
PROGRAMME

- 14 Apr..... Chantel- *Mentors for our students*
Board meeting
 - 21 Apr..... Sydney Water
 - 25 Apr..... Anzac Day
 - 27 Apr..... School holidays end
 - 28 Apr..... Golf Day
 - 03 May District Assembly
 - 05 May Pride of Workmanship
 - 09 May Markets
 - 12 May Club Assembly
 - 17 May Family of Rotary picnic
 - 19 May Primary Schools
 - 24 May Red Shield Appeal
 - 26 May Club Birthday
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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

As dictated

Dear John,

I want a man who knows what love is all about. You are generous, kind, thoughtful. People who are not like you admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me for other men. I yearn for you. I have no feelings whatsoever when we're apart. I can be forever happy - will you let me be yours?

Gloria

After punctuation

Dear John,

I want a man who knows what love is. All about you are generous, kind, thoughtful people, who are not like you. Admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me. For other men, I yearn. For you, I have no feelings whatsoever. When we're apart, I can be forever happy. Will you let me be?

Yours, Gloria

Brain Teaser

Q: Last week I bought 100 kilos of sultana grapes, which - as you know - are exactly 99% water. After drying them for a week, they had become only 98% water. What do the sultanas weigh now?

A: In the original 100 kilos, 99% was water, therefore the sultana part weighed 1 kilo. After drying, the sultana part was 2% of the total weight. If 1 kilo is 2%, then the weight of the whole is fifty kilos.



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Keri introduces PDG Bill Little

TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Chantel – *Mentors for our students*

NEXT MEETING

21 April – Sydney Water

The Rotary Club of
Padstow Inc.

Topics Discussed at Meeting of 07 April 2009

(For more detail, see Club Notes on the website)

Julie Harris – President Elect

- President Michael and Secretary Glenda away.

Allan Sweet – Treasurer

- Accounts.

Joan Wells – Club Administration

- Next Board meeting, Bike race, Bunnings barbecue Easter Monday, speakers for next 2 weeks, Mai and Lewis here next week.

Sharon Bond – Youth

- RYDA, MUNA

Alex Thomas – Membership / Vocational

- Pride of Workmanship

Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- 31/43 – 72.09%, 8 apologies, ring Joan next week.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Terry Martin

- New Club.

Sharon Bond

- ROK kits.

Allan Sweet

- Golf Day.

Julie Harris & Lauren Christie

- Leadership course.

Veronica Necyporuk

- RAMS.

Barry Thompson

- Leadership Course.

Bill Little – GUEST SPEAKER

- Village Aide. (see <http://www.vap.ph/>)

The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Rotary

By Ed Futa, General Secretary, Rotary International

Since my letter on this subject on 12 February, the global economic climate has worsened, and the financial markets continued to lose significant value. As of 28 February, both RI's and The Rotary Foundation's investments had further declined in value in line with the markets, with investment losses of approximately US\$26 million and \$222 million, respectively. Although the markets reacted more favourably during the last two weeks in March, they remain extremely volatile.

The current investment climate will continue to present challenges for all service and charitable organizations in the foreseeable future. It is difficult to predict the near and long-term impact that the U.S. Federal Reserve and Treasury policies will have on the financial markets.

On a positive note, however, Rotary's cash flows remain strong, and we have not had to sell any investments to operate. RI's revenues from dues and other services and activities remain ahead of budget and prior year, and Rotarian contributions to the Foundation are up \$6 million over last year. We have cut all nonessential and discretionary spending for the balance of this fiscal year, and I am taking every action possible to reduce costs next fiscal year with minimum impact on services to you and your clubs.

The significant decline in the market value of our Foundation's investments has diminished the Foundation's operating reserve, requiring the Trustees to take specific steps needed to continue programs and operations during this economic crisis. At their January meeting, the Trustees reduced the current fiscal year's World Fund program awards budget by \$16.3 million. Looking ahead, the Trustees will consider additional actions for fiscal 2009-10 and beyond to fund existing program commitments and to pursue the Foundation's strategic goals within the current financial constraints.

excerpt from Rotary International website, dated 2 April 2009

Hiss ... pop

A new manager was being shown around a plastics factory. As the new man and his guide passed one machine, it went, "hiss, pop, hiss, pop". The new manager asked, "What does that machine make?" "Oh, it makes nipples for babies' bottles. The hiss is the injection of plastic, and the pop is a needle making a hole in the end through which the milk will flow." Later, they passed a machine which went "hiss, hiss, hiss, pop, hiss, hiss, hiss, pop". Again the new manager asked the guide about what the machine made. "Condoms", came the reply, "the hisses are the plastic being injected, and the pop is a needle making a hole in every third condom." "But that can't be good for the condoms!" gasped the new manager. "No," said the guide, "but it's great for baby bottle nipple sales."

Philosophy

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

Charles M. Schulz