

The Rotary Club of
Padstow Inc.

Club Notes for 15 April 2008

Colin Duff – President

- Welcome to our guests. Lorraine's back again. Most people would know Barry and Gail Argall. We have Julie (Brideson), Bev (Pedder), Michele (Bateman), Jackie and Tony Luck, and Chrissy Lockwood-Liles.
- Trivia for today:
 - > The birthday of Leonardo Da Vinci
 - > The anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death.
 - > The anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.
 - > More importantly, it's the date of the opening of the first McDonald's restaurant in San Bernadino.
- Jackie has come with her father, Tony, to speak to us tonight about going to play in the orchestra at the opening of the Olympic Games in Beijing. I've asked Veronica if she would introduce Jackie.

Veronica Necyporuk

- Jackie approached the Youth Trust for assistance to travel to Beijing to take part in the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games. Jackie is a very accomplished musician, and plays in two local bands: Yagoona District Brass Band, and the South Pacific Concert Band, as well as the Picnic Point High School Band. For the last two years she has played trumpet with the NSW State Schools Symphonic Wind Orchestra and the Millenium Marching Band.

Jacqueline Luck

- I'm almost 16, and go to Picnic Point High School.
- The marching band is part of the Department of Education and Training Arts Unit.
- We rehearse once a month, because the students come from all over NSW.
- The orchestra for the Olympic Games opening ceremony will consist of 2008 musicians from all over the world. [Jackie is one of 150 students from NSW, and the only one from the Bankstown area.]
- Jackie played a series of videos showing some of the bands in which she played performing.

President Col

- Make it a promise to me to read the RDU magazine by next week. Make use of it and learn from it so you can talk with others about Rotary.
- Padstow Purlers sewed up 6 blankets on the weekend. There's still at least that much more to do. It's a big job, bigger than I thought it would be. Does anyone know someone who would take on the job of sewing up the squares into blankets? We also made knitting needles so that schools could assist us in knitting squares.
- I went to put the order in for the entertainment books, but I found that we need to order a minimum of 10 books, and we only had 8. It's a worthwhile exercise for the Club, as we get \$13 for each book sold, so that's \$130 for 10 books. [Some cajoling followed.] I think we might have the 10.
- At District Conference, we had a speaker talking about organ donation. I have some forms here, because apparently it's not enough to have it on your driver's licence, you need to talk to your family, and to get it registered on the donation database.
- I've spoken before about the National Immunisation Day for polio in India. There's a tour that you can go on which is part sight-seeing and part participating in the immunisation program. It costs \$2,400, and it's on the 8th to the 20th of September.

Kaye Townsend – Secretary

- I have correspondence lists for anyone who wants them.
- We've received a letter from the Children's Hospital for Sharon, thanking her for the donation of toy kits.

Allan Sweet – Treasurer

- We need helpers to put up banners for the Golf Day the day before and take them down after the game.
- We will have a few new things happening this year. One of the new things is every team will get a coloured golf ball, which the players will have to take turns playing for the whole 18 holes. If they don't bring it back, each player will have to pay \$10.

- (Maurie Abbott) Is it possible to get a good photo of Sarah Hilt for the Golf Day? It might help if we are asking the principals of the businesses to step forward with their personal cheques. [Yes]
- (Keri Sweet) I'd like to ask those who bought pearls from Sarah if they could wear them on the day. And I'll contact the family to see if we can sell more on the day.

President Col

- I asked Peter to put the award that we won last year on our letterhead. We have some copies that I'll pass around for comment. I thought it would be a good idea.

Mike Kenny – Club Administration

- I'd like to have a meeting with next year's directors after the meeting next week.

Bev Pedder

- I have 3 blankets worth of squares to be sewn up.

Terry Pedder – Community

- The markets were on last weekend. We made about \$280 from the barbecue, which is pretty good.

Jean Mullick – Membership / Vocational

- The vocational awards are on target.

Keri Sweet – Youth

- Applications for the RYPEN camp close on the 21st of April. Veronica has applications for East Hills Girls Technology High School. And I'm not sure if Geoff Hayman's daughter is going. [Yes] on the Saturday night I was supposed to be going to the dinner, but I'm going to the Race Day. Can anyone cover this event? It's on the 17th of May at Bluegum, Springwood.
- We have 2 schools participating in RYDA. Mt St Josephs are going on Thursday 15th of May, and Picnic Point High School are going on Friday 6th June. The RYDA trial at Homebush went well, but we now need more helpers and committee members.
- ROYA applications are coming up. Judging by Rotaractors is on the 2nd of August. We're looking for nominations.
- The Chair of PACE has had to step down due to work commitments. Is anyone interested in taking on either committee work or the job of Chair for PACE?
- The National Youth Science Forum is for students in Year 11. Students can apply on-line. It's very highly sought after. Students spend time in Canberra in January, meeting with scientists and doing experiments and research. It helps the students to work out their vocation.

Sharon Bond – Rotary Foundation / International Service

- Can we go halves with Burwood Rotary to send container to Mongolia? [Referred to the Board]
- We have sent a lot of stuff out lately.
 - > Parramatta City Mission – 125 blankets, 2,000 teaspoons, and 500 forks.
 - > Cambelltown Hospital Hospice – 10 tablecloths, 35 blankets, 110 ROK kits, 600 teaspoons, and 400 forks.
 - > Kenya Project – 2,500 blankets, 2,800 teaspoons, 3,000 forks, 960 toys, 1,000 bowls, and 200 comfort boxes.
 - > China Project – 100 blankets, 590 toys.
 - > Exodus Foundation (Loaves and Fishes) – 300 ROK kits, 140 blankets, 1600 teaspoons, 400 forks, 250 dessertspoons.
 - > Bankstown Hospital Paediatric – 260 toys.
 - > Sydney Children's Hospital – 460 toys.
 - > Westmead Children's Hospital – 520 toys.
 - > Matthew Talbot (St Vincents Homeless) – 400 teaspoons, 400 forks, 300 knives, 400 dessertspoons, 700 toys, and 5,000 toilet rolls.
 - > Aussie Helpers (Farmers) – 650 toys.
- ROK kits tomorrow night.

Joan Wells – Public Relations

- I've got a copy of the corrected letterhead for *Padstow on Parade* which I've given to Julie.
- Joan Thompson called me with a suggestion for the pillowcases. She suggested that we add pillow inserts and give them to nursing homes. The Senior Citizens Club also rang to say that's what they would like to do.
- Barry McConville had an email from John Milne. They've travelled up the Danube to Prague, but it's been the coldest and snowiest Easter for 40 years. He'd recommend it to anyone.

Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- 31 / 36 or 86.11%
- Apologies from Lauren Christie, Charles Garcia, Melinda Heywood, Terry Martin, Barry McConville, Glenda Murray, John Reilly, Barry Thompson, and Gaille Walton.
- I will be away for the next 2 weeks, but Joan Wells will be doing attendance. If you can't get to a meeting, please let Joan know.

GENERAL BUSINESS

David Edmunds

- Candy asked me to go to Tower Street school where her daughter works to introduce knitting squares to her class. I thought, "Why not the whole school?". With kids, if you ask them to help, it's important that you have something that they can do straight away. So we could do a *Wrapped With Love* bag, with knitting needles, a ball of wool to get them started, and a cardboard square of appropriate size. I'll talk to the kids, and I'll approach Trent Engisch of the *Torch* to see if they can supply off-cuts of cardboard for the squares.

Allan Sweet

- We're looking forward to a very successful Golf Day on the 29th of April.
- I received an email from Bankstown Golf Club. They have reduced the fees per player by \$10, and they've given us the hire of the drinks cart for free, and the room for the presentation is also free. Their support amounts to \$1,000, which entitles them to 4 players. They have also given us wine for the Bradman trophy. Every major sponsor will email their logo to Peter Townsend, so he can do a PowerPoint continuous display. Both the *Torch* and the *Express* will run a half-page advertisement after the day, with a report of what happened, and with the logos of the sponsors.
- We absolutely need player registrations.
- Last week after the Board meeting, I saw the best example of the *4 Way Test* I have seen. I want to commend Terry Pedder for its application. We didn't meet the criteria for a Presidential citation; we missed out by a couple of days.

Keri Sweet

- Barry Thompson said that Panania Probus didn't have a president, and were at risk of folding. My dad talked the out-going Treasurer into being President.
- At District Conference, the Rotaractors slept in a Shelterbox to raise money for more Shelterboxes. We need to send a cheque tonight to Gunarang Rotaract.

President Col

- At District Conference, I booked 15 rooms. These are 2 bedroom apartments, so they will sleep 60. After talking with *Cypress Lakes*, we have a discount – we can stay there for \$218 per person for the weekend, including breakfast. The next Conference is on the 6th of March, at *Cypress Lakes* in the Hunter Valley. Keith Roffey will take this on board.

Garry Metcalfe

- John Earls and I attended the carers meeting, and got some good ideas. I'm going to another meeting on Thursday for dementia. Would anyone else like to go?

Keith Roffey

- I submitted the CDSE funding report form to the *Revesby Workers Club* and subject to the Workers Board approval we should receive the additional \$5,000.00 shortly. This will enable us to sponsor the transport cost for more schools. We already have three schools applying for assistance.
- I have confirmed 29 places for the Race Day.
- Other groups, such as scouts, church groups, etcetera, should be informed about ROYA.

Julie Harris

- I've been trying to track down the *Movember* people. I got an email back to say that they are based in Melbourne, but come to Sydney occasionally, so they will arrange on their next trip here that they will come to a meeting to receive the cheque.

Terry Pedder

- Has anyone brought back any more ideas on how to use the pillowcases?
 - > (Sharon Bond) They could be unpicked for arm and leg holes to make shirts and shorts.

Sharon Bond

- I had a phone call from *Constitution Hill*. David Edmunds took some pillowcases to them. They will use the pillowcases for therapy activities such as embroidery and painting. They can't thank us enough.

Chrissy Lockwood-Liles

- I arrived in Port Vila, Vanuatu, in 2001.
- 3 months later, there was a cyclone, and I pulled a tear in my heart while throwing branches over the fence.
- I went to Port Vila Hospital, and was then sent to Brisbane.
- I only had 5 or 6 hours left to live when they drew fluid from around my heart.
- Port Vila Hospital did wonders under hard circumstances.
- A friend, Mark Thompson, a Rotarian I met in Brisbane, introduced me to Rotary. Since then, 450 Rotarians have worked on the Hospital, doing work on the TB Ward, the Maternity Ward, and so on.
- The Hospital needs medical and cleaning supplies, and an extension to the outpatients department.
- 3.5M Vatu has been spent on the Hospital in the past 2 years.
- A diabetic clinic is being built.
- We need help with a container in the next 2 weeks; it will cost up to \$4,000.
- I collect donations 6 days a week, and up to 9 hours a day when cruise ships come in.
- You can write to me at PO Box 3179, Port Vila, Vanuatu, SW Pacific.

Warren Bond – GUEST SPEAKER

- I've just come back from 2 weeks in Nepal. I went to see the hospital which is being upgraded as a RAWCS project. RAWCS sends people to many developing nations.
- At the hospital we put in new ceilings after tearing out the old ceilings first. We changed the level of the ceiling, and electricians did the wiring.
- The hospital is run by the Adventist Development Relief Agency.
- The Club has supported a couple of children in Nepal. Their mother took leave to be able to come to the hospital to do lunches for us.
- We also wired the local school so they could have light in winter. The school has bars in the windows, and no doors.
- The Australian Ambassador to Nepal came to the school open day, and everyone bent his ear about doing something for the school.
- The hospital treats everyone, regardless of politics or wealth.
- We usually go once or twice a year, with no end in sight.
- While we were there, a surgical team from Sydney arrived to treat burns victims and the scars that result. Sometimes, people's limbs end up welded to their body by the scar tissue.
- We try to pass on building skills to the local people.
- We put in medical machines which are obsolete by Australian standards but still very useful. For instance, a Phillips technician will go along to ensure a machine is installed properly.
- All volunteers pay their own way, but that is tax-deductible as it is done through RAWCS.

President Col – Thought of the Week

People may forget what you said, and people may forget what you did, but they won't forget how you made them feel.