NEWS of MEMBERS

Coos (VE2GTT) reports that under the umbrella of 'Rotary Friendship Exchange', they entertained six couples and two single men, all Rotarians from D9650, i.e. between Sydney and the Queensland border. They were all billeted by Rotarians. The visit lasted 2 weeks and they were in Montreal from Fri 25/8 till Tue 29/8. Bill and his spouse Carolyn (our guests) were from Dorrigo. He was an ex-RAAF pilot and Carolyn a trained nurse. Jolly people, all 14 of them. We had a BBQ on Sunday evening and they sang their hearts out singing Australian songs, including - of course! - 'Waltzing Mathilda' and their National Anthem. We had a great time.

NEW EDITOR for the COMMUNICATOR

Diane Main (VK4KYL), wife of Web master Bill (VK4ZD), has volunteered to take over as Editor of the Communicator. She has been editor of her club newsletter for the past three years. Prior to that, she was a member of The Inner Wheel Club of Kalgoorlie Boulder in Western Australia, where she was the club editor for three years and produced a monthly newsletter; additionally, Diane was the District Editor for Inner Wheel District A40 (all of Western Australia) for 2 consecutive years.

Recently she participated in the ALARA (Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association) contest. She won the contest with the top score overall 1169 (352 contacts), top score phone and top YL non-member. She received a very nice certificate and plaque as her prize. Bill was a bit proud of her achievement, so they took a photograph in the shack to celebrate.

Now you know the quality of your new Editor and we hope you will keep her supplied with information and pictures.

Our President says: “We welcome Diane’s talent and willingness to get involved. Let’s all welcome Diane to her new position.”
For members on holiday or visiting Portugal the Almancil International Rotary Club, was admitted to Rotary International on 30th of May 2006.
The Algarve district can now lay claim to a unique Rotary Club, one that has been established to represent the international influences present in the region and continue the traditional creed of Rotary International in the international language of English.
The Algarve has ten Rotary Clubs throughout the region with meetings held in Portuguese. Foreign Rotarians and ex-members now resident in the Algarve found it difficult to participate in local meetings, so the Almancil Club was chartered, with lunchtime meetings, held in English.

The Charter Ceremony was held on the 17th of June 2006, and operates within Rotary District 1960. It is number 73179 in Rotary International.
This Rotary Club has 35 members representing seven different nations. They also welcome lady members and guests.

The Club meets for lunch every Wednesday between 13:30 and 15:00 at Restaurant Couleur France, in Almancil, in the centre of the Algarve. The meetings start at 13:30 sharp and finish at 15:00.

All meetings are conducted in the English language.