

ROTARY CLUB OF SALE INC

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



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Club President

Leo O'Brien

Secretary

Laurie Smyth

LITERACY MONTH

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R.I. President

Dong Kurn Lee

District Governor

Ken McDonald

Chairman Keith welcomed the 17 Rotarians present and guest speaker Jill Atherston

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laurie reported on the successful outing to Seaspray of 51 Elderly Citizens hosted by the Club (Laurie & Alan)

Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd District Conference Albury (Leo, Debbie, David C, Christine, Rod, Laurie)

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March Relay For Life see attached roster

4th & 5th April Dragon Boat weekend opportunity to Sponsor a Boat for \$500

Note Change of Date Cops & Robbers now Saturday 9th May tickets from Margaret @\$35/head



Laurie welcome the 51 Club Guest on behalf of President Leo and thanked the Seaspray Surf Club volunteers for preparing lunch



Alan the pusher next time the club donates a wheel chair we should include a motor

Sergeant at Arms Mike

- Neil because his club conducted the Marlay Point Overnight Yacht Race and collected lots of money from the 164 Entrants. Neil was also able to tell us that the major sponsor won the race to Paynesville in under 4 hours.
- Don for being able to inform members that the record number of entries was 641.
- Royce for his mobile phone
- Keith tipped the Vics to win the Sheffield Shield
- Leo has a memory like a computer
- Rod for re-applying for his job
- Lyndon for informing the members that fires in the Wellington Shire are under control
- Daniel wished he was a bit older

- Col because he and Marg took the back seat in the bus to Bairnsdale and then moved to separate seats
- David T has put his caravan in the shed but the dent is still in his horse float

- Grant was fined without cause.
- In fines from the floor, Keith fined Royce for his part in the concert at the MCG and Daniel got Laurie for his Exxon Valdez



Keith introducing Jill



Leo making the presentation to Jill

Keith introduced Jill and the topic of her presentation: Trade with Third World Countries, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh. Jill started her talk by indicating that she had just returned from a weekend in Shepparton where she had been selling riding shirts made in Bangladesh. She continued her story by telling us how she came to be doing this. She was looking to do some volunteer work overseas and had hoped to go to Zimbabwe from whence she came in the 1970s. Instead she was selected to be a tailor in training in Dhaka. Jill reluctantly agreed to go and began work for the Non Government Organisation, the Society for Underprivileged Families. She found Bangla a difficult language as she could only learn by listening because writing was in Sanskrit. She also had to overcome suspicions by the local trainers who thought that Jill was there to take their jobs but after three months she was accepted and found the Bangladesh people, 97% of whom are Muslim, to be delightful, honest, kind and hospitable. Jill went on to explain that Bangladesh is a country of 140 million people and is just the size of Victoria. Dhaka has a population of 25 million. The land is very fertile due to the constant flooding of the Ganges which from time to time also changes its course, thus contributing to the poverty of the people.

The Society for Underprivileged Families (SUF) provides education to disadvantaged working children. SUF teaches the community about child rights, and fosters awareness of the plight of working children. This awareness can change the fate of millions of children and help to eradicate Child Labour in Bangladesh. SUF has now started Tailoring Production and this not only teaches the students about garment manufacture, but also employs the graduates from the tailoring school, and helps to make SUF more sustainable. Products are sold through the website at www.infinitycottage.com and the profits go back to SUF to help educate working children.

In 2004 the Australian Embassy asked Jill to speak at an International Women's Day meeting. As a result she was flooded with offers of help and the embassy gave her \$9,000 which she managed to spend in a couple of weeks on industrial sewing machines. The Dhaka tailors have been making beautiful shirts ever since which continue to improve in quality. It has turned out to be a wonderful sustainable project and the shirts sell well in Australia.

Jill's role now is to design the shirts and provide specifications and to sell them and other products made in the free schools in Australia. In answer to questions from Col, Mike, David and Don, Jill explained that she sells and markets the products on her own all over Australia from Bundalaguah and that, she cannot not really compete with R M Williams. Bangladesh cannot produce goods as cheaply as China, they are not mass produced. Short sleeved shirts are \$70, long sleeves \$80. Horse ear bonnets are hoods used to protect horses from noisy distractions.

At the conclusion, Pres Leo thanked Jill on behalf of the Club. Keith closed the meeting and announced that next week the speaker will be Dr Ali Kahn.



Horse Ear Bonnet



Riding Shirt



Study Group



Tailor at work

Roster so far for Relay For Life based on the members who had nominated a time and asked for volunteers to fill the gaps and to support the cause contact Adrian on arys47@netspace.net.au if you want to change or go on the roster and support the lonely walkers

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March

- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Adrian Rys
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm Col Counsell
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- 5:00 - 6:00 pm Alan Lewis & Lois McNaughton, Paul & Christine Harrison
- 6:00 - 7:00 pm Alan Lewis & Lois McNaughton, Bob & Denise Davis
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm Daniel Smolenaars
- 8:00 - 9:00 pm Neil Ross
- 9:00 - 10:00 pm Brian Turner, Kate Campbell
- 10:00 - 11:00 pm Graeme & Alida Dyer
- 11:00 - 12:00 pm Don Ripper
- 12:00 - 1:00 am Mike Smith & Lynne Hall
- 1:00 - 2:00 am Adrian Rys
- 2:00 - 3:00 am Leo O'Brien
- 3:00 - 4:00 am Laurie Smyth
- 4:00 - 5:00 am David & Christine Crouch
- 5:00 - 6:00 am Philip & Elizabeth Davis, Rod Exton
- 6:00 - 7:00 am Philip & Elizabeth Davis
- 7:00 - 8:00 am Harry Hua
- 8:00 - 9:00 am Lyndon & Carmel Webb



Keith measuring the walk John Leslie PP, PHF with Tim Rowe WSC inspecting the completed section of trail. Swing Bridge Drive to 1st Board Walk 328m Board Walk 377m, At Grade 733m, Board Walk 19m, at Grade 79m Board Walk 65m, At Grade 518m, Board Walk 74m At Grade 114m a total distance of 2,307m



Walking the plank on next section of board walk under construction (piles & cross heads now complete on all four sections) following inspection John presented a \$30,000 cheque to the Club the 1st drawdown on his \$100,000 contribution

NEXT MEETING Monday 23rd March

Guest Dr Ali Khan
 Chair: Harry Hua
 Sergeant: Rod Exton
 Attendance: Noel Langley
 Set Up: Ian Jones

Monday 30th March 2009 Dragon Boat Planning

Speaker Laurie
 Chair: Col Counsell
 Sergeant: Daniel
 Attendance: Noel Langley
 Set Up: Neil Ross

On the Radar

Monday 6th April 2009

Saturday 9th May Cops & Robbers Night

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
- Maffra: Thursday 6:00pm Duart Receptions

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

NOTICES

Relish Contact Details
Hosts: Thao Hua
Phone/Fax: (03) 5144 5044
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Attendance: 17 Rotarians
Visiting Rotarians:
Guests: Jill Atherston
Make-Ups:
Raffle: Mike won the raffle

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

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 Keith

LONDON LAWYER V GLASGOW COP (miss-match)

A London lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a Glasgow copper.

He thinks that he is smarter than the cop because he is a lawyer from LONDON and is certain that he has a better education than any Jock cop. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Glasgow cops expense!!

Glasgow cop says, 'Licence and registration, please.'

London Lawyer says, 'What for?'

Glasgow cop says, 'Ye didnae come to a complete stop at the stop sign.'

London Lawyer says, 'I slowed down, and no one was coming.'

Glasgow cop says, 'Ye still didnae come to a complete stop. Licence and registration, please.'

London Lawyer says, 'What's the difference?'

Glasgow cop says, 'The difference is, ye huvte to come to complete stop, that's the law, Licence and registration, please!'

London Lawyer says, 'If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my licence and registration; and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket.'

Glasgow cop says, 'Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir.'

The London Lawyer exits his vehicle.

The Glasgow cop takes out his baton and starts beating the heck out of the lawyer and says,

'Dae ye want me to stop, or just slow doon?'