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Milford Rotary Blog

You can now see the current and past issues of **Storcky's Star**, as well as **Club Notices** and **Future Speakers** at
<http://milfordrotary.wordpress.com/>

The Rotary Club of Milford promotes Safe Transport Habits.

Think before your drink at Club meetings.

A range of non-alcoholic beverages is always available at Club events

APOLOGIES:

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before 10 am on Tuesday

Mississippi Meanderings

Past President Alison was standing in for **President Ben** who was at his last day of paid employment at Westpac Bank. Congratulations Ben on your retirement and many a day we are sure will be spent with you and Sue wandering around the golf courses of the World – the handicaps will surely drop now.

Mike Bitossi, with the assistance of Virginia occasionally to jog his memory, gave us a wonderful account of their Magical Musical Meanderings down the Mighty Mississippi. In a Mustang Convertible, and then later in their trip a Dodge Grand Convertible, off they went.



Starting in Chicago and ending in Louisiana, Mike gave us a quick Elocution lesson to start off proceedings. AIG = Egg, Awl = Oil, Bub = Bulb. Bum = Bomb etc – a completely different language than anywhere else.

Highlights along the way included The

Henry Ford Museum, Route 66 and all the old historic and, in many cases, run down towns and buildings with long gone businesses that once thrived before the advent of Wall Mart. The beautiful Amish towns and villages with their immaculately kept homes were fantastic to see. The Grand Old Opera in Nashville where it was live to air, onto Sun Studio in Memphis's where Elvis had his recording studio, and the Pink Cadillac tour of Graceland in pristine condition. Then on to the Gibson Guitar factory, Heart Break Hotel and the Ground Zero Blues club owned by Morgan Freeman. The Cotton fields in bud burst stretched forever and the well maintained Vicksburg National Military Park where fallen soldiers from both sides of the war are rightly celebrated – Mike pointed out there were more casualties in this war than all the American casualties in all other conflicts combined. Finally, on to New Orleans driving over the 42 mile long causeway and visits to Bourbon Street and trips on Paddle Steamers.



A great presentation with wonderful photos, Mike commented why Americans have a weight problem, the size of their meals were overwhelming,

Picture Stories



Scenes from
Mike &
Virginia's
convertible trip
in the US



Collection time
in Milford Mall
for Multiple
Sclerosis
Foundation.
The collection
raised **\$1181**



Club Notices

Clive Menkin reminded us of the **Musical Showcase on the 18th September at 2.30pm**. Pamphlets have been printed and most of you will have a bundle to deliver to your local neighbourhood over the next few days – remember these pamphlets are exempt of any no circular notices and should be delivered to all letterboxes. Clive will have additional supplies this coming Tuesday and if anyone missed out last week please collect this Tuesday.

Ladies Night – Tuesday 13 September 6-8 pm – Cupcake decorating at the Homestore, Milford. \$20 per head includes two cupcakes and all of the decorations. **Only 20 positions available**, so be quick and phone Valerie Winn **489 4605**.

David Waters advised that due to increase numbers of entrants this year there will be two preliminaries for the **Intermediate Speech Competition**, with the final being at the club on the **27th September**. This year Heather Moore will be presenting the prizes on behalf of Jov McGhee.

Sergeant at Arms

Filling in for Sergeant Bruce, Raewyn had many a fine but most of those on her list were absent from the meeting – hey team if you are having a birthday or a wedding anniversary what better place to spend it than Pupuke Golf club with a bunch of good mates – this will make life so much easier.

More shocking, but true stories from the streets of Milford by the Milford Mole

The centre court yard is still not complete and the Rotary notice board is laying face down in the mud. I hope Robert is keeping an eye on it from across the road. Valerie has moved into beach front accommodation and is looking forward to the summer. She is on the third floor and the lift is not working but the up side of this is the savings in gym fees. Lately, I've become very concerned about the world financial situation and in particular where I should park my savings. So in the spirit of good sense I asked the Money men of the club for advice. They all recommended splitting it into several deposits. I have a total of \$3.00 saved so taking their good advice I plan to put \$1.00 with Andrew at the PSIS. I hope I got that right because if you don't it can turn out to be a very rude word. Another \$1.00 I will put with Chris at the BNZ and the last dollar I was going to put with the President at Westpac but he has gone and left the Bank so I will get more advice in that. I'm away for the next week or so at a Mole reunion in Australia, so take care on the streets of Milford and I will catch up with all the shocking happenings when I get back.

Club Officers

District Governor	Brian Tuck
Assistant Governor	Alison Waugh
President	Ben Storck
Past President	Henry Harbuz
President Elect	Rob Fullerton
Secretary	Chris Owen
Treasurer	Bronwyn Ellison
Sergeant at Arms	Bruce Rasmussen
Corporal at Arms	Raewyn Jesson
Community Service	Derek Evennett
Fellowship	Valerie Winn
International & RI	Warwick Smith
Membership & PR	Clive Menkin
Attendance	Jane Millington
Welfare & Almoner	Rob Insull
Newsletter	Chris Gregory
Scribes	Tony Costello Tony Trent
Youth & Vocational	David Walters
Club Administration	John Avery
Programme & Speakers	Charles Wilson John Avery Merv Tait
Ways & Means	Ben Storck
Science Forum	Peter Best

Club Duties

6 September 2011

Equipment Out	Karel Lorier
Equipment Away	Clive Menkin
Meet & Greet	Pat Moore
Grace	Humphrey Nisbet
President's Table	Robert Numans
Raffle	Chris Owen
3 Minute Talk	Brian Peak
Introduction	Derek Rankin
Thanks	Bruce Rasmussen
Parting Thought	Brian Rowney

13 September 2011

Equipment Out	Phil Schunk
Equipment Away	Don Senior
Meet & Greet	Warwick Smith
Grace	John Somerville
President's Table	Chris Stiebel
Raffle	Tony Trent
3 Minute Talk	Merv Tait
Introduction	Mike Tritt
Thanks	Charles Wislon
Parting Thought	David Walters

Three Minute Speaker

Our 3 minute speaker this week was **Warren Johns** who went to great lengths to lose a valued and highly respected customer, all for the sake of a cheap shot and someone's counting ability under extreme pressure due to late shipping deliveries – what's more poor Eric was not even at the meeting to defend himself.

Future Speakers

6 September 2011 - Ben Clark – Labour Candidate for North Shore & **Paula Gillion**, Labour Candidate for Northcote.

13 September 2011 - Terry Stretton - Rotary Club of Northcote. Terry has just finished his two year appointment as Commodore of the Rotary International Yachting Fellowship. He will speak to the Club on his experiences.

20 September – No Speaker – Club Night

Rotary Club of Milford

Meeting: Tuesdays 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm
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Last Meeting - In Attendance: 28 Apologies: 25 Silent: 0

Average YTD - In Attendance: 34 Apologies: 18 Silent: 1

Guests – Jerome & Karen Joseph (Monarch Bch, Calif), Virginia Bitossi