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Tony is back for 6th Sept

Special points of interest:

- **Golf Day**—Fri 2nd September 2011 at Keperra Golf Course
- **Partners Night** 16 August
- 23rd August **transferred** to Wednesday 24th — visit to Stafford to hear Pani
- 30th **Away** meeting at Philipa Bensley's house

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Last Weeks Meeting—where is Ian this week?

With President Ian being an escapee in Northern Ireland, we were under the watchful eye of PP John Broadbent and the evening's Chairman, the tyre king, Bob Dunn.

International Toast was in honour of the RC of Papeete - given the recent travels by our guest speaker Ian Spiller. Ian found that they meet at 6.30 pm on 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays but on 3rd Monday of the month they meet at 7.30 pm for a dinner meeting.

At the recent Samford Show, the Rotary stand had a guessing competition—guess the number of sweets in the lolly jar. Ian Ruffles phoned the

winners, who were in the process of moving to Sydney and gave back their special prize. So we all estimated the contents which varied from about 80 to 300 — don't allow a bunch of Rotarians to estimate anything! As no one guessed the correct number of 259, (Janelle 255) the sealed up jar and contents were duly auctioned and \$50 was extracted from the snail catcher so he says he can share them with his grand-children (!!).

The Prof was Sergeant and had spent time over one of his many coffees, researching examination questions on the internet and extracting the usual fines—with which most of us disagreed



We also discussed the next three meetings:

16th will be a Partners night with guest speaker PDG Craig Bowen from Rockhampton.

23rd August will be a transfer night to Stafford on Wed 24th where Pani will be guest speaker

30th August will be at Philipa's house — she is already planning the menu.

We especially wish Ian Spiller a speedy recovery as he undergoes open heart surgery on Tuesday 16th. August

	16 August 2011	24 August 2011	30 August 2011
Topic/Speaker	PDG Craig Bowen	Move to Stafford	At Philipa's house
Chairman	Lee Kenny	John Broadbent	Lorelle Holcroft
Asst.Treasurer	Warren Hampton	Ian Spiller	Simon Grant
Sergeant	Paul Harris	Paul Jackson	John Broadbent
Hot Seat	Philipa Bensley	Janelle Young	Eric Leese

Members responsibility to find an alternative or swap!

Duty Roster will change 23rd and 30th because meetings are away from home, but don't think you get out of the tasks!!!

Guest Speaker – Ian Spiller



Ian's story this week was based on his recent travels to the Marquesas Islands.

The origins of this trip go back to his reading of a book 45 years ago about the islands and their lifestyle. The trip was hurriedly planned because some heart specialist told him the a couple of valves need more than a grease and blood change! (We sincerely hope this is OK next week)

From Ian's book reading, where the romance of the Islands started, he decided to build a boat and sail the Pacific and the closest he came to being Sinbad the Sailor, was to build a toy boat and float it in the bath.

He flew to Papeete, via Auckland, and the joined a combined freighter/passenger ship The Aranui 111. The ship was 2/3 cargo and 1/3 passengers. He guessed why it was Aranui 111 ... Big seas and cyclones have been known to throw the odd ship off course!

The passenger accommodation was luxurious state rooms down to the dorm style 12 backpackers sharing – sharing the room not the beds. The shared bunk style was the outcome of Ian's negotiations.

Ian found that there were 120 passengers from all parts of the world and with an average age that he guessed was around 45; plus 65 crew who were mostly Polynesian.

The trip was about 2500 nautical miles through

the volcanic Marquesas Islands—about 1000 nm NE of Papeete. Through coral atolls, clear waters and wonderful island scenery.

The choice of meals on this cruise were just a bit different from the smorgasbord on P&O ... Here there was a set meal and everyone got the same!

Activities during the cruise were sea related – snorkelling, swimming etc while the freight was being tended. But they also had games nights and Ian recounted an evening of island fun where the passengers were dressed as island natives or paddling boat crew ... Ian demonstrated his skill as a paddler! He shared this event with David Parry from Bribie Island Rotary — its amazing the people you meet through Rotary

The cook was trained by Henry Ford — you could have any meal you liked as long as it was the Chef's choice of the day

This week – 16 August – PARTNERS EVENING

PDG (District 9550) Craig Bowen will be our guest speaker He will be accompanied by his wife Denise.

This is an extraordinarily special occasion. It is also a partners' evening. Friends of Samford Rotary and their partners may also be interested in attending to hear our speaker. (Please let Janelle know that you are coming –

Mobile 0419 654 953; OR jyoung14@gmail.com).

Denise was the very active President of the Rotary Club of Ingham last year and, among many other things, started a new Rotaract Club there.

Craig, last year, received the RI Goodwill Ambassador Award for his work in Uganda with HIV/AIDS children. There are only five RI Goodwill Ambassadors in the world and Craig is one of them.

Both Craig and Denise are now major donors and both are

benefactors to the RI Foundation.

His address to our club will be about his work in Uganda and also about how he recently came to set up the first Rotary Club in Iran since the days of the Shar .

Partners Evening

Please advise Janelle



Post Card from Peter Gloor

After a long and 'average' flight in cattle class on QF I hopped straight into the French rental car at 7 a.m. and hit the German Autobahn, once I managed to get out of the car park where a barrier stopped me from exiting because I was on the wrong side in the inbound lane. With the left-hand steering wheel firmly clutched in my sweating hands, the manual gear shift on the wrong side, all traffic travelling on the 'wrong' side, I slowly started to get the hang of it and rolling along at 180 km/h and couldn't understand why most cars overtook me at speeds well in excess of 200 km/h. It was rather nerve racking and necessitated many 'comfort stops' to relieve the 'tension and stress'.

Arrived safely in my hometown of Basel and since then have indulged in Swiss dry meat, cheese, wine and incredible breads, more wine, and more wine....and cheese, and wine ...you get the drift. Food is very cheap and the choices are incredible. The hangovers remain the same though....

Geneva has changed a lot. The Swiss are lucky people in that they no longer have to travel to Africa, they just come to Geneva ! In search of the more traditional Switzerland, travelled again to my old home town of Basel to find much the same, only this time I was in Turkey. We were lucky that we found a real traditional Swiss folkloric festival complete with yodelling, Alphorn playing and flag throwing followed by much dancing to traditional Swiss music. The after effect this time was not a hangover...but swollen ankles and sore leg muscles, the pain of which was duly doused with ample quantities of good wine and Swiss Schnapps...and then another hangover.

We're off on a 3 day tour of the Burgundy wine area (which my liver needs about as much as a hole in the head) in nearby France with some friends and after that we will relocate to a small mountain village in the

centre of Switzerland near where Seraina lives (the Swiss exchange student who stayed in Samford a few years ago for those who don't know her) and whom we will visit of course. Hopefully the ankles have recovered by then and we can engage in some serious walking working up an appetite for more cheese, sausages and wine. The weather has been a bit average thus far and haven't sighted the snow capped Alps as yet. Oh, and yes, the Swiss banks are talking about devaluing the Swiss Francs...the bastards, just before I could properly raid my secret Swiss bank account.

Anyway, better go as we have to go down-town "Nairobi"... I mean Geneva, on the "Africa Express Tram"....

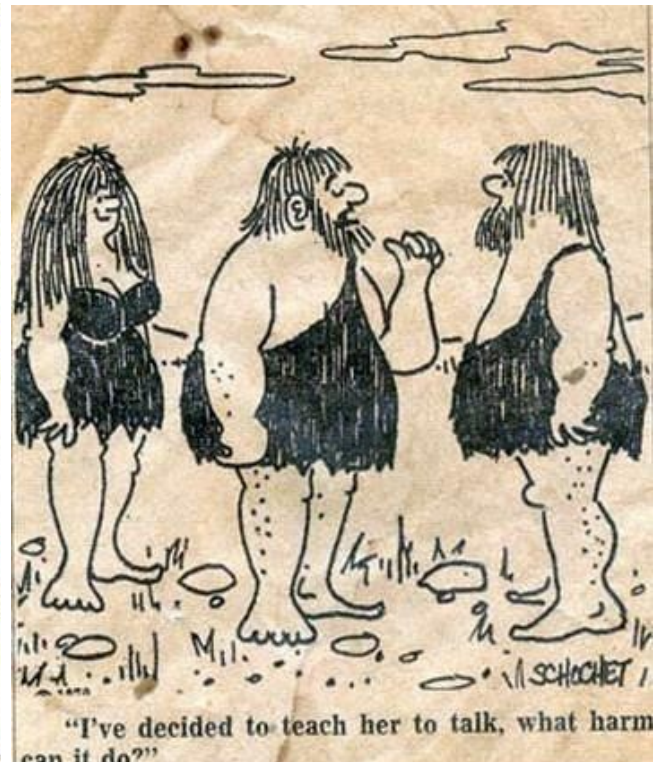
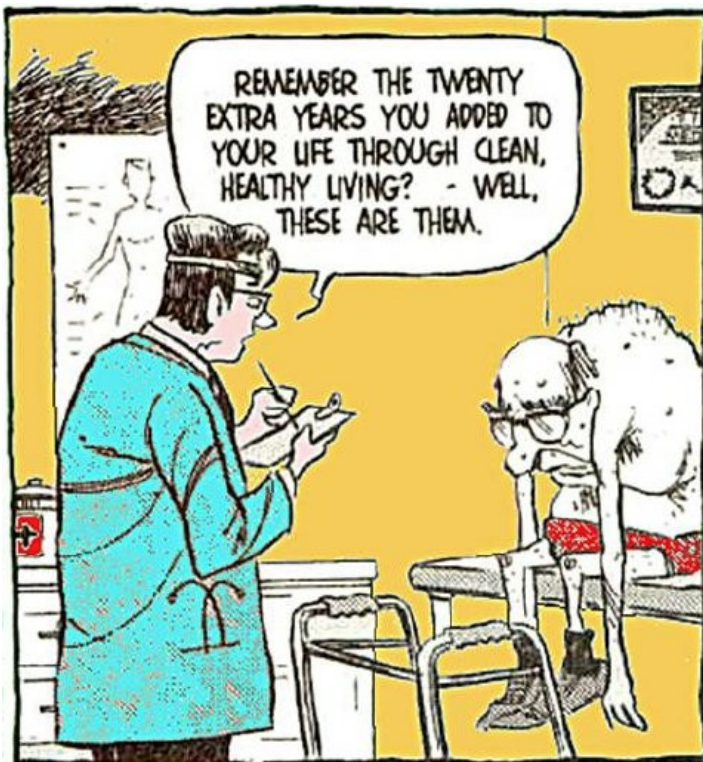
Hope all's well with all of you... till next time !

Peter



University of Basel

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Samford Rotary Members

Phillipa Bensley – Life Coach (and grandmother)	Paul Jackson – Environmental Engineer, Choirst
John Broadbent – Road and Traffic Engineer	Lee Kenny – Fine Furniture Manufacturer
Tony Freeman – marketing consultant	Eric Leese – Building Contractor
Bob Dunn – Tyre retailer	Bob Millar – Local Government Councillor
Peter Gloor – Retired Consul and Freight Agent	Rob Robinson – Builder Portable Sheds
Simon Grant – Government Lawyer	Ian Ruffles – PRESIDENT and Life Coach
Warren Hampton – Business Coach and apprentice news paper journalist	Ian Spiller – Retired Builder, student, artist, Traveller and story teller
Brian Hansford – Emeritus Professor of English, coffee drinker; author friendly trouble-maker	Barry Walker – Retired Customs Officer and inventor of the dog sniffers unit
Paul Harris – Building company proprietor	Janelle Young – Professor of Literacy & Tourist
Lorelle Holcroft – Deputy Principal; Catcher of the snail catcher	

The Object of Rotary



The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four Way Test

of things we think, say or do

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARY GRACE

O LORD, AND GIVER OF ALL GOOD,
WE THANK THEE FOR OUR DAILY FOOD.
MAY ROTARY FRIENDS AND ROTARY WAYS
HELP US TO SERVE THEE ALL OUR DAYS.
AMEN

The Rotary Grace is intended a non denominational, non-sectarian, non religious grace offered in all Rotary countries and in all types of worship