

# ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE.

5th September 2005

Chair: Alan Lewis

### PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Alan broke some unwelcome news tonight announcing that he would be absent for the DG's visit because he discovered that he had bowel cancer. In his usual stoic manner Alan treated his condition as a temporary setback but said he would need to go to hospital for a "cable rejoining exercise". Alan indicated that PP Col would take his place on the occasion of DG Ray Stewart's visit.
- ◆ Alan informed the members that the club had been invited to present a submission for a government grant for the river walk project and that the impression he got was that it would be received enthusiastically.
- ◆ He also announced that Don Ripper has accepted the role of Rotary Foundation Director and would later show a presentation to inform the members of the importance of the Foundation in Rotary.
- ◆ Talks will take place on Friday with Wellington Shire Council about the river walk project.

### Guest Speaker – PP Don Ripper

Don, having accepted the position of Rotary Foundation Director, immediately set about familiarising the club members, particularly the newer ones, with the work carried out through the Foundation. He explained that RF is the charity arm of Rotary International which funds work in many parts of the world through its three main programs, Humanitarian, Educational and Cultural Exchange.

Don presented some of the major milestones in a brief history of Rotary beginning with the first meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1905 between Paul Harris, a lawyer, Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor, and Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer, in downtown Chicago. By 1925 Rotary was represented on six continents and had grown to more than 200 clubs with in excess of 20,000 members. Today, in 162 countries, there are nearly 1.2 million Rotarians, more than 30,000 clubs and 530 Rotary districts.

The ideals of Rotary evolved over time with the early meetings used to develop acquaintances and camaraderie. Commitment to service began in 1907 with the donation by the RC of Chicago of a horse to a preacher who used it to do the rounds of his parishioners. At the first Rotary convention, Paul Harris was elected president and the following year's convention, speakers used the phrases "Service, Not Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," which became the organization's mottoes. "Service, Not Self," was later changed to "Service Above Self" and has since been adopted as Rotary's primary motto. Rotary is now known throughout the world for its dedication to service and international goodwill.

Don continued by explaining that Herbert J. Taylor devised the Four Way Test in 1932 and this was adopted in 1943 by Rotary International in the following format: Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Don also indicated that Rotary Foundation had spent US\$1.93 billion in 2003/04 on such projects as Polio Plus, 3H Program, Matching Grants Helping Grants, New Opportunity Grants and Rotary Peace Programs. Special grants are derived from a Permanent Fund expected to reach US\$1 billion by 2025. Don finished by saying that you will get out of Rotary in direct proportion to what you put in. At the conclusion, Alan thanked Don and closed the meeting.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Emu Jones

- ◆ Sergeant Emu took the stand at some very short notice and promptly fined Daniel for the switch and Brenda for stepping down from the job.
- ◆ Peter, Lyndon and David C were fined for the incorrect naming of Lake Guthridge and Lake Guyatt in the tourist information brochure on Sale.
- ◆ Don came well prepared for his presentation tonight except he did not bring an extension lead for his projector and the sergeant was quick to penalise him for this omission.
- ◆ Noel was asked to pay up for being the only Sale Rotarian without the internet although the sergeant was conspicuously sympathetic to Noel's status.
- ◆ Ben was caught having breakfast at midday on Sunday.
- ◆ Neil copped a fine because his son has become engaged to a gorgeous girl.
- ◆ Grant was fined again for the good PA system he demonstrated as working well even if it is somewhat under-utilised.
- ◆ Keith's dog, Bobby, had a narrow escape on the street and Keith was fined as a result.
- ◆ Brian was out of his ecclesiastical uniform, wearing the jacket he received for father's day, and paid for the privilege.
- ◆ Lyndon was asked to divulge anything on Carmel that might attract a fine but claimed his life was worth more than that so he paid a second time.
- ◆ Keith fined Emu from the floor for referring to the Heritage River Walk as a bicycle path.

**Keep Smiling**

A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do?  
 His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your apartment for a home-cooked meal?"  
 He thought this was a great strategy, and a week later, the woman came to dinner. His mother called the next day to see how things had gone.  
 "I was totally humiliated," he moaned. "She insisted on washing the dishes."  
 "What's wrong with that?" asked his mother. "I think it's a wonderful gesture."  
 "We hadn't started eating yet."  
 And some pearls of wisdom  
 Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.  
 "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go." ---Oscar Wilde  
 Murphy's Technology Law #2 -- Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong conclusion with confidence.  
 Murphy's Technology Law #8 -- A meeting is an event at which minutes are kept and hours are lost.

**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:** 18 Rotarians  
**Visiting Rotarians:** None  
**Member's Guests:** None  
**Make – Up:** None  
**Raffle:** Don Ripper

**NEXT MEETING Monday 12th September**

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

**COMING UP Monday 19th September**

**Guest Speaker:** John Tatterson – Aquatic Centre  
**Chair:** Kevin Maxfield  
**Sergeant:** Rod Exton  
**Attendance:** Noel Langley  
**Set Up:** Christine Harrison  
**Venue:** Relish

**ON THE RADAR**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> September** – DG Visit.  
**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Club Night  
**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Paul Borg  
**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> October** -

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