

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

THIS WEEK (2 Apr)

Most will remember that the club supported the SDC Orphanage in Nepal in 2010 raising money via a plant stall, matching contribution of club funds and attending a bush dance. Sue Pitrolo who started the Orphanage is in town and coming to tell us about how things are going.



LAST MEETING (26 Mar)

The Swedes were in town, and what a lovely, lively lot they were. We enjoyed their company and laughter and heard a little about where they come from in Sweden and the “fair dinkum” good time they have had in our District!.

Sweden really is the other side of the earth and we learned they have very distinct and beautiful seasons enjoyed by 9.4million people. We were reminded of the viking times and also of some more recent, familiar Swedish brand names including Volvo, SAAB, Ericsson and IKEA. There are many world famous Swedes



in areas of science, literature, film and sport including Alfred Nobel, Anders Celsius, Ingemaar Bergman, Bjorn Borg and Stefan Edberg not to mention ABBA! Sweden has been in the EU since 1995 but wisely chose not to join the euro zone.

Sweden is a land of high taxes and a strong social welfare

system dealing with many of the issues we deal with here at home, including immigration and integration...a fascinating place we all hope to visit some time. Our visiting Rotarians come from District 2360 in the west around Gothenberg where Stina Palm (YEP 2010-11 comes from and our Tom Podbury spent 2010. We showed them the local sites while they were here including macadamia, banana and blueberry farms, our lovely beaches, native vegetation and the Sikh heritage of Woolgoolga. Hopefully we also showed them a good time.



Meeting Place

Woolgoolga Bowling Club

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

**6654 7700
by 10.30am Monday**



RFE Team Leader

Marie Folin

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Marie Frolin, Bertil Olen, Gosta & Gerd Spjuth, Borje & Barbra Holmgren, Torsten & Ingegerd Raihie, Calle & Kirsti Finnskog, Jan & Gun Olsen all from District 2360; Ken Hall, Tamworth; Phil Chaseling, Tamworth West; Peter Farquhar, Coffs South; Deb Farquhar, Coffs Day-break.

Visitors: Hella Kern and partners Sue, Sally, Marie, Ila, Lyn, Helen, Judy

Apologies: John, Terry, Rod, Garry, Glenda, Gareth, Rob, Trish, Patty, Keith

Attendance: 14 (58.3%)

Raffle winner: Gosta Spjuth

Birthdays: President Norm 4 April

SERGEANT'S SESSION

The day's trip to President Norm's macadamia farm delivered a few fines, notably Ken Hall for bogging the bus and Norm for making his guests collect the macadamia nuts as unpaid labour!. There was an induction fine for Mary, an anniversary fine for David & Pam and a "badgeless" fine for George. Our guests paid visitors tax and a range of interesting fines including best fine of the evening, if not the century, to Bertil for breaking a rib by pretending to be Tarzan!

CLUB NEWS

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Terry Booth who has had knee surgery in Melbourne and we hear is headed homewards to recuperate.

Welcome Home to Elisabeth, due back from the Exchange Student Safari this week (exhausted but happy?)

More photos of the Swedish visit:



CLUB NOTICES

- 7 April Auction (Red Rock Corindi RFS)
- 9 April No meeting due to Easter Holiday
- 16 April Board meeting
- 25 April ANZAC day march (Rotary wreath)
- 28 April CurryFest (main day—gate duty)
- 5 May Auction

DISTRICT NOTICES

- 31 March YEP applications for 2013 close
- 16-18 May International Conference Bangkok
- 20 May District assembly Kempsey

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	2 April	9 April	16 April board mtg
Attendance	Gareth Owen	NO MEETING	Dick Matthews
Welcome/ Fellowship	David Edwards		David Fayle
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Patty Delaney	EASTER MONDAY	Elisabeth de Halleux "Safari adventures"
Introduce Guest Speaker	Echah Wright		Terry Booth
Vote of Thanks	Karen Sedgwick	NO MEETING	Trish Baker
Guest Speakers	Sue Pitrolo Orphanage in Nepal		TBC

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

Want to be on the BOARD for 2012-13? - (see Norm or Pam)
Can you help with AUCTION PICK-UPS or auctioneering? (See Dick)
WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (See Pam)
KNOW A FAMILY INTERESTED IN HOSTING a YEP STUDENT? (See Patty)