

EURO-ENGLISH

The European Union commissioners have announced that an agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, the British government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as Euro-English.

In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft "c" and the hard "c" will be replaced with "k". Not only will this clear up confusion, but typewriters can have one less letter. There will be growing public enthusiasm.

In the second year, the troublesome "ph" will be replaced by "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20 per cent shorter.

In the third year, public acceptance of the new spelling can be expected to reach the stage where more complicated changes are possible.

Governments will encourage the removal of double letters, which have always been a deterrent to accurate spelling. Also, all will agree that the horrible mess of silent "e"s in the language is disgraceful, and they would go. By the fourth year, people will be receptive to steps such as replacing "th" by "z" and "w" by "v". During the fifth year, the unnecessary "o" can be dropped from words containing "ou", and similar changes and of course be applied to other combinations of letters.

And after the fifth year, we will all be speaking German like they wanted in the first place.

Birthdays are good for you – the more you have, the longer you live.

Rotary Grace

O Lord, thou Giver of all good,
we praise Thee for our daily food;
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days.

"The Fulcrum" Rotary Club of Padstow Inc.



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Terry Martin gave his long-awaited (and so interesting) talk about his job. It took President Joan a few attempts to end the meeting.

PROGRAMME

Tonight	Gillian Burrows M7 Orbital Motorway + board meeting
April 27	Myra Douglas Summer Science Forum
May 4	Mothers Day dinner partners night
May 11	Parliament House 7pm for 7:30pm
May 18	Seniors Advisory Council – Barbara Loback
May 23	Red Shield Appeal
May 25	Pride of Workmanship awards and Club birthday

President Joan:

- Welcomed Elina and Alex, and Christine Hewitt (from the USA).
- Padstow (Cornwall) people left Sydney for Cairns Good Friday. 4-5 days there, then heading to Singapore. Hoping to meet up with John Milne.
- Phone Joan Wells for apologies for the next 5 weeks as Kevin will be holidaying in WA and Darwin.

Secretary - Ken

- Gaming and Racing Authority – February '04 Charities Bulletin.
- Autism Association – opening of Autism Awareness Week 6th May.
- Lifeline – Fun Walk and Run in Parramatta 1st August. Wants Rotary to sponsor a hot food stand.
- Amcor Fibre Packaging – can't assist us with Paceway project.

Club Service - Barry

- Long letter from Nepal shared with our friends in Padstow Cornwall, and they are happy to continue their association with this project.
- Incoming board needs to meet to decide how to spend funds.
- Flying Rotarian event Sunday 18/4
- A copy of our application for a Presidential Citation for 2004 was sent and confirmed received by DG Warwick Tester.
- Draft list of District entries available to be checked – please do so.
- Asked two members to report on District Assembly – wasn't appropriate last week.
 - Keri Sweet – we are in a great club – many of the things that were new to other people were things we are already on top of. We covered membership, risk assessment, and insurance. We need to look into the National Food Code, risk assessment for Club social events (eg Feeding Frenzy), risk assessment team to pre-check events and one person to be risk assessor during event. Australia Post to do centenary stamp for Rotary. February 2005 every club to put supplement in local newspaper about the centenary year. District Calendar to avoid conflicting dates for joint club activities. Sign in/out sheets for club events for insurance purposes.
 - Keith Roffey – District Assembly well organised. Padstow had solid representation on district. At International level Padstow was involved in nearly everything. Overall Australia receives back more from the Foundation than we put into it.
 - Frank Katalinic – was a first timer at District Assembly. Enthusiasm shown by Rotarians of long standing flowed on to inspire newer Rotarians to understand what Rotary is all about. It was interesting to see how Vocation overlaps so many other areas.

Youth – Glenda

- 4 nominees for RYPEN – will put the names in next week.

International – Keith

- Letter from Gemma Ashton re representing Club on YEP
- Will need a cheque for \$250-300 as our contribution to GSE to District.
- Alan departs Thursday
- National days: 16th Denmark, 17th Syria, 18th Zimbabwe, 13th New Year's Day for Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia & Thailand.

General Business

- Allan: Talked with John Milne from Devon wishing GSE Team a good trip to Houston.
- Barry Mc: Has a contact in National Parks who will assist with getting project under way.
- Veronica: Alternate idea for centenary project – letter to principals of local schools re request for their ideas so we can choose which to support. Other ideas involve Boomerang Park, Kelso toilets, and Revesby Abel Park. Veronica will contact National Parks again as this may be a possible future project.
- Russell: Thanked Joan and Maureen for helping out at Markets on Easter Saturday – raised \$955. BBQ \$60. Buy replacement table next week.
- Garry: Young Carers Camp 18th – 22nd April at Rathane. One kid needs to be picked up early Thursday morning and taken to airport. Need help with set up and clean up of evening meals. Wednesday night there is a Red Faces after dinner. Como club may help.
- Cliff: Report on the pommies. Took them to the 3 Sisters and in payback for them showing him around in bad weather in England it was rainy and they couldn't see the 3 Sisters but it was still a funny, enjoyable day.
- Keri: Fax from Silverwater Club re 22 yr10 work experience students from Bourke – 29 May - 7 June – need boarding. If anybody borrowed shirts for Conference please bring them back.
- Allan: Thanks to the Club for GSE farewell and particularly Emma, Keith's daughter, for flowers.

Attendance - Kevin

- 27/33 or 81.82%.
- Warren & Sharon Bond and Trevor Withnall are at Cronulla
- While I am away, Terry Martin will do attendance and put in report, and Joan Wells will take apologies and book dinner.

Guest Speaker – Terry Martin on his Work

- Worked as a civilian at Redfern Local Area Command.
- Very interesting talk which resulted in lots of questions to Terry.