NEXT MEETING 2179
Tuesday January 17, 2012
6:00 for 6:30 p.m.
Committee Meetings; Fundraising discussion

January is Rotary Awareness Month

Rotary International and District 9780, 2011—2012
Rotary International President: Kalyan Banerjee (Binota) RC Vapi
District Governor: Brian Treenery (Jenny) RC Warrnambool
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Assistant Governor Group 1: Ray Herbert (Deidre) RC Mount Gambier West
Assistant Governor New Generations: Max Dalrymple (Vena) RC Mount Gambier West
Assistant Governor Membership: Libby Furner (Bob) RC Mount Gambier West
Chairman Literacy Resource Group: PDG Bob Furner

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Meet; Commodore on the Park Tuesday 6-6.30pm Apologies by 4.00pm 87246400
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just a reminder that the Rotary B4 Work satellite is back on Thursday 12th. Call Karen (8723 4295) if attending so that Commodore can be informed.

PROGRAM

Mount Gambier Lakes Club hosted the joint meeting, catering from their mobile facility.
We were narrowly defeated in the shoot-out by their Club. RC Mt Gambier was a distant third. Looks like Lakes will have us shooting again next year!

Joyce The Librarian

Joyce the librarian
Strict vegetarian
Forty and living with mum.
Wears sandals and glasses
Attends evening classes
And wonders if romance will come.
Though she'd never been kissed
It's not something she'd missed
Until some weeks before;
When George, a Rotarian,
Handsome lotharian,
Walked through the library door.

George was unmarried
And the torch that Joyce carried
Was burning a hole in her heart
She wanted to show him
But didn't yet know him
She didn't know where to start
So with growing abhorrence
She read D.H. Lawrence
To glean a few ideas . . .
Which she turned down flat
She couldn't do that
Not in a million years!!

The very next day
She kept out of the way
When George returned his books
But with growing conviction
She wandered through 'Fiction'
And threw him some longing looks.
And when George joined the queue
She knew just what to do,
She smiled and removed her specs . .
Then looked in horror
'Cause he'd come to borrow 
'The Further Joy of Sex'.

Perhaps because latterly
She'd read 'Lady Chatterley'
Something just snapped in her head;
She gave herself gladly,
Wildly, madly,
To George that night in his bed.
But then just as she'd feared
George disappeared
Some other librarian to woo.
Now there's a sob in her voice
As both book and Joyce
Are a fortnight over due.

Richard Stilgoe & Peter Skellern

I couldn't resist printing this song. It's the only time I've heard musical reference to Rotarians other than in the carry-on which happens in the USA. There's a link below. It's funny.

Bob

http://youtu.be/-5fizeIYAWc
Australian spotlights progress in Afghanistan

Kay Danes has written several books about her wrongfully imprisonment in Laos.

In 2000, Kay Danes and her husband, Kerry, were wrongfully imprisoned in Laos, where they were managing a security company. A government dispute with one of the firm’s clients, a gem mine, led to 11 months of brutal incarceration before they were released. Since then, Danes, a member of the Rotary Club of Redlands Bayside, Australia, has written several books about their experiences and those of others detained in overseas prisons. Last year, she was named one of Australia’s 50 most influential women.

THE ROTARIAN: It’s been a decade since you were released. How has your life changed?

DANES: Spending almost a year imprisoned in Laos did not change me as a person, but it did make me more aware of my surroundings and more trusting of my instincts. I’m not one to sit in the shadows. I’d much rather turn what could have been a totally debilitating experience into a reflection of strength and determination to make a difference.

TR: In 2008, you went to Afghanistan with the ChildLight Foundation for Afghan Children. Were you worried about security?

DANES: After the flashbacks and anxiety attacks associated with surviving torture, I wanted to be able to go outside my door again without fearing that something bad would happen. When Diana Tacey, director of the ChildLight Foundation and a member of the Rotary Club of Mesa Sunrise, Ariz., USA, asked if I would like to go with her on a humanitarian aid mission to Afghanistan, I accepted. This was the most incredible experience I’d ever had. I documented our journey in my book Beneath the Pale Blue Burqa. Tremendous progress is being made in Afghanistan. There’s a great deal of hope, courage, and resilience among the people.

TR: Has the book been distributed there?

DANES: The book has been very well received in Afghanistan, but distribution is difficult. Many people are poor and usually only access books through university libraries. They don’t have bookstores like we have in the West.

TR: What kind of work did you do in Afghanistan?

DANES: We participated in the first Healthy Families Seminar, where women came from all over Nangarhar Province to learn more about hygiene, midwifery, and mental illness. We traveled to remote communities and helped establish poultry farms to give families an opportunity to earn a sustainable income.

TR: How did you react to being named one of Australia’s most influential women?

DANES: It was a humbling experience, and I am grateful that it recognizes the importance of humanitarian work. It’s nice to be acknowledged, but I hope people will focus more on helping impoverished people, particularly those who live in countries devastated by war.

The Rotarian -- January 2012
On the Web
Rotary International
www.rotary.org
Rotary District 9780
www.rotary9780.org
Club Administration
www.clubrunner.ca/mountgambierwest/
Rotary in Australia
www.rotaryaustralia.org.au
ShelterBox Australia

CELEBRATE IN JANUARY
Happy Birthday to
Val Verhoeven (2nd), Jan Shanahan (15th),
Lisa Rowley (17th), David Cameron (22nd),
Jan Page (23rd), Ray Herbert (24th).
Happy Anniversary
Furners (5th), Pearces (8th),
Shanahans (15th),
Gilbertsons (31st).
Club Anniversary
PP Libby (22nd), 9 years.

RECEPTION: *
January—Bob Chapman, Barry Clark

GRACE: *
January 17—Ray Herbert
Jan 24—Michael Hillstone
Jan 31—Morven Hutchesson

CALENDAR
January 17  Committee Meetings. F/R brain storm
January 24  Returnee YEx Kirby
January 31  Jacinta Clark—World Vision Experiences
February 7  Joint Meeting with Lions—BMX support
February 14  Committee Meetings and NYSF with Nic Tonkin (TBC)
February 21  Fellowship at Jan and Barry Page’s home.
February 28  Me and My Job Talks (TBC)

MAKEmakeup guide
Mt Gambier Lakes Mon 6:30pm  Commodore on the Park
Hamilton Mon 6:00pm  Grange Burn Motel
Caterston Tue 6:30pm  Glenelg Inn
Hamilton North Wed 6:00pm  Grange Burn Motel
Mount Gambier Wed 6:15pm  RSL Function Room
Millicent Thurs 6:10pm  Community Club

You also might consider attending our satellite meetings which are held Thursday mornings 6:45 for 7:00 a.m., at the Commodore on the Park.

MAKEUP GUIDE

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