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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

TONIGHT (1 Aug)

Lyndee is going to tell us about her adventures working and living in Dubai. As many of you know, Lyndee is heading to Qatar later this year to work and will be taking leave but we are hoping to introduce a bit of a Rotary first and get her to join the odd social event or meeting via Skype... not every club has their own middle East correspondent!

LAST MEETING (25 July)

What a great turn out for general assembly. Thanks to President Norm who was strict with his time keeping, we all had a chance to have a say. There was time to remind everyone about the RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) event on 11 August, to seek volunteers to for the Membership Committee and to recruit members for a Rotary bowls team for the CanDo cancer fundraiser event on Sunday as well as remind members of RAWCS and the range of international work we are involved in.



There was also much food for thought in suggestions for project work & fundraising with growing interest in doing something for Africa. Karen's Ethiopian night being planned for Saturday 17 Sept looks an ideal opportunity to start the fundraising ball rolling, as we were again reminded that the auction is our only real source of funds and we need to supplement it to fund additional work.

There were lots of new ideas locally too and Ray encapsulated the view that we need always to be out in the community doing projects in ways that will attract new members. We learned a bit about the possibility of a community garden project and the seed of an idea for a breakfast club at Woolgoolga Primary School where many kids are turning up to school without having eaten brekky. There were proposals reacting to requests for helping the Art Gallery run the Lillipilli exhibition next April and for providing drum kits to help involve refugee students in the high school's music program and these will be considered at Board level soon. There was interest in Rotary engendering more community spirit and pride to stimulate a "Tour de Coast" type event or a Christmas event/display. Another idea was putting on a bbq to say thanks to carers and volunteers in the community.

Several members also raised issues of flexibility with attendance, changing venue occasionally for meetings/dinners and having more social events or non-meeting excursions.

WELCOME ELISABETH

Elisabeth de Halleux arrived safely on Thursday and despite a 7 hour stopover in Brisbane seemed fresh as a daisy. She was welcomed by Norm & Helen, Patty, David & Pam at the airport. Elisabeth is already at school and staying with Patty & Graeme for the first few weeks, then to be hosted by the Mayes family.

A good number of members and partners turned out on Sunday for a Club bbq to welcome Elisabeth and she was able to meet her future host family and a few school friends including Brianna who popped along to say welcome. We have passed our concerns and best wishes along for Brianna to relay to her family & friends in Norway following the dreadful events there.



Meeting Place

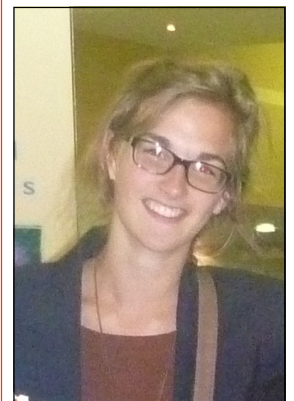
**Woolgoolga
Bowling Club**

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

**6654 7700
by 10.30am Monday**



**Elisabeth de Halleux
from Belgium**

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Visitors: nil

Apologies: John, Bill, Keith, Terry, Patty, Gareth

Attendance: 18 (75%)

Raffle winner: Garry Kennedy

Birthdays: Dick Matthews 6 Aug, Geoff Royal 7 Aug

Anniversaries: Merv & Joy Richardson 5 Aug

SERGEANT's SESSION

There was an interesting falsetto fine for George and some Red Cross fines. Cycling fines abounded for those who stayed up to watch the local lad win in Paris. Rod told some clean jokes—clean but bad that is—capped off by his statement that statistically 6 out of 7 dwarves are not happy!!!. There was a mother-in-law fine and for something completely different - a wild Alaska moose and bear story.



CLUB NEWS

YEP News We are expecting our 2007-8 student from Austria, **Hanni**, to arrive this week and she will be in Oz from 3 August—20 September. 2008-9 student **Minami** from Japan will be visiting January-March next year.

RYDA (driver awareness) is on again on Thursday 11 August so please keep that day free if you can (9am-2ish) to help out. Rosters will be arranged soon and we will need group leaders and catering assistance etc. We expect up to 140 Year 11 students to do the course this year. If you can't help out on the day then try to bake a cake or some slices/cookies for the morning tea for teachers/Rotarians and instructors.

Friendship Exchange There are still places on the next Exchange to Brazil (D4600) 2–19 Sept 2011 and a second Brazil opportunity to D4770 is scheduled for 23 Sept-10 Oct 2011. In 2012 there are proposed exchanges with D2360 Sweden (May), D7820 Nova Scotia, Canada (May-June), D7430 Philadelphia USA (September). Other possibilities in 2012 are D2050 Italy, several districts in India (D3140, 3040, 3132), and D3520 Taiwan. Details and application forms have been emailed separately.

Rugby World Cup 2011 starts Auckland 9 Sept 2011, with the final Auckland Sun Oct 23, 2011. Tickets available for most games at www.rugbyworldcup.com. NZ Rotarians invite you to come to NZ & can help make your visit special with hospitality in a fellow Rotarian's home (B&B \$150 per night which includes a donation to PolioPlus). Hosts still available in all venues. It can all be done on the web: <http://www.rotarynzrugbyhosting.co.nz>.

CanDo charity bowls day Sun 31 July: contact Trish Baker 0408 424 846 to join a team & help cancer support.

KIVA For those who wish to check it out, Echah says the micro-financing site she mentioned at our meeting has a website: www.KIVA.org.

And finally, in an effort to encourage Trish to read her copy of the Whisper I told her I would put Trish in the nude in the publication this week—so here it is, in bold (or boldly?): **“TRISH IN THE NUDE”! Gotcha!!**

Annual Fees Are Now Due Make sure you pay Treasurer Geoff soon. The Board has confirmed fees at the same level as last year so you can either pay \$100 for 6 months or \$200 for the full year.

CLUB NOTICES

3 August Hanni Hafellner begins her visit
 6 August Auction: (OOSH is our auction partner)
 11 August RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)
 15 August DG Barry Hacker visit
 3 Sept Auction (Woolgoolga High School)

DISTRICT NOTICES

7 August Coffs Cycle Challenge (Rotary)
 October Cluster Round of the Windsong
 Public Speaking Competition
 9-11 Mar District Conference Inverell
 6-8 May International Conference Bangkok

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	1 August	8 August board	15 August partners
Attendance	Peter Lacy	Lyndee Hagar	Garry Kennedy
Welcome/Fellowship	Garry Kennedy	Glenda Kennedy	Dick Matthews
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Keith Minhinnett (a recent dive trip)	Gareth Owen	Sel Rogers
Introduce Guest Speaker	Echah Wright	Terry Booth	Norm Michener
Vote of Thanks	Geoff Royal	Sel Rogers	Norm Michener
Guest Speakers	Lyndee Hagar “Adventures in Dubai”	Noel Bultitude “Woolgoolga Men's Club—history, legacy and future”	Barry Hacker District Governor “The year ahead”

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

Help with AUCTION PICK-UPS or want to be an AUCTIONEER? (See Dick)

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (See Pam)

KNOW A FAMILY INTERESTED IN HOSTING a YEP STUDENT? (See Patty)