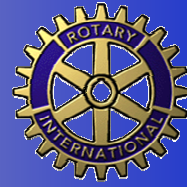




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**The Rotary Club of
Albany East
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WEEKLY ROSTER

February 7th

DUTY

Host

Shane Martin

Tables

PP Geoff McNeill / PP Ashley

Invocation

Owen Greive

Introduction

Mike O'Meara

V.O.T.

D.G. Peter Brown

*Induction
7th Feb -
PP Daphne*

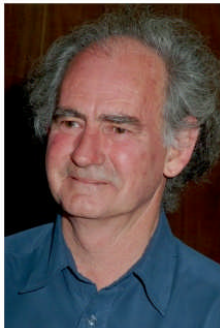
Please arrange a replacement if you cannot attend a meeting.

*APOLOGIES and ATTENDANCE
PP Ted Martin 0407427704*

Guests



PP Daphne Cotton



John Moore
Dept of Agriculture

President Len welcomed PP Daphne Cotton for the last time as a guest. She will be inducted into our Club on the 7th February. All G.S.E. members have been hosted by Club members.

**President
Len**



PP Ashley tabled a Conference duty roster once again.



He urged us to put our names on the list. The 9th and 10th were the main days that help is required. President Len and PP Jacko are in need of a team to keep the whole Conference running smoothly.

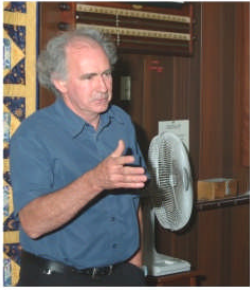
PP Ross requested volunteers for the annual street appeal for St John's Ambulance. The helpers are required outside Bankwest on Friday the 3rd of February.



PP Roy informed the members of the current market value of the Albert Van Eyk award portfolio. Thanks to Richard Grist and his team, the current market value of our investment is about \$197,000. The interest from this is used to present awards up to \$10,000 each year.

PP Roy also asked for volunteers for the Hospital garden cleanup. PP Jacko's offer for fishing attracted more interest!!!





John Moore from the Agriculture Department of W.A. was our guest speaker tonight, introduced by P.E. Geoff. John's passion concerns weeds!



John started off by describing an historical and possibly biblical reference to Mary giving Jesus a scolding for allowing the donkeys to eat thistle weed. This had the effect of giving the donkeys a bad gas problem! John's

talk tonight mainly concerned Southern weeds and their control. There are several groups in the local area, such as the "friends of Mt Clarence" and "weed watch" who help keep the weeds under control.

Weed sources have an interesting breakdown : Agriculture 7 %; contaminants 2%; ornamental garden plants 65%; other 6%; and 20% unknown.

Pampas grass is becoming a problem in the Albany area. Each plume contains over 100,000 seeds. They were not a problem (in the last 100 years) until recently, when a hermaphrodite variation appeared and started reproducing. Not all introduced species are from overseas. Currently, the Sydney Golden Wattle is a pest in the Albany area. Many bulbs and seeds can last up to 30 years in the soil, which makes them difficult to eradicate. John spoke of herbicides and biological control which can eradicate weeds like blackberry and gorse. A fine line has to be drawn in the spraying program. Some European imports are very sensitive to "roundup", whereas the native bush plants are more robust. The correct



spraying level will eliminate weeds and preserve the native plants.

John then discussed terms like LD50 (lethal dose for 50% death) and ADI (acceptable daily intake). In reference to residues in meat and vegetables, John produced some interesting figures. The National Residue Survey examines residues in foods and also prepares foods as per normal cooking so that any toxic by products can be examined.

With chemicals used in agriculture, in order to reach toxic levels, we would need to consume 150 Kg of vegetables per day and huge amounts of meat.

John was asked many questions, which proved that members found the talk interesting and well presented.

A wife decides to take her husband to a strip club for his birthday. They arrive at the club and the doorman says, "Hey, Dave! How ya doin'?"

His wife is puzzled and asks if he's been to this club before. "Oh, no," says Dave. "He's on my bowling team."

When they are seated, a waitress asks Dave if he'd like his usual and brings over a Budweiser. His wife is becoming increasingly uncomfortable and says, "How did she know that you drink Budweiser?"

"She's in the Ladies' Bowling League, honey. We share lanes with them." A stripper then comes over to their table, throws her arms around Dave, and says "Hi Davey. Want your usual table dance, big boy?" Dave's wife, now furious, grabs her purse and storms out of the club.

Dave follows and spots her getting into a cab. Before she can slam the door, he jumps in beside her. He tries desperately to explain how the stripper must have mistaken him for someone else, but his wife is having none of it. She is screaming at him at the top of her lungs, calling him every name in the book.

The cabby turns his head and says, "Looks like you picked up a real bad one tonight, Dave."

FINES



Owing to the rather bright nature of Chas's shirt, he was asked to carry the box tonight. It was "pick on Chas night" tonight. Chas was also fined for not collecting the key from Friendship house to do some maintenance. Another fine concerned Chas and his insistence on contacting Warren Mead on Australia Day!



PP Ted has a new motorbike or scooter so that he and Brenda can whiz around the town. PP Ted also stole Shane Martin's beer—a definite fine!

Shane Martin has only been in his new job with Courier Australia for a few weeks. Already, he has managed to "flog" the new ute so hard that it is in for repairs! PP Mandy saved money by catching a lift to Rotary so she could have a drink. PP Ross quickly removed a dollar. PP Geoff cannot be taken anywhere — he spilt gravy on his shirt and tie. PP Roy are they spots or blood dots on his bow tie?

Chas was again fined for trying to "lure" PP Jacko away from garden duty with an offer of fishing gear!

All corporate bowlers were asked to stand and contribute, since they "got done by a mob of sheilas"! (as reported by Jacko)

We will not go into the exact details but allegedly PP Roy had a good night last night!

Witnessing the Miracle

A woman takes her 16-year-old daughter to the doctor. The doctor says, "Okay, Mrs. Jones, what's the problem?"

The mother says, "It's my daughter Darla. She keeps getting these cravings, she's putting on weight, and is sick most mornings."

The doctor gives Darla a good examination, then turns to the mother and says, "Well, I don't know how to tell you this, but your Darla is pregnant-- about 4 months, would be my guess."

The mother says, "Pregnant?! She can't be, she has never ever been left alone with a man! Have you, Darla?"

Darla says, "No mother! I've never even kissed a man!"

The doctor walked over to the window and just stares out it. About five minutes pass and finally the mother says, "Is there something wrong out there doctor?"

The doctor replies, "No, not really, it's just that the last time anything like this happened, a star appeared in the east and three wise men came over the hill. I'll be damned if I'm going to miss it this time!"

To love is to suffer. To avoid suffering one must not love.
But then one suffers from not loving. Therefore to love is to suffer, not to love is to suffer.
To suffer is to suffer. To be happy is to love. To be happy then is to suffer. But suffering
makes one unhappy. Therefore, to be unhappy one must love, or love to suffer, or suffer
from too much happiness. I hope you're getting this down!

Woody Allen

RAFFLE



DG Peter picked the winning ticket tonight but unfortunately failed in the draw for the big one!

DG Peter Drew the 8 of spades.

COMING EVENTS

1. Valentine's Day Sunday 12th February. Cruise aboard Silver Star. Leaving 11am. **Numbers required on 7th February!!**
2. Inner Wheel's 10th birthday. Motel Legrande on the 18th February at 6.30.
3. **PLEASE REGISTER and be involved in OUR CONFERENCE!! (only 4 weeks to go!)**

BIRTHDAYS

Gail Lenegan - 8th February, Elaine Reynolds -12th February

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter and Jenny Brand -3rd February

ATTENDANCE

We have 36 members. There were 20 present, 2 guests, 2 makeups **76%**

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