



Peace Through Service

Guest Speaker - Donna Saddler - Report on her GSE trip to U.S.A

Intro: Katrin H

Thanks: Alyson H-J

Our guest speaker tonight was Donna Saddler who recently took part in the recent Group Study Exchange trip to the USA. She said they had a hectic schedule and hit the ground running. After a long flight of about 30 hours they arrived at 9.30pm in Jackson, Mississippi and had a lunchtime presentation the next day. She said the schedule had been planned by a man as they toured the local air force and navel base, the army engineering corps and Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Engineering company, they build F22 fighter jets. In Columbus they were due to visit a diesel engineering factory, when the team felt a revolt brewing, their host "mums" put their foot down and informed the gents that while they were showing Lynton around the factory the girls would be shopping. They did have the opportunity to experience some local culture, this included visits to The Museum of Natural Science, Mississippi Children's Museum, 1927 Flood Museum, Greenville Historical Museum, the Jim Henson Museum and the BB King Museum, she said they love a good museum.

Their weekend off was spent in New Orleans, they were spoilt by the Meridian club who flew them there in a members private jet. They were waiting on the tarmac for their transport, they were surrounded by limo's and other big black cars, then around the corner came a rusty combi van - they were back to reality.

The district conference was held in Memphis, jointly hosted by Districts 6800 and 6820. They were pleased to meet and spend time with the GSE group from District 1050 in England. While in Memphis they did the tourist thing and visited Graceland. Donna found herself wondering how long the place will remain relevant but when they were visiting there was a huge crowd. She said she has thought about what she has taken from the visit to Mississippi besides an extra suitcase and 10kg around her waist. She decided it was a new respect for the might of the Mississippi River, rather than just stories of Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer, she now understands its ability to breed new life or to destroy it - especially in the delta area. She discovered Mississippi is not considered a tourist area and they were asked several times, at customs and on flights, why they were headed there and if they were sure they really wanted to go there. Donna found it was a beautiful, friendly state and she would highly recommend visiting there.

Vocationally, she had the opportunity to tour several aged care facilities and hospitals. We share many similarities, however most are "for profit facilities" and out of reach for most people. One of the things she found most confronting was the financial situation, you were either rich or poor, there was no in-between. She shared some ideas but she feels that aged care in Australia and the support our Government gives our elderly is so much better than in the USA.

Culturally, they are so different, she has never been called "Mam" so many times in her life, but like us they shorten their words and are always "fixen to do somthin" - southern people as so polite. Southern hospitality is alive and well. They also taught me you can deep fry anything. In every town she went to she was asked what she had enjoyed the most, it was a hard question as everything she had seen, heard and tasted left a lasting impression.

She said she met amazing people, including her team mates with whom she had built firm friendships. She finished by thanking the Club for giving her the opportunity to be part of the GSE experience and she considered it an extremely worthwhile experience.



Donna & Katrin



Donna



Alyson & Donna

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3 Minuter

The 3 Minuter this week was provided by Des T. He spoke about when he was transferred to Kandos in 1962, a small town in rural New South Wales. Back then police cars were not fitted with radios, so if a call came in when the Police were out the call was put through to the police residence and, day or night, the outside light was turned on as a sign to come in as they were needed. If there was no-one home the girls at the exchange would take the message and use the outside light in the same way. One day Des decided to thank the girls at the exchange for their assistance so he went to the Chemist and got some chocolate, which he broke up and put in a bag, unfortunately the girl on duty ate it all, she didn't know it was a laxative. She had to get a replacement in as she was totally indisposed and couldn't answer the calls. About 4 years later this girl become his sister-in-law. Another transfer saw him and his wife Judy relocated to Bogan Gate, which was a one-man station. He would tell Judy where he was going and if he was needed she would call a couple of farmers on his route who also used the outside light as a message beacon.

Part of his job was taking statement following a crime being committed, one involved taking a declaration from a dying man who had been burnt all over. He said his wife had thrown metho over him and then set fire to it with a match, his wife blamed his smoking but there were not cigarettes found in the room - she was found not guilty. In another instance he had to speak with a young man who had been accused of killing his parents - in his statement he said he had done the deed but when he got to court he pleaded not guilty, when asked why he said he had done it he said, the police officer intimidated him as he reminded him of his father - the lad was also found not guilty.

Photo Gallery



John K & Kevin D



Hass & Donna



Neil & Margaret E



Elaine M & Claire N



Monica A & Claire N



Christina L & Alyson



Kevin D & Peter D



Monica A & Darrell

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Margaret H
Good judgement come from bad experience
and a lot of that come from bad judgement.

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

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

What are you doing 1 - 4 June 2014? How about going to the 2014 Rotary International Conference being held in Sydney. Plans for 11 - 13 October 2013? Merimbula is calling you to attend the District Conference details are available on Clubrunner.

Monica Alcock will be attending the next 3 meetings arriving around 6pm to enable all members to complete a NSW Working with Young People Declarations. Please ensure you have a photo ID to enable the forms to be fully completed. These forms need to be completed even if you have filled them out for other organisations.

The 5 cent challenge is still happening so don't forget to bring your 5 cents to the meeting. You are contributing to something good. The current balance is increasing.

If you have not returned your bowelcare test kit yet, it needs to be back at Hooks by 15 June 2013.

This Weeks Attendance: 20 out of 37 = 54%

Visiting Rotarians: Neil Russell - Southport

Guests: Donna Saddler, Monica Alcock & Lea (Club), Kathryn R (Neil R), Christina Laub (Wolfgang)

Apologies: Jim H, Patrick K, Mark J-N, Elaine S, Les S, Joe V, John V, Ashley C, Brenda C-B, Matt T.

Leave: Chris A, Peter A, Graham F, Lou M, Steve S

We Also Missed: John C

Make-ups: None

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ROSTERS	June	July
Attendance	Patrick K Claire N	Rob Des
Property	Geoff B Wolfgang	Brian Elaine S
Fellowship	Margaret E Claire N	Margaret E Claire N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Marco - Res John K - V Joe V Mark C Elaine S Tom B	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Peter A - Res Wolfgang - Van Elaine M Dave L Mark C Hass

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.

Upcoming Programs	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
Guest Speaker: John O'Kelley - Modern Financial Planning Intro: John K Thanks: David B	12 June - John C 19 June - Jasmine Bujalski	12 June - Margaret E 19 June - Claire N

Upcoming Guest Speakers - 19 June - Lea Nickel - Her Year in Australia - Intro: David B
- 26 June - Change Over Dinner - Alpine Hotel

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	YEARS OF SERVICE
Joe V - 3 June Kevin D - 6 June Brian J - 8 June Chris A - 12 June Marco R - 14 June Steve S - 18 June	Graham & Helen French - 2 June Les & Jan Sutcliffe - 27 June	John K - 1 June Elaine S - 1 June Graham F - 16 June Neil B - 27 June Mark J-N - 27 June Chris A - 28 June

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