

ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE.

8th August 2005

Chair: Chris Harrison

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ President Alan welcomed all Rotarians present to tonight's meeting and informed directors that there will be a Board meeting on Wednesday at his home.
- ◆ Alan and David C. have had a meeting with Parks Victoria to discuss the River Walk project. They received a good hearing and the next step is to make a detailed presentation to Wellington Council. Alan asked for skilled assistance for drawing up artistic impressions of the proposal.
- ◆ One of the important functions of Rotary is to assist in meeting the social needs of the local community. Alan urged all Rotarians to identify such needs locally and, over the next week, think about how the Club can help to alleviate them. All ideas will be discussed at next week's meeting.
- ◆ Members who anticipate working on that part of project at the Sale Special Developmental School involving the students are asked to obtain a form from Grant Ellers for the police check necessary.
- ◆ Alan then asked Grant to explain how to use the new PA system. Grant's advice is to switch on the microphone and transmitter and to speak into the microphone. He also suggested that the person setting up for the meeting should plug in and switch on the speakers.
- ◆ There were no directors' reports.

Guest Speaker: Brenda Burditt

Chairman, Chris, briefly introduced Club member, Brenda Burditt, who proceeded to tell the Club a little about herself.

Brenda was born in Sale and was the youngest of 7 children with 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Brenda has two daughters from a failed marriage but later remarried to Forrest with whom she made many trips to America.

Brenda first worked for a year in the plastics factory before taking up a position with the Gippsland Times. She left the Times to have her children and later, subsequent to doing a course at night school, was offered a job with Esso. She commenced in this position some days earlier than anticipated following the blow-out of the Marlin oil well. She met the person who brought the blow-out under control, Red Adair, and his two sons. Brenda served Esso firstly as a telex operator and then as secretary to several managers. When she married Forrest, Brenda was required to resign because of an Esso policy. At this point she bought her own business selling dress materials.

In 1988, Brenda sold her shop and returned to work with Esso. She eventually retired in 1996 but has since served on the Sale City Council, on the Board of Management of the Gippsland Base Hospital and the Board of Management of Central Gippsland Health Services. Brenda has a passion for aged care and is Chair of the Sale Elderly Citizens Village, a facility with 60 beds in Ashleigh House and 88 residential units in Northwood and Eastwood Parks. From the 1st of July Ashleigh House regained its independence from the CGHS with the immediate result that more and better meals could be provided for the same cost under the previous administration.

Ashleigh House is currently being refurbished with funding provided by the State Government but more money is

needed for a project to replace all the beds to the type used in hospitals by 2008. This is expected to cost \$126,000.

At the conclusion of her address, Brenda answered questions from the members and described how much Sale has grown and developed in her lifetime. She also spoke glowingly about Esso and how the company looked after her when her house was burnt down. On being asked about Red Adair's reputation, Brenda explained that he was an ordinary but clever man. He sealed the Marlin blow-out with superballs.

Alan thanked Brenda for her talk and agreed with her that the late 60s was an exciting period in the history of Sale. He also made the point that Brenda was known as Mrs Esso.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Emu Jones

- ◆ Sergeant Emu fined Grant for his long-windedness.
- ◆ Tonight was the first opportunity Emu had for fining Brian for channelling Bishop Coffey.
- ◆ Grant was fined again for poaching Jo's committee members.
- ◆ Noel paid up for not attending the Probus Club of which he is the founder.
- ◆ Everyone was fined who failed to address the Bishop correctly.
- ◆ Brenda apparently was caught doing a war dance.
- ◆ Bob paid for queuing at an ATM rather than using internet banking as befits his professional position.
- ◆ Emu remembered to wear a tie and fined all those who were without one.
- ◆ David paid up because the police check failed to find any dirt on him.
- ◆ In fines from the floor, Lyndon and Leo paid and Keith was fined in his absence for the kangaroo Mike Smith hit with his car

Worth thinking about

Once upon a time there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody working in our department.

An important job had to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry that because it was Everybody's job, Everybody thought Anybody could do it and that Somebody would do it. But Nobody realized that Everybody thought Somebody would do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

And that, ladies and gentlemen is why reorganization was invented.

And nobody lived happily ever after.

RELISH CONTACT DETAILS

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Rotarians, please remember to notify Relish of your intentions before 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.

NOTICES

Attendance: 20 Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians: None

Member's Guests: None

Make – Up: None

Raffle: Ben Lancaster – bottle of red

NEXT MEETING Monday 15th August

Casual Night

Chair: Ian Lewis
Sergeant: Rod Exton
Attendance: Noel Langley
Set Up: Ben Lancaster
Venue: Relish

COMING UP Monday 22nd August

Guest Speaker: Wellington Mayor
Chair: Lyndon Webb
Sergeant: Brenda Burditt
Attendance: Noel Langley
Set Up: Daniel Smolenaars
Venue: Relish

ON THE RADAR

Mon 29th August
 Job Talk – Leo O'Brien
Mon 5th September
 Club Night
Mon 12th September
 Night with the stars

If you are away from home you will find friends at all Rotary Clubs. You can make up for missed meetings of the Sale Club with any of the following local Clubs:

Bairnsdale: Tuesday 6:00pm Bairnsdale Club
 Bairnsdale Sunrise: Friday 6:45am Main Hotel
 Heyfield: Monday 6:30 Railway Hotel
 Lakes Entrance: Wednesday 6:00pm Glenara Motel

Maffra: Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions
 Mitchell River: Monday 5:45pm Italian Club
 Sale Central: Tuesday 6:00pm Princeton
 Traralgon: Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club
 Traralgon Central: Monday 6:00pm Latrobe Convention Centre
 Yarram: Wednesday 6:00pm Yarram Club