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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SALE.

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Chairman: Harry Hua

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Alan noted, much to his own embarrassment, that on the occasion that Harry wore a tie for the first time, he himself was tie-less.
- With that out of the way Alan proceeded with his announcements and started by informing the Club that Stephen Payne and Ben Lancaster have set up a Trust Deed for allowing the Club to utilise the Jennings Trust Fund in a tax effective way. Alan added that the administration of the Trust is a grave responsibility for the Club.
- Alan intimated that some concerns have been raised about the joint venture with the Sale Central Club to build the skate park.
- The working bee on Sunday was successful and enjoyable although it was unfortunate that it was a non-Rotarian volunteer who got a ducking.
- Alan has observed that the Heritage Walk is quite popular.
- Tania, who was to speak tonight, is away with a sick child. The replacement program has been put together by Leo and Harry – a bad combination.
- People who would like to come to the dinner auction but do not have a group to go with may purchase tickets from Leo and have tables arranged for them.

Club Member Discussions

Because the speaker for tonight's meeting was indisposed, Harry, as chairman, and Leo as a shy and retiring moderator, conducted an open forum where each member was asked to speak about what they want from their Club.

Noel: The RC of Sale is going well. It is friendly, has good attendance and plenty of action.

Neil: The April attendance (88%) is the highest for years and confirms Noel's observations. The change in the Club's fortune started with Col and continued with Alan through projects like the Heritage Trail. A number of new members who joined in the last two years have contributed to the success of the Club

Harry: Is still learning what Rotary is about but he can see that there is a spread in ages with himself as one of the younger members and Adrian as one of the older ones. Enjoys being part of the community and feels relaxed at Club meetings.

David C: Acknowledged Noel's praise as praise indeed. He believes the new structure in the Club is good and that going to Relish for the meetings was a positive step. The Club should be able to attract more members proportional to the size of Sale. He would like to see more intellectually challenging speakers.

David T: David concurred with the idea of greater interest meetings and suggested more off-site meetings

Grant: Reminded members that he is the incoming president. Believes the Club needs serious as well as fun meetings. The diverse group of people that make up the Club needs the commitment from all members for the diverse program planned.

Graeme: The Club's future lies in new, young members with enthusiasm. Members working together as a team will naturally come up with a varied and interesting program.

Emu: The activities of the Club that appeal to me are the community projects like the Heritage Trail. I like the idea of giving something back to the community.

Rod: I joined Rotary to have a fantastic time and I have not been disappointed; it's been a ball.

Bob: Joined Rotary to meet more Sale people. Enjoys working bees. Membership can be increased by filling all the job classifications not yet represented in the Club. The challenge for the Club is to fill these vacancies.

Daniel: Thanks to Graeme I am a member of the RC of Sale. Rotary has opened my eyes – its members are not all over 40s and wheelchair-bound. Rotary presented to me an opportunity to learn from others.

Peter: A lot of wisdom has been spoken and agrees that Col has done, and is still doing a good job in growing the membership. Alan sets high goals and standards. Enjoys the community project work undertaken by the Club.

Col: Is thrilled with the Club at present but identified the need of new energy in the Club and new women.

Mike: Enjoys the fellowship experienced in working with other members during working bees. Sees the dinner auction as a means of promoting Rotary.

Adrian: The meetings are fun and interesting, as they should be to attract and retain members. The diversity of the members is demonstrated by the varied ideas and opinions expressed in this forum.

Brian: Likes the blonde jokes, the fellowship and support from fellow members. Rotary provides a different look on life.

Chris: The reason for joining was to give something back to the community. Enjoys working bees. Believes young members provide and instil enthusiasm

Alan: Joined Rotary because he felt he needed to make a significant contribution to the community. He sees Rotary as providing leadership where it is lacking in a community. The activities of the Club are very valuable and the community involvement is a great experience. The return on investment by members into the Club and the Club into its projects are all worthwhile. Alan then thanked Leo for conducting the meeting and indicated that he believed the discussion was one of the best on record.

Leo, who had been quietly moderating the meeting, then informed the Club that the son of Sale businessman, Ted Dawson, has just been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. This debilitating disease leaves the sufferers unable to look after themselves although they have healthy minds. The development of this situation has led to the realisation that there is no facility available in the region for adults with a disability. Leo suggested that a long-term Rotary project that our Club could co-ordinate would be to establish a community house similar to Centenary House that will provide assistance to adults who are not old enough to need aged care but nevertheless need an environment and supervision appropriate for their condition.

Harry then closed the meeting.

Sergeants-at-Arms: Leo O'Brien

- Leo was quick to fine all the members who did not attend the working bee.
- But turning up was not a guarantee you would not be fined as Rossy discovered when he copped another fine because he was using a chainsaw he couldn't start.
- Harry's multinational tie was a hit with everyone, including the sergeant who duly collected a dollar for this auspicious occasion.
- Rod's observation that all kids are good but some are better than others, makes him a good teacher and also a target for the sergeant.
- David T featured in the movie he made more than half a century ago but because the sergeant could not identify him, David was asked to contribute to the collection box.
- Leo, in a moment of weakness, had apparently offered to take Chris to Vietnam. The sergeant had forgotten the incident but, believing that Chris had been in the same state of weakness when he made the offer, he fined Chris for this obvious deception.
- Brian paid up for his organisation's lack of a trained organist to play at a recent funeral service.
- Bob was fined for always appearing to be above a fine.
- Mike has a birthday coming up and was asked to pay up for this annual event.
- Noel forgot to turn up for the working bee. He was fined, not for this lapse of memory, but because when he did remember, he went along to see what progress had been made and left again because he was satisfied with the work.
- Col made up for what Neil lacked in chainsaw skills and was fined for his expertise.
- Peter was fined for drinking a bottle of red with Alan when he had intended to discuss business.
- Graeme's new Merc earned him a fine.
- Adrian accepted responsibility for the heating instructions on the 4+20 pies making them too hot for the sergeant to scoff. Consequently the sergeant fined him.
- In fines from the floor, Col collared Bob, Grant and Mike for laughing at Frank Norden's misfortune when his waders filled with water. He also fined Daniel for working too hard and stirring up a lot of dust.

Keep Smiling

A psychiatrist was doing the rounds in his asylum with a couple of students. They looked in on one patient and the psychiatrist said to his students, "Sometimes this fellow thinks he's a temptress in a Bizet opera, but today, as you can see from his goose stepping, he thinks he's the World War II head of the Nazi Luftwaffe. What condition do you think he's suffering from?"

The first student replied, "Is he a paranoid schizophrenic with a multiple personality disorder?"

The second student offered his opinion and said, "No, I think he just doesn't know whether he's Carmen or Goering."

<u>NEXT MEETING Monday 8th May</u>	<u>Meeting Friday 12th May</u>	<u>ON THE RADAR</u>
Club Night	☆☆Dinner Auction☆☆	Mon 15 th May - No meeting
Chair: Alan Lewis	Auctioneer: Leo O'Brien	Mon 22 nd May - Don Ripper: Youth Exchange
Sergeant: Emu Jones	Sergeant:	Mon 29 th May - Wellington Mayor: Malcolm Hole
Attendance: Noel Langley	Attendance: Noel Langley	Mon 5 th Jun - Rowan Salerman: Athletics
Set up: Carmel Webb	Set up:	Mon 19 th Jun - Lauren Carey - RYLA
Venue: Relish	Venue:	Mon 26 Jun - Change over night

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Rotarians, please remember to notify Relish if you'll be absent by 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.

NOTICES

Attendance: 19 Rotarians.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: None

Make – Ups: None reported

Raffle: Rod won the Cab Sav

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:

Mitchell River:

Sale Central:

Traralgon:

Traralgon Central:

Yarram:

Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions

Monday 5:45pm Italian Club

Tuesday 6:00pm Princeton

Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club

Monday 6:00pm Latrobe

Convention Centre

Wednesday 6:00pm Yarram Club