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The Month of March and the Germ of an Idea.

I was power walking merrily along the other day, trying desperately to beat off the kilos that keep trying very successfully to attach themselves to my ever growing frame .This affliction of generosity of poundage seems to be a curse that most DG's seem destined to be burdened with during their twelve month period of "service above self". However, I digress. Back to the power walking and the germ of an idea.

It was a bit of an adage in my club when I first joined Rotary, that, "if you have a good idea its not much point in bringing it up unless you are prepared to formulate it, implement it and follow it through to fruition."

As I have matured in Rotary I have discovered that this adage was very poignant indeed.

Often, as I travel through the District on my pilgrimage a Rotarian will come to me and say, now what do you think of such and such and why doesn't District take this great idea on board. Well District doesn't "do" things. District , i.e. the District Governor and the various District Chairs is really only the administrative support structure for the clubs. It is the clubs which are the members of Rotary International and it is the clubs and the club members that "do" things.

If a club has a really "good idea" it is also equally unrealistic to expect all the other clubs in the District to get behind it just because it is a "good idea". So here is the process:-

A Rotarian has a germ of an idea, which he/she proposes to the club. The club may take it on board especially if the proposer of the germ remains the driving force. As the project develops other clubs in the area may become enthused and take it on board especially if the "germ" is promoted by the initial club.

When multiple clubs adopt the program it may be described as a District program. With Multiple Districts' support it can become a National program, as Bowel Scan has just become and when it spreads worldwide there is every chance that a world program will be the outcome.. RYLA is such a program.

So, back to the power walk . As I was walking, I passed a house where the morning newspaper was still lying outside the front gate. Wishing to save the householder a trip I lobbed it over the fence where it came to rest near the front door of the residence. I felt pretty good about this particular act. (I just hope the paper wasn't placed purposely outside the fence to stop the family dog from eating it.)

***It was then that the "germ" hit me.** With 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide wouldn't it be fantastic if each single Rotarian, worldwide, decided to do a good deed all on the one day. The 23rd February, the anniversary of the founding of Rotary, would be as good a day as any. It would be easy to instigate , would require very little finance, just a little imagination, lots of enthusiasm and the determination to make it work.*

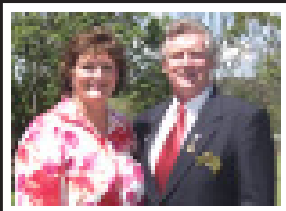
We could encourage the movement in our street, then our suburb then each city. World leaders could symbolically be brought into the exercise and the "germ" would be another tool to use in Rotary's goal of, "world peace through understanding".

I will follow this "germ" through in the months and years ahead, but if any club, or indeed any Rotarian wishes to start the "good deed " process in the interim, please feel free to do so and remember, practice makes perfect.

DG MAX

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Ethics and Integrity in our Workplace our Community and in our Life

(continued from Dreamtimes V.8)

Section 2. Ethics and Integrity

a) Then, what is Ethics?

- Ethics relates to morals.
- Ethics is concerned with rules of conduct.
- Ethics is a study of standards of right and wrong.
- Ethics is that part of science and philosophy dealing with moral conduct, of duty and of judgement.
- Ethics is a system of conduct and behaviour.
- Ethics develops a well informed conscience.
- It is about accepting the cost.
- Ethics is about having the courage to explore difficult questions.

The seat of ethics is in our hearts not in our minds.

Ethics in its full sense is about a professional code of conduct that is adhered to by clear thinking Rotarians.

Ethics is the continued discussion and reflection about basic questions of what is morally correct.

In today's high pressure business environment we do not usually have time to refer to the rule book, when in time of ethical crisis. But, by maintaining a high ethical lifestyle, then ethical resolutions are much clearer. Nevertheless we must consider all options.

Unfortunately, undue stress does have the capacity to impair ones ability to act ethically at specific critical times.

Hugh Mackay wrote in 1992

"The fundamental point about ethical behaviour is that it willingly takes the rights, the needs, and the welfare of others into account. It is not the behaviour which simply responds to the pressure of law, regulations or code. It is behaviour which synthesises a number of conflicting pressures and competing claims, and never quite feels neat and tidy. **Black and white judgements** rarely emerge from sensitive ethical debate".

b) Then, what is Integrity.

- Integrity is wholeness.
- Integrity is soundness.
- Integrity is uprightness.
- Integrity is honesty.

Soldiers defend the integrity of their country.

The great philosophers of Aristotle and Socrates provided only great wisdom but not the answers. So neither does this paper provide a direct answer to your ethical dilemma, but it will provide a path for a well analysed decision.

PDG Graham Goodfellow

DISTRICT AWARDS

Nominations for the District Awards shown below should now be in the hands of the District Chair. If you have forgotten please contact PDG David Lee. Don't deprive your club of the positive feeling that comes from winning a District Award.

- * CLUB BULLETIN
- * INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
- * SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT
- * VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
- * VOCATIONAL SERVICE
- * SERVICE TO YOUTH
- * AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND
- * ROTARY-ROTARACT INVOLVEMENT
- * BEST ENDEAVOUR AWARD
- * ROTARY-INTERACT INVOLVEMENT
- * PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

For details on the Awards please refer to District Directory Page 78 or

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Clubs holding existing perpetual Awards please return to

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Please return trophies by 15th March

The Rotary Foundation Monthly Contribution Report (In US Dollars)

From 1 Jul 2003 to 31 Dec
2003

Top 3 Clubs Ranked by Annual Giving Per
Capita

Surfers Paradise Central, Qld., Australia
\$145.49

Summerland Sunrise, N.S.W., Australia
\$89.60

Grafton, N.S.W., Australia
\$78.57

Top Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving

Surfers Paradise Central, Qld., Australia
\$7,274.44

Grafton, N.S.W., Australia
\$2,592.86

Summerland Sunrise, N.S.W., Australia
\$1,881.58

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE GSE TEAM TO D3290

SATURDAY 3rd JANUARY

This morning started with a visit to a RYLA program being conducted by The Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City. This was a camp for Scouts and Guides and I was asked to say few words here. After this we visited St Paul's Cathedral which was built around 1840. This is a very large church and very ornately decorated. From here we went to Victoria Memorial Hall which was built in 1906 and is now a museum of medieval and modern Indian history. This is a magnificent building with many stained glass windows. We then attended our first Rotary Club meeting, the RC of Calcutta Inner City. We used our backup flip charts for our presentation and did a shortened version of our speech. This all went over very well and everyone enjoyed our vegemite presentation to the acting President. Banners were exchanged and we were asked to sing our national anthem. From here we went to the Humanity Hospital which is a hospital that Inner City sponsors. The land was donated by a lady whose husband died from cancer. She was a vegetable grower and she donated the land so that a hospital may be built to treat others in the village and area. We were asked to plant a coconut tree in recognition of our visit.

I should say that this morning we were introduced to the traffic of Kolkata, and if you think Fiji is bad you should see this. There is no such thing as rules even though our driver was pulled aside for going through a red light but as I understand the name of Rotary kicked in and he was allowed to go on.

For dinner tonight we firstly went to the home of Sudhir D. Ahuja for pre dinner drinks and then to the restaurant OH Calcutta which served some very fine food. The evening concluded about 11.00 pm and by the time we got back home it was close to midnight.

We are finding that the Indians eat very late, both in the evening and at breakfast. Breakfast at my home is not until about 8.30 am.

The district is also host to a YEP team from Germany and the team leader and her husband is also staying at the home of my host. This is the 4th time they have been on an exchange over the last 8 years. The exchange is run similarly to our exchange with NZ but for a shorter period. There are 12 members of the team who are all around 22 yrs of age plus the leaders and they came to India in early December and will leave on the 6th January.

GSE Team to South Carolina Ready to Impress

Sunday 15th February saw the launch of the outbound GSE Team to South Carolina. Hosted at a lunch by the Rotary Club of Grafton the team looked resplendent in their brand new uniforms as they gave their first presentation. I have no doubt that this remarkable group of young Australians will represent our District very well indeed and we wish them well on their experience of a lifetime



AN OPEN LETTER FROM DG ALLAN BIRRELL D9940 NEW ZEALAND

Greetings,

For those who have been directly caught up in the floods (in New Zealand), their lives have been devastated by the magnitude of the event. Many have lost their homes and belongings with a large number losing their crops and stock. One of our senior politicians Minister of Economic Development Jim Anderson, stated in Monday mornings Dominion Post that this event has been much greater in 'damage to viable farm-land and housing and livelihoods, than the 1931 Napier earthquake'. It is going to take a great deal of financial and physical assistance to help these people back into normal life. Rotary can help in numerous ways. Already a South Island Club have offered to send a significant supply of grass seed to resow pastures Clothing, toys food have all been promised. There will be a need for large quantities of 'rag' for cleaning purposes.

The decision has been made to initiate a Rotary fund as this allows the district the opportunity to increase the effect of the fund by tapping into Rotary Foundation Matching and Simplified Grants subsidies. These can only be obtained if the Rotary district is managing the distribution. For this reason you are asked to forward any contributions to ;

*District 9940 Secretary,
Neville Currie, 12 B Stuart
St. Levin,*

*or to make a direct deposit into the 'Rotary District 9940 Flood Disaster Relief Fund' which is an account with the Levin branch of the ANZ bank. The account number is: 01- 0666 -00700 -56 -50. Many Rotary Clubs in NZ have already advised of their intention of providing significant donations to this appeal. No matter what the size, all contributions will be gratefully received
Your help will be greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you for being prepared to **LEND A HAND.***

Kind regards,

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D.G.'s Note.*

We in Australia are used to natural disasters on a large scale and have to some extent been de-sensitized. This is not the case in New Zealand where disasters of the magnitude of the one recently experienced are a rarity. Clubs wishing to "Lend a Hand" to a neighbour are asked to make their own arrangements.

A Letter From the Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise Hi Max

Are you organised for your conference? Yes we all received the invitations etc. just have to get our act into gear & register now I suppose.

As you can tell by the subject matter of this email I digress. The (Warwick) Sunrise Club is going great guns - can't hold them back. We had a BBQ for the opening of Heritage Building Society (they have been here for a few years but have discovered they really cannot exist in a small town without opening Saturday morning) So we were invited to hold a BBQ out front & we also hired a fairy floss machine - made over \$400 in the morning - no expenses as Heritage are paying for our costs. Great!

Also our International Director has organised a joint meeting with Allora/Goondiwindi/Stanthorpe & Warwick for Interplast a dinner with a guest speaker from Melbourne. Also we are running a Fawltly Towers night (dinner & show) for Interplast - well at least \$1000 for interplast.

Plus we are still doing our literacy kits & have planned a "Packing Party" in the near future to pack all the kits. Plus have an Aqua Box on the go. -we do one every year.

We are giving \$\$\$ away like nobody's business. Have one PHF already (\$gone to TRF already) gave \$400 to the High School to purchase sheet music. Had 1 for RYLA, 2 for Siemens, 1 for NYSF, 2 for RYTS & it looks like 2 or 3 for RYPEN. \$200 for the salvos at Xmas plus presents also \$200 for Salvos Show & Shine - car show. We haven't got an outgoing YEP student - very hard here to enthuse parents/children but we look like having one in.

We are also selling raffle tickets in Allora's big Beef raffle - We will get a small cut relative to the number of tickets we sell.

With Bowel Scan starting week after next Neil's club (Warwick) has obtained a huge window display area in the shopping centre. So Larry James (incoming Pres Warwick) and I are going down tomorrow to do the display. Great opportunity. So I am at present gathering window decorating material -Rotary style.

Thought you might like to hear some GOOD news for a change.

Well Max, I hope you are going great guns - love the Newsletter (sorry to ramble on)

Cheers

World Rotaract Week

Every year, World Rotaract Week is designated to honour the chartering of the first club in North Carolina, USA, on 13 March 1968. To commemorate Rotaract's 35th anniversary in March, partner with your sponsoring Rotary club and attend each other's meetings, complete a service project together, and encourage a nearby Rotary club to sponsor a new Rotaract club in their area. Participating clubs can receive special recognition from Rotary International if activities are submitted to RI staff by 15 April.

"Lending a Hand" –a Short Story.

With some financial reversals and cancellation of his company's tenancy, a mature age member of a district club, found himself forced out of work, and with no means of on-going financial support. Not one, but two, of his fellow club members made serious offers to assist him with offers of employment in their companies.

I am pleased to say that the Rotarian, who was extremely gratified by these offers, entered into a mutually beneficial arrangement and is now very happy in his new vocation.

Surely this is "Lend a Hand" at work.

My heartfelt congratulations to the members who offered to assist their fellow Rotarian. This was one of the elements of business co-operation, that Paul Harris and his cohorts Gus Loehr, Hiram Shorey and Silvester Schiele had in mind when they met in Chicago on that memorable evening on February 23, 1905.

Rotary Centennial Gardens Project at Rosser Park

For some time now, the Rotary clubs of District 9640 have been seeking suitable projects with which to celebrate Rotary's centennial year. One such project is the "Centennial Gardens" in Rosser Park. District Centenary Projects chair, PRIT Brian Knowles had approached the Gold Coast City Council regarding Rotary involvement in the ongoing development of Rosser Park.

As a result of these overtures, Rotary clubs from across our district were invited to attend a meeting with Council.

On Saturday 31 st January, 2004 some 25 or so interested people met at the Council Bicentennial Centre at Nerang to discuss Rotary involvement in the development of a sensory garden at Rosser Park. Rosser Park is located in approximately the center of the Gold Coast. It has been identified by Council as being the location for an expansive botanic garden and a large central park development for the entire Gold Coast area. John Rosser Senior donated the old farmland (which is essentially a flood plain) for use as open space by the people of the Gold Coast and its surrounding region. No building or development is permitted on the area, which must be maintained as a floodway for water to find its way to the sea and to act as a water retention basin. There are already a number of lakes within the park grounds.

Gold Coast City Council is charged with the responsibility of developing and maintaining the land in such a way as to provide maximum benefit to the community.

In this light, Council has developed, over some years, a master plan for its development. This theme is a "mountains to the sea" approach with mangroves at the water's edge to eucalypts in the hills. As a result of our overtures Rotary has been invited to dedicate as a centennial project, the development of a section of garden on the southwest corner of the lake nearest to the main road.

The concept is to develop a sensory garden to provide a meaningful way for people with sensory impairment and physical disabilities to maximize their experience with nature. The people most likely to benefit are those who are blind, those who are severely physically impaired (in wheelchairs), and those with cognitive disabilities.

Additionally there is substantial scope for schoolchildren to benefit from the educational opportunities the development will provide.

GSE- THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AT WORK

GSE is one of the tangible programs of the Rotary Foundation.

Tangible because incoming teams tour the District, present at district Conferences and present a glimpse of the Internationality of Rotary to Rotarians who would not otherwise have an opportunity to see their organization at work on the task of world peace through understanding.

This month, and in fact, for the next three months, our district will be like a train switching station for GSE teams. The team which visited India and Nepal has returned under the leadership of Rotarian Trevor Hopf.

A couple of weeks ago the outbound team to South Carolina was launched at a Sunday luncheon organised by the Grafton Club. They depart on 20th March under the leadership of Doug Barnier.

Then, in April, the teams from India and Nepal and Italy will be visiting our district and sharing with us a glimpse of their culture. Please show them our renowned hospitality and make them feel welcome in our district when you meet them.

These two teams will also be there to meet and greet you at the District Conference at Sharks on 7,8,9th May.



Aussie teddies were the order of the day when our GSE team visited District 3290 (India and Nepal) Road safety or nature lesson?.

Our GSE team was the centre of attention when they visited Udayan orphanage (the school established by Steve Waugh.)



Have you registered for the District Conference?

"Where the Country Meets the Sea"

7th-9th May 2004

www.rotary9640.org (conference tab)

That is where you will find all your conference information. If you've lost your registration form, you can download another from this website. Didn't receive your invitation to attend the PHF cocktail party? There's another one on the website. Need accommodation and don't know where to book? It's on the website!

Read about the keynote speakers such as Max Walker and Bernard Salt, Jenny Horton, Marg Mibus and John Thorne. Read about world class Irish Comedian, Paul Martell and his antics.

We have live entertainment organised. See and hear the inbound GSE Teams from India and Italy and the rebound team from India. Join the Youth Exchange Students as they parade their countries' flags, but most importantly, come join your fellow Rotarians for a week-end of fun, fellowship and information.

The venue is fantastic and relaxed. The audio visual equipment is second to none with two large screens

for easy viewing of on stage antics. Southport Sharks have proved themselves very capable of serving quality food to large numbers of patrons so no one should be disappointed.

This year's Conference promises to be one of the best yet so don't miss out-book now!

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TEAM OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA

"It's fantastic; it's great fun; it's wonderful fellowship to be with your peers on Exchange"

It sounds like an Exchange student describing their twelve month overseas exchange, although it could be the description by a GSE team of their four week exchange.

It could also be the utterances of a Rotarian couple returning from a 14-16 day Rotary Friendship Exchange.

All would have said this after experiencing the fellowship, fun and hospitality of staying in the home of a Rotarian in a foreign Country with its different culture.

Five Rotary couples including two on repeat trips will be going on a RFE to D9270 centred

on Durban in South Africa for fifteen days, from Monday, March 15.

Visiting four Rotary Clubs, the team will visit a game park (where one is recommended not to pat the lions for a picture by your wife) and the battlefields of the Zulu and Boer wars. Taking advantage of the Rotary District Insurance conditions, all will visit Cape Town and nearby areas after the Exchange.

A second team of Four will be visiting Johannesburg and the Kruger National Park in May-June 2004 on a RFE to D9300.

Interested Rotarians should inquire with Angelo Puglisi of the Stanthorpe Rotary club.

“THE WALK AND TALK” LAUNCHES GOLD COAST ICU APPEAL THANK YOU!! TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED

Despite cyclonic conditions only twelve hours before, the Rotary Walk and Talk with Ron Clarke proceeded as planned, with support of a good sprinkling of Gold Coast Clubs and the Rotaractors. As it turned out, the fierce wind and driving rain the night before, had abated by 7.00 a.m. the next day and the walk was on its way in idyllic conditions.

Thank you to all those who turned out on the day with a special thank you! to the Rotaractors. The day raised at least ten thousand dollars, courtesy of Ron Clarke, but more importantly, it marked the starting point of what could turn out to be a major annual Gold Coast event. As it turns out, Ron Clarke also started the Melbourne Marathon, with an initial turn out not unlike that of the “walk and talk.”

A special thank you also to Rotarians Douglas Geekie and Phil Rosenberg without whose tenacity the event might not have got off the starting blocks.

DC MAX



O.K. SURFERS
PARADISE WEST
READY , SNAGS
READY, WHERE
ARE THE
WALKERS?

Bring your Mum to

The Conference!!!

*Where the
country meets
the sea*

Rotary District 9640

2004 Conference

Sharks AFL Club, Southport 7-9 May 2004

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2004

Rotary Club of	Attendance				Membership		
	This Month		Year to Date		Start of Year	Present	Change
	%'age	Rank	%'age	Rank			
Allora	79.00	16	67.67	30	13	11	-2
Allora	62.00	37	67.25	32	13	10	-3
Alstonville	83.11	13	77.56	12	24	28	4
Ashmore	No report	42	10.66	53	36	34	-2
Ballina	85.60	9	75.77	13	33	32	-1
Ballina-on-Richmond	72.50	27	70.18	28	25	24	-1
Beauesert	88.50	6	86.69	3	31	29	-2
Boonah	96.43	3	79.43	10	40	35	-5
Broadbeach	67.00	33	69.82	30	63	63	-
Broadwater Southport	No report	42	71.13	24	27	28	1
Burleigh Heads	83.10	14	80.40	6	20	22	2
Byron Bay	No report	42	39.54	48	11	11	-
Casino	78.50	21	71.60	22	24	22	-2
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	67.10	32	61.88	36	31	31	-
Coomera Valley	No report	42	18.38	52	29	29	-
Glen Innes	78.52	20	74.85	17	33	35	2
Goondwindi	63.57	36	70.16	29	31	35	4
Goonellabah	No report	42	42.88	47	25	25	-
Grafton	85.35	10	80.08	7	33	32	-1
Grafton Midday	77.65	23	75.74	15	26	25	-1
Hope Island	51.33	41	45.41	46	32	36	4
Iluka	65.60	34	54.50	42	16	16	-
Jimboomba	No report	42	58.46	40	23	23	-
Kingscliff	83.90	12	79.50	9	18	16	-2
Kirra Currumbin	79.00	19	57.60	41	14	15	1
Kyogle	75.25	26	50.01	44	14	9	-5
Lismore	98.00	2	89.17	2	24	24	-
Lismore Central	86.00	8	58.50	39	20	19	-1
Lismore West	98.67	1	95.51	1	44	42	-2
Maclean	78.03	22	78.67	11	43	40	-3
Mermaid Beach	No report	42	75.76	14	21	21	-
Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah)	81.00	17	64.50	34	26	25	-1
Mudgeeraba	84.89	11	70.78	25	24	25	1
Mullumbimby	87.10	7	84.23	4	29	29	-
Murwillumbah	70.00	29	71.88	21	34	39	5
Murwillumbah Central	No report	42	60.01	38	48	40	-8
Nerang	77.17	24	75.04	16	24	23	-1
Palm Beach	71.01	28	74.41	19	26	28	2
Parkwood	54.60	40	60.99	37	30	27	-3
Robina	60.00	38	65.38	33	14	14	-
Runaway Bay	68.75	30	52.11	43	43	40	-3
South Grafton	60.00	38	50.00	45	11	9	-2
Southport	No report	42	9.93	54	47	45	-2
Southport North	No report	42	8.97	55	20	20	-
Stanthorpe	82.30	15	74.45	18	52	45	-7
Summerland Sunrise	No report	42	71.46	23	25	21	-4
Surfers Paradise	64.80	35	70.32	27	47	47	-
Surfers Paradise Central	No report	42	34.61	50	50	53	3
Surfers Paradise West	90.00	5	73.13	20	32	34	2
Surfers Sunrise	No report	42	34.55	51	37	37	-
Tamborine Mountain	90.90	4	69.42	31	11	11	-
Tenterfield	82.30	15	80.61	5	27	24	-3
Tweed Heads South	81.00	17	79.74	8	18	20	2
Warwick	76.67	25	70.56	26	22	19	-3
Warwick Sunrise	68.25	31	64.17	35	21	18	-3
Yamba	No report	42	37.37	49	27	26	-1
	1569	1530	-39				

**Benefactors
2003-04**

District Goal 165!

Pres Graeme Hargreaves	Lismore West
Pres. Karl Sprogis	Lismore
Ron Lubow	Lismore
A.G.Terry Brown	Casino
John Crooks	Casino
Pres. Frank Karam	Casino
David Fairs	Nerang
Phil Connolly	Nerang
Geoff Palmer	Nerang
A.G.Judy Aitken	Kingscliff
Ian Aitken	Rotarian Partner
Pres. Darren Bray	Warwick
Pres. Joan McDermott-Haviland	Surfers Central
Kate Kimmorley	Surfers Central
Diana Todd-Banks (M)	Surfers Central
Pres. Ron Munn	Jimboomba
Des Madgwick	Jimboomba
Bill Meiers	Jimboomba
Stan Pickering	Coolangatta Tweed Heads
Pres. Bev Pickering	Coolangatta Tweed Heads
A.G. Harry Pampel	Alstonville
Fay Hopf	Summerland Sunrise
Trevor Hopf	Lismore West

Attendance Apologies—The Solution

O.K. I know, I've broached the subject previously. However, pleading hasn't worked, appealing to the recalcitrants' sense of duty hasn't worked, so no more Mr. Nice guy, it's gloves off time.

With more and more establishments demanding that clubs pay for the amount of meals ordered, whether consumed or not and the ever present lament that "Rotary" is becoming more and more expensive, let's try this strategy.

- 1. Appoint a meals order person in your club. This person usually records apologies anyway.*
- 2. Instead of recording who **won't** be requiring a meal, ask members to ring and advise if they **do** require a meal for the meeting.*

This way only the people who have rung in will be catered for and the Club won't incur a punitive expense.

*Yes some people will still forget, but it only takes a couple of meetings without a meal to sharpen Rotarians' memory processes. A lot of times the kitchen will still be able to find an extra meal but it takes away the penalty to the club issue. If a member orders a meal and still fails to show, the club can then legitimately charge the meal to the member because he/she **ordered it.***

Good Luck,
DG Max

**Warm Welcome to the
Following New Rotarians**

Margaret Richards	Ashmore
Tony Ferrers	Ashmore
Phil Smith	Runaway Bay
Vaughan Carpenter	Robina