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The Booragoon



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Coming up.....

Organisations such as Zonta do excellent work by providing emergency shelter and guidance for women and children who have been caught up in distressing and sometimes violent situations. Frequently, women arrive at refuges with only the clothes they are wearing and without financial means to purchase urgently needed items. In consultation with Zonta, the Rotary Club of Booragoon in 2007 launched an innovative program that provides support parcels of clothing, toiletries and hygienic items they are most likely to need. The program has been dubbed "Just a Little Help Bag". Rotary club members assemble the Help Bags with goods that have been purchased with Rotary charity funds or via donations of funds or goods from manufacturers and supporters.

The response to the Help Bags has been extremely positive, with recipients welcoming the assistance they give in getting their lives together again.

Other Rotary clubs in the southern metropolitan area of Perth have now joined Booragoon in supporting the program. Each Help Bag costs about \$30 for the purchase and assembly of items.

This weeks meeting we have Karen from one of the refuges that we supply bags to coming talk to us about how this product is working and giving insight into how this project help those that truly need it.

The Containers to Timor project was initiated by the Bentley-Curtin Rotary club with the support of several metropolitan Rotary clubs to address the serious lack of school equipment in the schools in Timor Leste.

At present there is an estimated shortfall of 85,000 desks and chairs throughout the schools with many classrooms having no equipment whatsoever with children sitting on the floor and no blackboards or facilities.

Due to the Federal Governments building the education revolution (BER), thousands of school desks, chairs and equipment are being replaced with the obsolete equipment being dumped. Most of this equipment is still in very good condition as the policy is "new school - new equipment" regardless of the age and condition of the replaced items.

Each container costs approximately \$8000.00 by the time it is transported and unloaded in Dili.

Currently 7x 40 foot high capacity containers have been loaded and shipped to Timor.

With the support of the Dili Rotary club and Kirsty Gusmao who is the Timor Prime Ministers wife and the Rotary Friend-



ship ambassador for Timor, over 7500 chairs have been distributed along with large quantities of desks, stationary, blackboards, whiteboards and children's

The project is listed with RAWCS Western region as a rotary international (project No WR-003-2011) allowing for tax deductible receipts for donors. With the BER program continuing on for several more years the obsolete supplies will be available from the program plus the regular school upgrades from blackboards and whiteboards to the new electronic smartboards.

Reports back from schools in Timor that have received the school equipment have expressed the joy the children have felt to finally have a desk and a chair to sit

on as many children walk for 2-3 hours just to get to school.

With ongoing support we can help thousands of Timorese children have a much brighter future through supporting their education with the facilities we all take for granted in Australia.
YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Peter Snell, International Director, Rotary Club of Bentley-Curtin.

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Project Push The Four Way Speech Contest

Ripper Of A Speech Blasts Competition..... The following speech was given by 6th grader Sophie Paterson at the Central Hawke's Bay Primary Schools Rotary speech competition in New Zealand.

Hi, today I am going to talk to you about farts. Some people think farts are rude and some people think farts are funny, like me.

I think farts are hilarious. Farting is a fact of life. Everybody farts. The Queen farts, superstars fart and I fart. We will fart until the day we die. And apparently a person can still fart after death!!

Do you know why we fart? Flatulence, wind or farts, whatever you like to call them, is the production of the mixture of gases in the digestive tract, that are by products of the digestive process.

The average person farts about 14 times a day, which produces about half a litre of fart gas. (Personally, I think I fart more than 14 times a day). Farts are made up of the following: Nitrogen, the main ingredient making up 59 percent; next behind is hydrogen at 21 percent; 9 percent carbon dioxide; 7 percent methane, 3 percent oxygen and 1 percent other stuff. But listen to this - hydrogen sulphide is the compound that makes them stink!

Here are the top 10 farter's:

1. Termites
2. Camels
3. Zebras and my pony Free
4. Sheep
5. Cows
6. Elephants
7. Labradors and retrievers
8. Humans (vegetarians)
9. Humans (non-vegetarians)
10. Gerbils (also known as the desert rat)



Show Stopper: Sophie Paterson's unusual subject matter was a winner

If If you are going to fart, do not sit by flames, because farts are very flammable. Also, they can come motoring out of your body at 10 kmh. No wonder some of you have holes in your undies!

Please do not panic if you find yourself trapped in a small space like a closet, as it is impossible to suffocate in your own farts. Unless Ben (my little brother) is in there with you!

Anyway next time you fart, don't think it's rude. Just know that everybottie, oops, I mean, everybody, farts.

Thank you for listening to my fartastic speech. Here's a little poem that I'd like to share with you.

A trump is a violent explosion
It comes from the Valley of Bum
It rolls up and down your trouser leg
And comes out with a violent hum!

There was a young fellow called Steve
Who farted whenever he pleased
With buttocks a-thunder

PROJECTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

Project: rooftop garden
Country: Indonesia
Description: The Rotary club of Prapatan-Dharmawangsa, in West Java, Indonesia, installed a hydroponic rooftop garden at a local orphanage. The garden grows vegetables without the use of land or soil, and it was built using all locally available materials. At first the garden had to be watered manually, but the club

was able to install an automatic watering system to make gardening much easier. The vegetables provide supplementary food for the orphanage. The garden also has the potential to become a profitable venture for the orphanage if they are able to expand it and sell vegetables to the public. The children at the orphanage were trained to garden and maintain the hydroponics system. The project proven to be sustainable for the orphanage.

An Elephant of a Conference

DG Jodie has challenged all clubs to compete for the best-decorated elephant at District Conference in March.

We have until early March to submit our entry form. It costs \$20 to enter, and clubs that don't submit a pachyderm are invited to make a donation anyway. The elephant may be no larger than

300x300x400 millimetres ie, don't go raiding the Perth Zoo! It can be made of any materials – papier mache, patchwork, plaster of paris, recycled materials, wood, metal, knitted (but apparently not elephant skin, so again – don't go raiding the Perth Zoo).

The club's entry should in some way reflect the personality of the club and/or members. Which means ... who knows?

Why an elephant? Elephants are for many people a symbol of India, home of RI President Kalyan Banerjee and the land that has just, for the first time in recorded history, gone 12 months without a reported cast of polio?

Besides, "Camels for Polio" might seem more appropriate for Kalgoorlie but it doesn't have the same ring to it.

All entries will be on display for public voting at the conference, and the people's choice and governor's choice awards will be announced at the Saturday night banquet ... after which, all the elephants will be auctioned.

As with the entry fees, all funds will go to PolioPlus.

For those who are going to Kalgoorlie for the conference and don't feel like a long drive or train trip, there's the option of flying high with a plane load of Rotarians. The Conference 1 charter flight will get you from Perth to Kalgoorlie in under an hour.

The return fare is \$295. There are still plenty of seats available. Buses will be waiting at the airport to take conventioners to their accommodation. There will be shuttles running from most accommodation (including caravan parks) to and from venues. A shuttle will also be taking partners and Youth Conference delegates to Rotary Peace Park for the partners activity.

SWAPMART ROSTER

CLUB PROGRAM

Feb 5	Leslie Els	Ednamay Foston
Feb 12	Wendy Castles	Marilyn Barton
Feb 19	Glynis Armstrong	Heather Anderson
Feb 26	Steve Coady	Tom Pearson
Mar 4	Sue McKay	Steve Coady
Mar 11	Sue McKay	Adele Dawson
Mar 18	Wendy Castles	Selwyn Castles
Mar 25	John Tuffin	Ednamay Foston
Apr 1	John Tuffin	Ednamay Foston
Apr 8	CLOSED	CLOSED
Apr 15	Sue McKay	John Tuffin

Setup John T
Setup Lesley
Host Glynis

Feb 7	Nardine Women's Refuge: Karen
Feb 14	Committees: We Mean Business
Feb 18 (Sat)	Opera in the Park, Supreme Court Gardens, Perth (8pm)
Feb 21	Ambassadorial scholar USA: Aaron Cantor
Feb 28	John Curtin Leadership Academy: Clare James
Mar 6th	FESA: Tim O'Hara

Notify Attendance Officer Ernie Littlely by 6pm on the day prior to the meeting (or, failing that, as early as possible) if you will not attend. Or if you're bringing along a guest. Meetings in bold type are recommended as particularly suitable for members to invite family members and guests.

Marilyn's Mayhem



1954
I was 2 ½ years old.



1958
nearly seven years of age.



1966
year ten at Hollywood Senior High School

1969
second date with David.



1970
going to a ball at the Embassy Ballroom.



1985
busy Mum of four children (also Wendy was three years old and Steven was 15 months)



1. What is your favourite dessert?
My favourite dessert is Apple Crumble and Ice Cream. The reason is this is about the only dessert I can make and often make it with our roast dinner on Sunday's



10 Questions With Mr Selwyn Castles!!

growing up? Stretch. My Brother was Stretch and we were at the same school for awhile.

5. What is at the top of your bucket list? Having a nice holiday each year.

6. What do you like to do in your spare time?

7. Which is the best book you have ever read?
Saved - Tony Bullimore. Yacht capsized in Southern Ocean

8. What is the strangest food you have ever eaten? Deer's Penis in China

9. Do you have any superstitions, if yes what are they? Do not walk under ladders

10. If you could have a super power, what would it be and why? Fly and have the strength of Superman.

2. What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?
Learning the NZ Maori haka while crossing the Nullabor by car then performing at many spots around Perth

3. Who or which band do you like? Led Zepplin – Stairway to heaven

4. What was your nick name

Anagram!!!

Im real coc nut

Clue: Legal Jargon

Be the first to get this back to win an awesome prize!!

Understanding Engineers -

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, 'What's with those blokes? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!'

The doctor chimed in, 'I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!' The priest said, 'Here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him.'

He said, 'Hello, George! What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?'

The greens keeper replied, 'Oh, yes. That's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime.' The group fell silent for a moment.

The priest said, 'That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.' The doctor said, 'Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them.' The engineer said, 'Why can't they play at night'