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Chairman: Neil Ross

PRESIDENTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Grant announced that because he is away for the next meeting, Deputy President PP Don will be Acting.
- The note in Bulletin No. 2 about the skate park may have given the impression that the Rotary Clubs of Sale were committed to spend \$100K on the project. This is not the case. Such an amount is well beyond the means of the two Clubs.
- Lyndon represented the RC of Sale at the Seaspray Surf Life Saving Club.
- Rotarian and former RC of Sale member, Alan Gamble, passed on his best wishes to the Club.
- Grant reminded Board members there is a meeting on Wednesday at Daniel's office starting at 1700 hours.

Guest Speaker: Don Ripper – Rotary Youth Exchange

Neil briefly introduced the speaker for the meeting, Don Ripper, whose topic was Rotary Youth Exchange.

Don used a Power Point presentation to illustrate his points and commenced by informing members that Rotary Youth Exchange is the oldest of the youth exchange programs and one of Rotary's oldest programs. It is a most powerful force in the promotion of international understanding and over 8,000 students take part each year. The program was started in 1927 and today 82 countries continue to take part.

Participants in the program are high school-aged students who have not completed their secondary school studies. There are long-term (1 year, hosted by 3 – 4 families) and short-term (6 weeks, family to family and only to New Zealand) exchanges. As the aim of the program is to promote international fellowship, students are selected on their capacity to be an ambassador for their community, the Club that selected them and their country and not just on their scholarly abilities.

Students are expected to meet their own airfare as well as some other financial commitments but normal living expenses and accommodation are provided by the host parents who are also expected to take on the role of parenting.

Rotary looks after the logistics, including schooling, at Club (host and sponsoring) and District level. This year District 9820 has 14 exchange students abroad but in its heyday 32 exchange students took part in one year.

In his concluding remarks, Don indicated that Rotary Youth Exchange is a very worthwhile program and that the host parents do not need to be Rotarians.

Don's presentation initiated a number of questions. Col asked why in the program there is not a direct swap. Don pointed out that this is not always possible as an outgoing student's parents may not be suitable hosts or be in a position to host another student. Neil commented that as a former host parent he did feel the responsibility but with children still at home there was no extra commitment. In response to Mike's question, Don reiterated that suitable hosts may be

found in the community who are not Rotarians and he named two or three families in Sale who had done so in the past. Don said that a number of other service clubs and organisations have international student exchange programs. When Don mentioned that the Sale Club began its exchange program in 1963, Emu suggested that since then many things have changed and that the need for such programs may no longer exist. Don pointed out that Sale Central currently hosts a Japanese student and Adrian told of the Latrobe Valley girl who had experienced Indian culture for a year. David C. commented that for the Club to host a student it needs full commitment but that our hearts don't seem to be in it.

Chairman Neil then called on President Grant to thank Don. Grant did this and said that the possibility of hosting a student in partnership with Sale Central would be discussed at the Board meeting

Sergeants-at-Arms: Leo O'Brien

- Leo, as usual, put on a brilliant performance, off the cuff, starting by fining himself for lack of preparation.
- Next in line was Keith 'Harry M.' Miller for losing his director's place at the head of the table.
- As was expected, David C. was asked to pay for taking Keith's seat.
- Grant copped it for going on too long last week.
- The sergeant spotted a hitchhiker during the preceding week and would have picked him up but he was too scruffy. As he went past, Leo recognised Col who was hoofing it because of unreliable public transport. Leo did not pick Col up and fined him to boot.
- Graeme was fined for the same incident because a number of the Dyer's trucks went past and also left Col thumbing a ride.
- Peter was asked if he wanted to buy a house up the road from him. He replied in the negative but was interested in another, provided the price was right. Leo did not even know that house was for sale so Peter was fined for being in the know before him.
- Several other members were fined including Lyndon, Laurie, and Harry. Noel specifically was not fined and Adrian was fined for the earlier than usual Bulletin.
- In fines from the floor, Keith got Don because RI President, William Boyd, was Hopalong Cassidy in another decade. He also got Neil because he is a bit slow off the mark with his grandchildren, none, compared with Keith's 7. David fined Peter for the quiz question that came up about Flooding Creek and Mike fined Lyndon for not getting on the swing bridge when it was opened.

<u>NEXT MEETING Monday 17th Jul</u>	<u>Meeting Monday 24th Jul</u>	<u>ON THE RADAR</u>
Guest Speaker: Anton Vardy, Director of the Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale – Annemieke Mein's exhibition. Partner's Night. Please let Relish know if you are taking your spouse or guests.	Guest Speaker: To be advised	Mon 31 st Jul – TBA
Chair: Peter Synan	Chair: Colin Counsell	Mon 7 th Aug –
Sergeant: Mike Smith	Sergeant: Chris Harrison	Mon 14 th Aug –
Attendance: Noel Langley	Attendance: Noel Langley	Mon 21 st Aug –
Set up: Bob Davis	Set up: Brenda Burditt	Mon 28 th Aug -
Venue: Relish	Venue: Relish	

<u>Relish Contact Details</u>	<u>NOTICES</u>
Hosts: Tania Jones & Robert Wood	Attendance: 16 Rotarians.
Phone/Fax: (03) 5144 5044	Visiting Rotarians: None
E-mail: relish8@westnet.com.au	Guests: None
Rotarians, please remember to notify Relish if you'll be absent by 12:00 midday on the Monday of the meeting.	Make-Ups: None reported
	Raffle: Laurie took home the wine

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:	Maffra:	Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions
Bairnsdale: Tuesday 6:00pm Bairnsdale Club	Mitchell River:	Monday 5:45pm Italian Club
Bairnsdale Sunrise: Friday 6:45am Main Hotel	Sale Central:	Tuesday 6:00pm Princeton
Heyfield: Monday 6:30 Railway Hotel	Traralgon:	Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club
Lakes Entrance: Wednesday 6:00pm Bellevue Motel	Traralgon Central:	Monday 6:00pm Latrobe Convention Centre
	Yarram:	Wednesday 6:00pm Yarram Club

For more information about Rotary check the following websites
 Rotary Club of Sale: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rcsale/> Rotary District 9820: www.district9820.org Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org>

About Rotary

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self*.

Although Rotary clubs develop autonomous service programs, all Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio. In the 1980s, Rotarians raised US\$240 million to immunize the children of the world; by 2005, Rotary's centenary year and the target date for the certification of a polio-free world, the PolioPlus program will have contributed US\$500 million to this cause. In addition, Rotary has provided an army of volunteers to promote and assist at national immunization days in polio-endemic countries around the world.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes world understanding through international humanitarian service programs and educational and cultural exchanges. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share its vision of a better world. Since 1947, the Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are initiated and administered by local Rotary clubs and districts.

Just for Fun

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident on a snowy, cold Monday morning. Both of their cars are totally demolished but amazingly neither of them is hurt. God works in Mysterious ways.

After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, "So you're a man. That's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unharmed. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days".

Flattered, the man replies, "Oh yes, I agree with you completely, this must be a sign from God!"

The woman continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune."

Then she hands the bottle to the man. The man nods his head in agreement, opens it and drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

The woman replies, "No. I think I'll just wait for the police...."