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THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra.

Held annually in September or October.

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IRISH LOVE STORY

An elderly man lay dying in his bed. While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favourite scones. He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning on the wall, he slowly made his way to the kitchen.

With laboured breath, he leaned against the kitchen's door-frame. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favourite scones. Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his devoted Irish wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself towards the table. His aged and withered hand trembled towards a scone at the edge. It was suddenly smacked by his wife with a wooden spoon.

'Go back to bed' she said, 'they're for the funeral.'

Attendance last week

Speaker: Rotarian John Robson
Visiting Rotarians: George Pratt
Other Guests: Joan Pratt, Anne Robson
Members present: 21
Makeups: 2
Percentage: 72.414 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK – 9 June	NEXT WEEK – 16 June
Program	Emma Baldock "Grandparents"	Michelle Jester Ambassadorial Scholar
Introduction	Ian Excell	Robyn Singleton
Appreciation	John Robson	Lukas Strohmayer
Fellowship	Des Henderson Kelly	Phil Ibbotson
	John Gray	Peter Evans
Raven Recorder	Gary Scott	Bernadette Cappello
Birthdays	Phil Ibbotson 9 June, Jenny Fox 12 June	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil	John & Pixie Gray 13 June

PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK

Friday 25 June: Gary Scott (Leader), Bob Harvie, Ros Osbourne, Pat Schmidt

OUR NEW MEMBER - GEORGE PRATT

Last week we welcomed Past President George Pratt and Joan Pratt to the Rotary Club of Woden family.

George was born at Kyogle, NSW and first came to Canberra to enter the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1954. Peter Evans was a fellow student.

After 20 years in the Army, he retired for the first time in order to study economics and then spent 6 years in the Public Service as an economics research specialist.

He then set up his own business as a meat operator in Casino, supplying high quality beef to Australian and world mar-

kets. He sold the business in 2000 and retired (again) to the farm where he was raised.

He is married to Joan and they have five children and three grandchildren. George and Joan have returned to Canberra to be closer to family and to sample city life.

George joined Rotary in Casino, NSW in about 1985 and was President in 1992-1993. He transferred to the Kyogle Club in 2002 and now we are pleased to see that he has transferred to Woden with the classification "Meat Wholesaling".

By the way George do you know anything about parking cars??



Dates for your diary

Racecourse parking – roster at foot of page 4

- 23 June – Club Forum – Plans for 2010-2011**
- 30 June – Changeover Dinner**
- 7 July – Mike Rodd "My time in South Africa"**
- 14 July – Wilma Robb "The forgotten Australians"**
- 21/22 Aug – District Conference - Hellenic Club**

TONIGHT

We welcome

EMMA BALDOCK

"Grandparents"

Last week

President Ros Osbourne welcomed members and visitors, Helen Sahhar, Annie Robson and Joan Pratt, to the meeting. She also welcomed home the members of the recent working party to Kintore: Shukry and Helen Sahhar, David Fox, Norma Donaldson and John Robson and presented flowers to Helen and Norma.

Shukry Sahhar introduced the evening's speaker, fellow member John Robson.

Imagine it's your 50th birthday. You receive some rather strange presents, a straw hat, a T shirt, sunscreen... and a ticket to sail from Port Vila to Noumea. A Pacific cruise, you say? How wonderful, just relax and spend your holiday swimming, sun-baking, eating, drinking and dancing the night away. What could be better?

But for our fellow member John Robson, not some namby-pamby, put-your-feet-up cruise. Not a chance. He's an explorer, a man of adventure, a latter day Ferdinand Magellan. He and a friend flew to Port Vila, Vanuatu and, along with 20 other like-minded people from around the world, signed on as voyage crew of the tallship Soren Larsen to sail to Noumea under the guidance of the ship's captain and professional crew.



And voyage crew they were. This was no ordinary cruise – two 4-hour shifts per day and training most days in different aspects of the

ship's operation. John and his fellow members of the voyage crew were encouraged to participate in all aspects of sailing the ship, under the guidance of the professional crew.

For a short time on Wednesday evening, and aided by a gallery of superb photos, John took us on his voyage of discovery, island-hopping from Port Vila to Noumea, meeting people, sight-seeing and, of course, sailing.

After joining the Soren Larsen in Port Vila, John and his fellow adventurers sailed to island of Erromango, where the local people put on a magnificent welcome for the visitors. It was then on to the neighbouring island of Tanna, home of the active volcano, Mount Yasur. John and some of his fellow adventurers hired a vehicle and drove via the volcano to Port Resolution, where they reconnected with the Soren Larsen. From Port Resolution, our intrepid adventurers set sail for Noumea, New Caledonia, with a side trip to the Ile des Pins (Isle of Pines), home of the sheerwater and many, many sea snakes.

Rigged as a late 19th century brigantine, the Soren Larsen was the star of the BBC television series, "The Onedin Line". These days she works from her home base in Auckland, New Zealand during the southern hemisphere summer and explores the tropical waters of the South Pacific from March to November. Information about the ship, her history and her voyage program, can be found on the internet at <http://www.sorenlarsen.co.nz/index.html>

On behalf of the members and guests present, Norma Donaldson thanked John for his talk.

Club News

Static Display at District Governor Changeover 4 July: President Ros is seeking a volunteer to put together a static visual display of our progress at Kintore during 2009-10 at the DG Changeover. Please contact Ros if you wish to help out.

E-Clubs: President Ros reported that, after a 6 year pilot project, E-Clubs have become a permanent part of Rotary International. E-Clubs enable Rotarians with physical or scheduling restraints to meet regularly and conduct service projects through the internet. Further information about the pilot is available on the internet at <http://www.rotary.org/en/members/generalinformation/pilotclubsande-clubs/pages/ridefault.aspx>

Western Desert Health Project: John Robson gave an interesting and entertaining illustrated presentation last week on the work that had been performed at Kintore by the 9th working party led by Shukry Sahhar. The team comprised Shukry and Helen Sahhar, David Fox, Norma Donaldson and John Robson. The cupboards due to be installed by the Working Party fell foul of the wet roads and were delayed in arrival but the team were kept busy with fencing. They worked until midnight on Thursday installing the kitchen ready for the plumber to return and connect everything up.

Changeover Dinner - Wednesday 30 June at 6pm

Norma Donaldson will be collecting visitor registrations and your \$\$\$ starting this Wednesday.

COST IS \$35.00 EACH – 2 COURSE MEAL WITH TEA & COFFEE

ALL BOOKINGS AND \$\$\$ WILL NEED TO BE FINALISED ON WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE, BY THE END OF THE MEETING.

(She will give the Golf Club our final numbers after that Meeting)
Be there! be eating! bring a friend! \$\$\$ 35.00 per person

More about the Soren Larsen

The Soren Larsen is one of the most magnificently restored and adapted Tallships still sailing and is one of the most illustrious wooden vessels of her type in the world. She was built in 1949 in northern Denmark by Soren Larsen & Sons. Constructed entirely of oak she was massively built with oak outer planking on double oak frames with an inner hull planking of oak.

In 1978 she was saved from destruction by family owners in Colchester, England. She was restored and entirely re-rigged as the graceful late 19th century brigantine she is today. Much of the funds required for her early restoration work were earned by film work and she starred in the "The Onedin Line", "The French Lieutenant's Woman", "Count of Monte Cristo" and "Shackleton" - which involved sailing north to the Arctic Circle into the pack-ice of Greenland.

Invited to be the Flagship for the Australian Bicentenary re-enactment voyage of the First Fleet, she led a fleet of eight tallships on a 22,000 mile voyage from England via Rio de Janeiro and Cape Town, arriving to a tumultuous welcome in Sydney in January 1988.

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