

ROTARY CLUB OF COROWA



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LAST MEETING – The A to Z (Antwerp to Zurich) of Europe. Gail, John, Meredith and Paul Miegel, and Wal gave a photographic presentation of their European holiday. The weather was excellent with temperatures around 16⁰ – 20⁰ and the beer was even better. The highlight of the trip was a cruise on the Rhine in a luxury boat carrying 129 passengers with lots of sightseeing during the day and lots of excellent beer all the time. The parking areas for bikes in Amsterdam (the bike capital of Europe) were mind boggling with some 2.5 million bikes being stolen every year. The beer was also excellent in Amsterdam.



Poobah, Gail, Paul, Meredith, John and 1/2 WAL

International Toast

Ian C. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Neuwied-Andernach, Germany. With nearly 60 members and a tradition of more than 40 years, there is a strong commitment to traditional values of Rotary as a basis for the present and the future to see. Stability to life and innovation to support local activities in Neuwied and Andernach, as well as international connections to maintain.

Announcements.

- Invites to Shepparton (27/6) and Yarra/Mulwala (2/7) Changeovers
- Race gates Sat 9th, BBQ at Valhalla on Sunday 10th June
- Harry Overend our next outbound exchange student
- Mystery bus trip a success.

Attendance

75% . Birthdays – Margaret and Howard (who tried to wriggle out of it)



Some of the hard working crew suffering freezing conditions at the Valhalla BBQ.

Rotary Information

Wal will be running 24 busses for the winery walkabout week-end.

Coming up

BBQ at Safeway on Saturday 16th June 8.30 a.m.

Raffles.

1. Ian Brooks
2. Wal – 4 of Spades

Apologies/guests to Don 60 330 423 - 0418 745 007

	14/6/2012	21/6/2012	28/6/2012
Programme	Margaret Wilmot Gallery 294	Axel Final Presentation	Changeover
Chairman	Margaret	Stephen	
Treasurer	Gail	Margaret	
Rotary Grace	Arthur	Gail	Margaret
Loyal Toast	Chris	Arthur	Gail
Intl. Toast	Neil	Chris	Arthur
Rotary Info.	Trish	Neil	Chris
Sergeants help	Wal	Trish	Neil

The 'Middle Wife' by an Anonymous 2nd grade teacher

I've been teaching now for about fifteen years. I have two kids myself, but the best birth story I know is the one I saw in my own second grade classroom a few years back.

When I was a kid, I loved show-and-tell. So I always have a few sessions with my students. It helps them get over shyness and usually, show-and-tell is pretty tame. Kids bring in pet turtles, model airplanes, pictures of fish they catch, stuff like that. And I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it in to school and talk about it, they're welcome.

Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing kid, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater. She holds up a snapshot of an infant.

'This is Luke, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his birthday.'

'First, Mom and Dad made him as a symbol of their love, and then Dad put a seed in my Mom's stomach, and Luke grew in there. He ate for nine months through an umbrella cord.'

She's standing there with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I had my camcorder with me.. The kids are watching her in amazement. 'Then, about two Saturdays ago, my Mom starts saying and going, 'Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh!' Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans. 'She walked around the house for, like an hour, 'Oh, oh, oh!' (Now this kid is doing a hysterical duck walk and groaning.) 'My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Domino's man. They got my Mom to lie down in bed like this.' (Then Erica lies down with her back against the wall.)

'And then, pop! My Mom had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like psshheew!' (This kid has her legs spread with her little hands mimicking water flowing away. It was too much!)

'Then the middle wife starts saying 'push, push,' and 'breathe, breathe. They started counting, but never even got past ten. Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff that they all said it was from Mom's play-center, (placenta) so there must be a lot of toys inside there. When he got out, the middle wife spanked him for crawling up in there.'

Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest. Ever since then, when it's show-and-tell day, I bring my camcorder, just in case another 'Middle Wife' comes along.

Now you have two choices....laugh and close this page or pass this along to someone else to spread the laughs. I know that I did!!!

Live every day as if it is your LAST chance to make someone happy!!!!

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He complained that the work had been completed a year ago and I still hadn't paid for them. Hellloooo,.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year, Helllooooo? It's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.