

## Peace Through Service

**Guest Speakers: Paige Coapstick - Teaching Grad from Indiana University**

**Intro: Steve S**

**Thanks: Mark J-N**

Paige comes from Indiana, the Pink State. Her hometown is Carmel which has a population of 80,000 people and is about 1 hour north of Indianapolis. This is the town that hosts the Indy 500 the famous and very loud motor race. She loves sports and the teams she supports are the Pacers in the National Basketball League and the Colts in the National Football League. She was part of her University's basketball team which won the State Championship. A torn ACL finished her basketball career. Her college team is currently number 1 in the US.

Her immediate family consists of her parents and a brother. Her father is a school principal, her mother is a special education teacher and her brother is still studying. She enjoys water skiing and her family has a cottage on a lake where they spend holidays together. In Winter they enjoy building snowmen.

She graduated from the University of Indiana in December last year with a Bachelor of Science and Education. She was part of an exclusive special education teaching program, only 40 people a year are accepted into this course. This exchange program she is participating in is very popular and she didn't really expect to be selected. There are 17 countries to choose from and once you have been accepted and selected the country you would like to travel too you have to do 6 research projects and a 3 day workshop which specialises in cultural differences. While you are in your chosen country you then complete a second set of 6 assignments, these focus on current events and cultural differences. These projects also count towards 12 credit points in a Masters program.

Schools in the States are quite different to schools in Australia. The school is all in one building, you walk in and the first thing you see is the office and then there are hallways containing the classrooms, gym and media centre (library). There are 3 levels of schools before you go to college, these are Elementary School which is Kinder to Year 5, Middle School which is Year 6 to Year 8 and then High School which is Year 9 to Year 12. She gave an example of a school which had 760 students ranging from Kinder to Year 6, there were 45 teachers, plus a Physical Education teacher, an Art teacher and a Music teacher. There were also teacher's aides, a nurse, counsellors, cooks, custodians (cleaners), secretaries and home school liaison personal. The school day starts about 8am and finishes about 2.30pm.

One of the major differences she has observed is the number of breaks Australian children have. She feels that this contributes to a better learning environment. She loves being around and teaching children and learns so much from them.

She will spend the next 8 weeks teaching at Cooma North Primary before taking some time to travel around the country with her boyfriend.



Steve S & Paige



Paige & Pres Richard



Paige & Mark J-N

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## PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

## Three Minuter

The three minuter this week was presented by Lou Moore. He joined the Cooma Rotary Club in June 1996 after his daughter Natalie had participated in the Australian-New Zealand twin exchange program. His first job was running the bar quickly followed by being the Community Services director. As he gets nearer to leaving this town he has called home for the past 45 years he decided to look back on some of the highlights of his past 16 years with Rotary. They include the combined meetings with Bombala and Tuggeranong, district assemblies, annual conferences, his year as president (2002/03), hosting exchange students and counselling others and catering for various events. There is a couple of things he would like to pass onto current members, the first is darts. A few years ago we had a member who disapproved of what he thought were extra private Rotary meetings being held after the normal meeting. Even in recent times I have heard it referred to as meetings of the elite or in crowd. I can assure each and every member that this is just not true. Anyone is welcome - provided they are thick skinned and don't mind a bit of sledging. Not everyone needs to go home to bed at 8pm and with the time at most meetings being taken up with official business and a guest speaker a relaxed game of darts for one hour provides an opportunity for members to get to know one another a bit better.

Another point He feels worth reminding member of is the term "knife and forks" referring to members who appear to come just for a meal each week and do little else. In his year as President, International President Bhichai Rattakul made mention of this in his first address. He pointed out that a club is made up of all members each contributing in a different way. Some may be retired, some employed full-time, some self-employed, some with young families, some more financial than others, some considerably older or more able bodied than others. All contribute in their own way, if only to provide social friendship by sharing a meal each week. So don't discount anybodies contribution to the club. We are all vital members and remember "Family comes first". Lou would like to encourage every member to consider the fact that the more you put in the more you get out.

To finish he said he has thoroughly enjoyed his time as part of Cooma Rotary and that we have a reputation as "The most fun club" in District 9710 - so let's keep it that way.

## Photo Gallery



Elaine S &amp; Katrin H



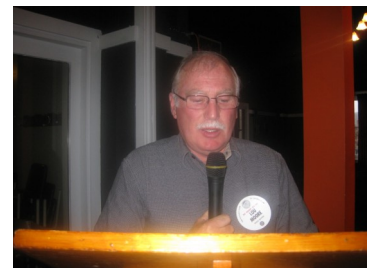
Mark C &amp; Les S



Katrin H &amp; Jan S

Dave L & Mark  
Robertson

Brian J

Pres Richard, Patrick K,  
Margaret E, John C & Dave H

Lou M

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Geoff B

Quote from William Blake - Joy and woe are woven fine a clothing for the soul divine,  
it is right it should be so we were made for joy and woe.

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**PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**

**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM  
AT DODDS HOTEL, COMMISSIONER ST. COOMA**

**ROTARY'S THEME OF THE MONTH**  
**Literacy**

**THIS WEEK'S NEWS**

Updated total for the 5c collection is \$156.30 plus 8c Australian copper, 2c NZ and a US dime

Combined meeting with Tuggeranong at Michelago 13 March. Cost \$25 per head plus bus cost, we will also need to take our own drinks.

Claire McMahon of the Pambula Rotary Club is hosting a film festival on the 15 & 16 March. Claire can be contacted on 6496 1364 for further details.

Combined meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on 17 April any items you want on the discussion list need to be to Steve S by 3 April so the agenda can be organised.

The 2013 Young Australian of the Year Akram Azimi is currently touring the country sharing his inspiring story and speaking about polio eradication. Akram was actually born in Afghanistan and spent part of his childhood in Pakistan (which as we know are both polio-endemic countries). As a child he received the polio vaccine and in recent years he has been a strong advocate here in Australia for polio eradication. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Crawley in Perth. The Rotaract Club of Canberra has been fortunate enough to secure Akram as a guest speaker, and we would love to have as many D9710 Rotarians and Rotaractors as possible along to the event.

**What: Canberra Rotaract presents - Akram Azimi, 2013 Young Australian of the Year**

**Date: Thursday 14 March 2013**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Location: TBC ( but it will be a venue in the Canberra CBD)**

**Contact: Kate Campbell-043 714 7916 (Canberra Rotaract President)**

Final details to follow.

If you are able and willing to host an exchange student next year let David B know.

**This Weeks Attendance:** 29 of 39 – 74.3%

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Guests:** Paige Coapstick, Mark Robertson & Lea (Club), Jan (Les S), Georgie (Ashley C)

**Apologies:** Neil B, Peter D, Kevin D, Jim H, Claire N, John V, Matt T

**Leave:** Chris A, Peter A, Graham F    **We Also Missed:** Alison H-J, Joe V    **Make-ups:** John C

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<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	Katrin John K	Robb Des
<b>Property</b>	John C Geoff	Neil Les
<b>Fellowship</b>	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
<b>Markets</b>	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Peter A - MR John K - V John C Les Elaine S Peter D	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Mark J-N - MR Wolfgang - V Patrick Darrell Elaine M Ken

## 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 7am. 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.

<b>Next Weeks Program</b>	<b>Three Minuter</b>	<b>Thought of the Week</b>
<b>6 March - Club Assembly</b>	<b>6 March - Club Assembly</b>	<b>6 March - Club Assembly</b>
<b>13 March—Combined meeting with Tuggeranong at Michelago</b>	<b>13 March—Combined meeting with Tuggeranong at Michelago</b>	<b>13 March—Combined meeting with Tuggeranong at Michelago</b>

## MEMBER HAPPENINGS

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	<b>YEARS OF SERVICE</b>
Margaret E - 13 March Dave H - 18 March Sonja spouse of John V - 6 March Yvonne spouse of John M - 31 March	Tom & Kath B - 24 March Richard & Lainie L - 30 March	Ken D - 10 March Brenda C-B - 25 March

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