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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE.

29th August 2005

Chair: Christine Harrison

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ President Alan welcomed all to tonight's meeting including surprise guest speaker, Jill Wood, District Inspector of Police in the Wellington Shire. In his acknowledgement of Jill Wood, Alan also mentioned that she used to baby-sit his children and that his youngest daughter has just given birth to her eighth child.
- ◆ Alan informed the Club of the meeting between Rotarians Keith Miller, David Tulloch and Mike Smith and philanthropists, Bill and Mavis Jennings, who have pledged to establish a significant fund eventually to be administered by the Rotary Club of Sale as perpetual trustees. The rules for the management and use of the funds are still to be established although the money is for the community of Sale.
- ◆ Col Counsell advised members that there has been good support for the idea of a Grand Final Luncheon and that it will go ahead. He suggested that it will be an informal affair with a big screen for projecting the match.

Chairman Chris introduced Jill Wood as the guest speaker and informed the Club that Jill was born and raised in Sale and left in 1966 to travel Australia as a jillaroo. She joined the police force as a uniformed officer in 1973. She is now based in Sale as the District Inspector in the Wellington Shire and is speaking tonight on Women in Leadership Program.

Jill commenced by saying that in her previous role as women's liaison officer, she saw the need for a women's network. In her position now she promotes women in leadership and is strongly supported in this by Christine Nixon, the Victorian Chief Commissioner of Police. Jill said that Christine is the best CC Victoria has ever had and that she has made a great difference to the police force in this state. Jill continued to speak glowingly about her boss and indicated that it was as a result of Christine's efforts that the number of women in the Victorian police force had grown from 17% when she started, to 20% at present. She made the point several times that Christine Nixon is a good leader as well as a good role model.

A good leader consults people who are doing the work before making a decision to fix a problem that affects them. A good leader has a vision of the future, forms partnerships with others to learn about a wider range of ideas, gives others an opportunity to speak, listens and holds a steady course when persevering with an idea or decision gets tough. Jill suggested that as leaders we should look at ourselves openly and honestly and be prepared to be a target when we stand up for what we believe. She illustrated this point with Christine's stance on gays and lesbians in the police force when her predecessor had declared that there was no place in the Victorian Police Force for gays and lesbians. Christine stood up for this section of society and believes in giving everyone a fair go.

Jill continued to provide advice about good leadership qualities and cited Tom Hafey as another inspirational leader. She considers an ideal police force to be one where men and women work together, as a woman's approach is different. Women are good talkers and can often talk their way out of difficult situations whereas men may resort to strong-arm tactics.

In answer to a question from Keith, Jill explained that the targeted proportion of women in the force was meant to address an imbalance in numbers. Adrian asked about the likelihood of Christine being replaced but Jill firmly believes that she will continue for another 5 year term to cement in place the changes she implemented in the first 5 years. Replying to a question from chairman Chris, Jill indicated that if the police were not already working with schools to promote opportunities in the police force and the work of the police, then she would become involved in the

future. Peter asked about the % of women in police forces in other states and in UK. Jill replied that European police have quite a large proportion of women in their forces and that in Madison, Wisconsin the ratio is 3:7. Leo enquired about the problem of mental health and Jill acknowledged that this is a big issue which requires a community CAT team (Crisis Assessment Team) to help the police dealing with it, particularly as the police are often the only organisation available on a 24-hour basis. Chris closed the meeting after Alan thanked Jill for her time and presentation.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Emu Jones

- ◆ President Alan is proving to be an easy target for the sergeant, and Emu was quick to capitalise on his faux pas tonight as well as his failure to call for directors' reports.
- ◆ The sergeant also worked some magic in extracting a fine from Noel who had previously demonstrated his skill as a magician.
- ◆ Adrian and Col paid up for becoming grandfathers, hot on the heels of Don.
- ◆ Emu also fined Adrian for the speed he attained on his bike.
- ◆ Daniel paid up a little extra for buying the indoor cricket centre.
- ◆ Don and Rossi paid up for winning another raffle to take them on a sailing holiday in the Whitsundays.
- ◆ Brenda was asked to pay up for visibly tensing up at the mention of the word 'hospital' in the mayor's talk last week
- ◆ Lyndon missed the mayor's address and consequently had to pay the price.
- ◆ Emu remembered that the fine on Rod last week was paid by Ben, so he fined Ben tonight and extracted the money from Rod.
- ◆ Col is a known Swan supporter but the sergeant revealed that he has a bet each way and also barracks for the Magpies and therefore was fined accordingly.
- ◆ History caught up with Bob and Peter who, in a previous life taught, and probably punished, the guest speaker.
- ◆ Leo was fined for stepping aside for the guest speaker.
- ◆ David C paid up for being a gentleman

Keep Smiling

Four married guys go fishing. After an hour, the following conversation took place:

First guy: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out fishing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I will paint every room in the house next weekend."

Second guy: "That is nothing, I had to promise my wife that I will build her a new deck for the pool."

Third guy: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I will remodel the kitchen for her."

They continue to fish when they realized that the fourth guy has not said a word. So they asked him.

"You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What's the deal?"

Fourth guy: "I just set my alarm for 4:30am. When it went off, I shut off my alarm, gave the wife a nudge with the hips and said, "Fishing or Sex?" ...and she said, "Wear sun-block."

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: 21 Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians: None

Member's Guests: None

Make – Up: None

Raffle: Emu Jones

NEXT MEETING Monday 5th September

Club Night

Chair: Alan Lewis
Sergeant: Brenda Burditt
Attendance: Noel Langley
Set Up: Ben Lancaster
Venue: Relish

COMING UP Monday 12th September

Night with the stars at Ashleigh House
Chair: David Crouch
Sergeant: Leo O'Brien
Attendance: Noel Langley
Set Up:
Venue: Relish

ON THE RADAR

Mon 19th September
 John Tatterson – Aquatic Centre Project
Mon 26th September – DG Visit.
Mon 3rd October – Club Night
Mon 10th October – Paul Borg

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 Bellevue 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