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**Meetings: South of Perth Yacht Club, Coffee Point, Applecross; Tuesdays, 6 for 6.30pm.
Visiting Rotarians and guests are welcome. Please notify the Club on 0432 298 325**

CLUB NEWS

This week

What does a young person learn in 12 months of Rotary Youth Exchange at Shikoku in Japan?

Heather Melling arrived home a few weeks ago after a great year. When she visited the Club a couple of weeks ago, it was apparent she has grown into a poised and charming young lady.

We also knew from her reports back to the Club that she has become a skilled practitioner of traditional traditional musical and martial arts as well as a fluent Japanese speaker.

But we'll get the full story on what the Rotary Youth Exchange Program has meant for Heather when she comes along to this week's meeting as our guest speaker. Heather will be accompanied by father Patrick and mother Morina.

Our annual Youth Programs celebration is definitely a meeting for family and friends.

RIGHT: Heather speaks at her RC Booragoon farewell on her departure for Japan 12 months ago



Another highlight this week will be the induction of new young member Adrian Sumana. Adrian, also known by his traditional Chinese name Shen, has attended meetings over the last few weeks. It's hoped he will be accompanied this week by his parents, visiting from their home in Jakarta.

Club guests

A note to members: to avoid future confusion, please be aware that the cost of hosting club guests at meetings (ie, free of charge) is charged against the budget of the relevant service committee. As with any expenditure, invitations must have the prior committee approval, in accord with budget, and in this case be notified in advance to Administration Director Steve Coady.

To avoid the embarrassment of asking for payment from people who have been told they will not be charged, ensure Attendance Officer Ernie is advised of club guests.

Potential members may attend one meeting free as club guest. The decision on such invitations are the responsibility of Membership Director John Feary.

Bathing in the light of science

We were promised a special meeting last week, and our celebration of the National Youth Science Forum fully lived up to its billing. Our main speakers were the Club's 2010 NYSF nominees, Alexandra Scott (Applecross Senior High School) and Christian Conitsiosis (Aquinas College). Both Alex and Christian gave excellent, succinct accounts of their participation in the NYSF program in Canberra and what it meant to them to spend this time with academics, industrial scientists and several hundred of the smartest young people in the country.

However many times it happens, it always feels good to hear people so eloquently and sincerely thank Rotary for helping them find direction in their lives.

Alex was accompanied by Yvonne Hoey and Christian by his father Andrew Conitsiotis.

Two other NYSF participants (albeit nominated by other Rotary clubs) at the meeting were Nicole Dakin of Applecross, accompanied by her father John Dakin, and Lewis Whitehurst of Aquinas, accompanied by his father James Whitehurst. Another Applecross student, Caitlin Egloff-Barr, who attended the Siemens Science Experience this year, came along with her mother Louise Egloff-Barr.

We also had the pleasure of the company of Applecross SHS principal Maureen Lorimer and science master Dr Roger Dring as well as Aquinas science master Ian Simpson. Dr Dring, briefly highlighted the value of NYSF to young students (and also illustrated rather wittily how to make the most of the opportunities created by Rotary).

The discussion ended with a comprehensive summation of how the principles of Rotary mesh with the values of science by Steve Coady, whose dedication has been shown over many years by his District 9460 NYSF leadership as well as being extremely active in so many other Rotary programs.

Our other guests in a large and enjoyable meeting were Steve's wife Moira and son Chris. Adrian Sumana completed his last meeting as a guest prior to his induction as a member this week.

Club program

This week	Youth Programs Celebration: Heather Melling
Mar 16	Living a Full Life: Gary De Rodriguez
Mar 19-21	District Conference
Mar 23	NO MEETING
Mar 30	Literacy (Books for Bubs Day)
Apr 6	Health Advances in the 21st Century: Dr Ian Wood
Apr 13	Jeffrey Trudgian – Poetry?
Apr 20	Anzac Theme Meeting
Apr 27	Farewell to Outgoing Norwegian GSE Team
May 4	TBA
May 11	Handicamp
May 18	Group 2 Sundowner
May 25	TBA
May 29 (Sat)	D9460 Final Presentation Dinner
Jun 1	RYLA/RYPEN
Jun 15	Committees
July 3 (Sat)	District 9465 and 9455 Charter Night
Jul 6	Club Changeover

Events in bold are recommended as particularly suitable occasions for partners and guests to join us. Of course, partners and guests are welcome to join us every week. Please advise Attendance Officer Ernie Littlely of apologies and guests by Monday evening

Duty committee

March	Community Service
April	International Service
May	Vocational Service
June	New Generations

Duty committee members are responsible for nominating a meeting chairman and setting up the meeting room – the national flag and club banner, president's lectern and chain, sergeant's collection box and sash, bell and striker, two-up kip and prize, song books, cash box, name badges case and display case – and return them to storage afterwards.

Swapmart roster

Mar 14	Wendy Castles and John Elsbury
Mar 21	John Elsbury and Christine Feary
Mar 28	Ednamay Foston and John Feary
April 4	Easter Sunday break
April 11	John Feary and Christine Feary
April 18	Wendy Castles and Connie Martin
April 25	Anzac day break
May 2	Connie Martin and Tom Pearson
May 9	Tom Pearson and Vida Scott
May 16	Vida Scott and John Tuffin
May 23	John Tuffin and Kasun Wijayamanna
May 30	Kasun Wijayamanna and Heather Anderson
June 6	Heather Anderson and Steve Barton
June 13	Steve Barton and Jean McKinnon
June 20	Jean McKinnon and Selwyn Castles
June 27	Selwyn Castles and Ghita Andersen

If you need to swap, arrange this at the next meeting with another member further down the roster. Any problems, contact Tom Pearson at parkform@swiftdsl.com.au or 9414 8224

Swapmart warning

The Western Australian Rotary website Rotary Out West this week carried the following warning from the State Health Department.

“It has been brought to our attention that medical equipment has been sold through car boot sales in the metropolitan area. The items are clearly marked for single use only and in some cases it is obvious they have been previously used.

“As it is not possible to determine whether sterilisation of the items has occurred, the risk to the public is unknown, on-sale of these items is clearly not appropriate. No indication of the source of these has been established and the vendors would not give details.

The WA Health Clinical and Related Waste Policy (C&RW Policy) requires facilities to be aware of and responsible for the management of wastes such as these until their final appropriate disposal.”

Rotarians on the Swapmart roster should be alert to any such incidents at the Kardinya Park market. Further information can be obtained from Dianne Katscherian, who is manager of Health Impact Assessment, on 9388 4948 or from Rotarian Llew Withers on llew.withers@health.wa.gov.au.

The email address for Rotary Out West is <http://rotaryoutwest.blogspot.com/2010/03/38.html>.

ROTARY NEWS

The Rotary Club of Gilligan's Island

All Rotarians of an extreme vintage will certainly remember Gilligan's Island, the strangely popular American TV sitcom of the 1960s that followed the plight of seven castaways who were shipwrecked on a harbour cruise aboard a boat called – no joke – the SS Minnow. Somehow that three-hour trip turned into a three-year, 98-episode string of silly situations and weak jokes.

(Those who cannot remember Gilligan's Island and cannot immediately sing the insipid theme song should consider themselves fortunate.)

But who can pick the link between Gilligan's Island and Rotary?

Remember Thurston Howard III, the ridiculously rich tycoon who always slept with his teddy bear? He was played by versatile character actor Jim Backus. A decade before the shipwreck, Jim Backus had one of the starring roles in a special film produced to celebrate Rotary's golden anniversary.

RI News says the movie, titled *The Great Adventure*, authorised by the RI Board of Directors for the 50th birthday of Rotary in 1953, was filmed in Hollywood and distributed in 1955 in English, French and Spanish versions on 16mm to clubs and districts.

The film was set around a barbecue welcome at which a group of Rotary scholars – including an Australian – reminisce about their homelands in flashbacks that illustrate the local significance and unifying ideals of Rotary clubs around the world. Meanwhile, Backus's character asks leading questions about Rotary that draw out the origins of the service group, the Four-Way Test and what it means to be a Rotarian.

You can buy a copy of the 30-minute movie on a DVD, *The Rotary Heritage Collection*, by going to shop.rotary.org.

Jim Backus as Thurston Howard III in Gilligan's Island. Backus was also the voice of cartoon bumbler Mr Magoo



AND FINALLY

A really bad day

Thanks to Tom Pearson for this heart-rending tale:

Poor Alec is sitting at the bar just staring at his drink. After watching him from across the bar for half an hour, a biker obviously intent on causing trouble stops next to him, grabs his drink and gulps it down.

The biker stands challengingly beside Alec, staring at him menacingly.

Alec's only response is to start crying.

The biker is immediately chastened.

"C'mon man," he says. "I was just giving you a hard time. I didn't think you'd CRY."

Between his sobs, Alec says falteringly: "This is the worst day of my life. I can't do anything right."

"What happened," the biker asked.

"I overslept and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me.

"When I went back to collect my car, I found it had been stolen and I realised I don't have any insurance.

"I had to take a cab home, but I left my wallet in the cab.

"When I got there, I found my wife in bed with the gardener. When I walked out, my dog bit me.

"So finally I came to the pub trying to work up the courage to end my life."

"No, don't do that," says the alarmed biker.

"I can't," Alec sobs. "You've just drunk the poison."