gladstone



GSE team at Thredbo

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Mark J-N

If Plan A fails, don't worry as there is always another 25 letters in the alphabet.

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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM****AT THE SOVEREIGN MOTEL (OPPOSITE KENTUCK), SHARP ST. COOMA****Theme of the Month for Cooma Rotary:
Vocational Service****THIS WEEK'S NEWS**

It was a good market this month, David sent in the report of 55 stalls with a profit of \$2116.00

Claire N advised that the Hat Parade for mental health went well and the Interact volunteers from the Snowy Mountains Christian School helped to raise \$280 - well done.

Geoff B shared with us his visit to India and presented President Richard with 3 banners.

It was the night for banner presentations as the GSE team also present President Richard with a further 5 banners provided by the various sponsoring clubs.

Snowy Hydro Southcare sent a letter of thanks to the Club for a donation of \$500, acknowledging that it is donations like this that allow them to continue to do the good work that they do in the area.

Mark J-N made a call for volunteers to help out on the weekend of 3rd and 4th November to assist in providing a BBQ for the Snowy Ride and the National Busking Championships. We will be setting up in the Park from 7.30am and need as many hands as possible, (15 volunteers would be great) even if it just for a few hours on either day. All profits will go to assisting the Cooma Public School project.

NOTE: The upcoming meeting on 31 October is at the Sovereign Motel.

This Weeks Attendance: 33 + 6 make-ups 39 out of 39 - 100%

Visiting Rotarians: Judy Lyons - North Jackson, Mississippi USA

Guests: Yvonne (John M), Jeanette (John C), Fiona (Mark C), Jan & Tamara (Mark J-N), Maree (Kevin D), Mary (Jim H), Kim, Megan & Cameron (Chris A), Irene (Steve S), Jan (Les S), Heather Willis (Margaret E), Katharine Frantes, Paul Foster, Matthew Goddard, Alonda Wright, Donna Saddler & Lea (Club)

Apologies: Peter D, Graham f, Patrick K, Matt T, John V.

Leave: None

Make-ups: Claire N, Neil B, Katrin H, Geoff B (3 India)

Thank You **HANK YOU**

This note was recently sent by Jody Sliwka

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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

ROSTERS	OCTOBER	November
Attendance	Katrin Elaine S	Hass Dave L
Property	John C David B	Wolfgang Neil
Fellowship	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Peter A - MR David B - V Neil Hass Kevin Marco	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Katrin - MR John K - V Ken Tom Joe Darrell

SOME SIMPLE RULES ABOUT ROSTERS

GENERAL

Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place.

MARKETS

Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 8am. Ensure you get the key to the shed from David Holgate PRIOR TO THE EVENT so the equipment can be set up early. If you are unable to tow the van or chuck wagon PLEASE ASK SOMEONE WHO CAN, or advise David Holgate before the event. Others nominated should be at the park by 8.30am.

Next Weeks Program	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
<p>Guest Speaker: Allan Fjording Snowy Mountains Christian School A new option for Year 11 & 12 on the Monaro</p> <p>Introduction: Mark J-N</p> <p>Thanks: John C</p>	<p>31 Oct - Geoff B</p>	<p>31 Oct - Mark C</p>

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	YEARS OF SERVICE
Marco & Marjorie Revelant - 12 years on 18 October	Lea Nickel - 04 October Richard Lawson - 10 October Robert King - 13 October Lou Moore - 20 October Wolfgang Laub - 25 October Margaret Hassall - 28 October	David Byrne - 11 years on 17 October Claire Neumeyer -11 yrs on 31 October
Wolfgang & Christina Laub - 37 years on 20 October	Marilyn Gaukroger wife of Darrell - 17 October Kathy Byrne wife of David - 22 October Joo Slew Kwan wife of Patrick - 29 October	

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