

ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC

80 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SALE REGION 1928 -- 2008



Weekly Bulletin **the Rotary Club of Sale** **Chartered 19th September 1928**

Club President
Leo O'Brien
Secretary
Laurie Smyth

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R.I. President
Dong Kurn Lee
District Governor
Ken McDonald

Co Chairmen David and Graeme welcomed the 155 people present including members and partners of the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship Rotary members of the Bairnsdale, Mitchell River and Bairnsdale Sunrise Clubs and the twelve members of the Sale Club and their partners and guest speaker Tom Courtney of Angel Flight. Col gave the invocation and called on all present for a period of reflection for those affected by the recent bush fires.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

27th March Cops & Robbers tickets from Margaret @\$35/head
Dragon Boat weekend 4th & 5th April

Members who wish to be on committee to organize the Charity Auction contact Daniel
Board Meeting Wednesday 11th March

Thursday 12th March at Seaspray between 11.00 am to 2.00 pm Sale Rotary will be hosting Laurina Lodge (Heyfield), McDonald Wing & Stretton Park (Maffra), Wilson Lodge and Ashleigh House Laurie is looking for volunteers to assist on the day.



Bette & Lois alighting after enjoying a pleasant drive by Mike



Noel making sure we all paid



Sale Rotarians dominated the top table



Graeme welcoming the guests



David thanking the guest Speaker Tom



President Elect Rod pointing out the finer details

Co Chair Graeme invited the presidents of Bairnsdale Club, Dianne, Bairnsdale Sunrise, Anne, Mitchell River, Ron and Grant on behalf of president Leo to say a few words about Club activities. President Ric Patterson of the RVFR gave a brief overview of the fellowship and presented banners to the four clubs.

David introduced Tom Courtney of Angel Flight, a retired successful businessman from Eagle Point who owns his own aircraft and undertakes on a voluntary basis the transport of patients when other facilities are inadequate. Angel Flight is a charity that co-ordinates non-emergency flights to help country people trying to deal with the triple trouble of bad health, poor finances and daunting distance. All flights are free and may involve patients travelling to medical facilities anywhere in Australia. It receives no subsidy from Governments and pilots are recompensed for the fuel they use on the actual flight, but we still need lots of other help with things like car transport for airport/hospital transfers, fund raising called Earth Angels. There is six full time staff that coordinates all flights. Since it was formed in 2003 over 6,000 missions have been undertaken. David moved a vote of thanks and made the presentation of a cheque of \$300 from the Rotary Club of Sale which was matched by a cheque from the RVFR.



On Monday night Laurie and his Dragon Boat Committee met and resolved to consolidate all activities at the Botanic Garden end of Lake Guthridge as illustrated in above diagram

NEXT MEETING Monday 23rd

February

Chair: David Crouch
Sergeant: Mike Smith
Attendance: Noel Langley
Set Up: Royce Thompson

Monday 2nd March

Club Night
Chair:
Sergeant:
Attendance: Noel Langley
Set Up:

On the Radar

Monday 16th March 2009

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
Lakes Entrance: Wednesday 6:00pm Bellevue Motel

Mitchell River:

Sale Central:
Traralgon:
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Yarram:

Monday 5:45pm Italian Club
Tuesday 6:00pm Sale Greyhounds
Tuesday 6:00pm Traralgon Golf Club
Monday 6:00pm Latrobe Convention Centre
Wednesday 6:00pm Yarram Club

Maffra: Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions

Relish Contact Details

Hosts: Thao Hua

Phone/Fax: (03) 5144 5044

E-mail:

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

NOTICES

Attendance: 12

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: 5 partners

Make-Ups:

Raffle:

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>

JUST FOR FUN

Contributed by Graeme

The love story of Ralph and Edna...

Just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to, doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have. Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool. Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end.

He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there.

Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Edna the news she said, 'Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged, since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love. I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness.

The bad news is, Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead.'

Edna replied, 'He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?'

Happy Mental Health Day!

You can do your bit by remembering to send an email to an unstable friend...

Done my part!!!