

Weekly Bulletin



The Rotary Club of Strathfield

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APRIL IS WORLD MAGAZINE MONTH

President George's Chit Chat

President George's Chit Chat is currently unavailable as Selectprint will not re-open until Wednesday.

President George's Chit Chat will be added prior to printing of the **Bulletin on Wednesday.**

To-Night's Meeting

Bill Carney

What's New?

Congratulations

Birthdays

19/04/2006 **Maryanne Franco**

Charter Night 1971

Patricia Giammarco 23/04/2006

24/04/2006 **Sue Leftwich** Olga Pitt 25/04/2006

Johanna Alvaro Mira Carney

Anniversaries

NIL

Last Week's Guests

Birenda Raj Pandey, Rotary Club of Mt Everest, Nepal.

Birenda exchanged Club Banners with President George.

Last Week's Reporter

A Special thank you to **Kevin Freund** for reporting on last week's meeting whilst I was away. Angel0

Till next week, Enjoy Rotary

President George.

Last Week's Meeting

Denise Chapman was introduced by Peter Douglas, explaining that Epilepsy Australia is Australia's leading consumer-led epilepsy organisation, with associations throughout all states and territories. Denise explained that epilepsy is a disorder of brain function that takes the form of recurring seizures that can occur at anytime. It is the most under resourced and most under researched medical condition.

In Australia some 402,000 live with epilepsy, with an average of 300 dying annually. Epilepsy is not high profile and as a result is misunderstood, with many myths promoting fear. Non-disclosure is fraught with danger and promotes low self-esteem as sufferers try to hide seizures and can be careless with their medication.

Epilepsy must be brought out of the shadows and people encouraged to talk more freely about it and learn how to live with it. Epilepsy can be controlled by medication, in approximately 75% of cases. Denise explained what to do if we witness a person having a seizure and advised if the seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes, to call an ambulance.

Epilepsy Australia provides Training, Counseling, and reliable up to date information on any aspect of seizure diagnosis and management and support for people affected by seizures in all Australian States and Territories.

Denise was thanked by Ray Wilson on behalf of the club.

Last Week's Announcements

From President George Hallworth:-

- Displayed the District Flag, presented to him at the District Conference. The Flag will be held by our club for the coming year.
- ❖ Announced that Domenico & Johanna Alvaro have offered the hospitality of their home in Bowral for the day, for any event, during May.
- ❖ Advised there would be a board meeting on Wednesday 19th April (next week).

From Secretary Roger Vince:-

Received a thank you card from Anne Manenti, for the Flowers sent by the club, and advising that the operation was successful and she is doing well.

- ❖ Confirmed that the Port Macquarie conference was one of the best that he has attended. The Club was well represented at a very well organised and enjoyable Conference with a great fellowship feeling about it. The accommodation organised by Ted Ingall at the SAILS resort was excellent and conveniently located close to the Conference venue at Port Macquarie Panthers.
- Emphasised the need for Our Club to provide help on Sunday 30th April, for the District Assembly at Meriden.

From Peter Foss:-

The Tree Planting at "Rotary Grove" was well attended and advised that all the trees are alive and thriving.



Councillor Bill Carney and President George at the Rotary Grove tree planting ceremony.

From Steve Taylor:-

- Provided members with his thoughts on the District Conference at Port Macquarie, which included the following points:-
 - Professionally organised
 - Friendly atmosphere and great assistance
 - Use of local youth for entertainment was excellent
 - Great fellowship and good guest speakers
 - Helped re-ignite his faith in Rotary and the meaning of "Service Above Self".

From Acting Sergeant Janelle Watson:-

Used the Australian Wheat Board Inquiry and Easter Themes for her fine session.

Raffle Winners

The raffle and raised \$171.00.

1st Prize Golf Shirt Bradley Ayres 2nd Prize Dinner next Week Anuradha Kamkolkar

3rd Prize Bottle of Wine Peter Foss

Statistics

Present:Apologies:Non-Apologies:LOA:Exempt:Make-ups:
33 Members
11 Members
6 Members
3 Members
5 members

The Sergeant raised \$103.45

Thank-You Letter from Rev. Bill Crews of the Exodus Foundation.

Thank you for your kind donation of sausages and rolls; this is greatly appreciated by the Exodus Foundation. As I am sure you are aware the amount of work we do increases daily.

Whether it is a hungry person eating in our hall, a single parent in need of a food parcel or counselling we attempt to help all with kindness and compassion.

COMING EVENTS

Anzac Day Breakfast

Tuesday, April 25th, 8:00am Cape Cabarita Village Green.

GSE Team from Thailand

Wednesday 26 April 2006. Final meeting in Australia before returning home on the Sunday. Rotarians from Burwood, Concord and Silverwater may also attend.

'Pearls On Show',

Saturday 29th April, 2006 at Strathfield Town Hall Entry \$20 pp, proceeds to Downs Syndrome Assoc.

District 9690 Assembly

Sunday 30th April 2006 at Meriden School.

Rotary Awareness Race Day

Saturday 6th May, 2006. Rosehill Gardens. \$25 dep. \$120, \$100, \$70 & \$25 pp packages. Ray Reed/ Joy Gillett Phn: 9633 4888

Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal

Sunday 28 May - Peter Smith (for the Strathfield Red Shield Appeal)

Rebound Australian GSE Team to Thailand.

Wednesday 31st May 2006. Rotarians from Burwood, Concord and Silverwater Clubs may also attend.

The Family of Rotary Picnic Day

Sunday 4th June at Bicentennial Park from 11:00am

2006 Rotary International Convention.

11th -14th June 2006. 97th Rotary International Annual Convention. MalmC6, Sweden & Copenhagen, Denmark www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/events/index.html

District 9690 Changeover

Sunday 25th June, 2006. Waterview Convention Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park 12.00 noon for 12.30pm.

Strathfield Rotary Club Change Over

Friday 30th June 2006 at Strathfield Golf Club 6:30 for 7:00pm

Rotary Club of Granville 50th Birthday

Lachlan's Restaurant in Parramatta Park @ 6:30 for 7:00pm on Saturday 22nd July. \$55pp. Contact Cheryl Thomas (98533247)

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

26th April 2006 **GSE Team from Thailand**

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

3 rd May 2006	Joe Sydney Choice Magazine. "The Australian Consumer"
10 th May 2006	Glenn Anthoney Motor Cycle Culture
17 th May 2006	TBA
24 th May 2006	Thiess Construction Soil Remediation at Rhodes
31 st May 2006	The Rebound Australian GSE Team to Thailand. Rotarians from Burwood, Concord and Silverwater may also attend

Michelle Sharkey

Stroke Prevention

7th June 2006

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Help in Need

From Grahame True

A man and his wife are awakened at 3 o'clock in the morning by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, Standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3 o'clock in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers. "Did you help him?" she asks.

"No, I did not! It's 3 o'clock in the morning and it is pouring out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife.
"Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down and those two guys helped us?
I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!"

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes" comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, Please!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing!" replies the drunk.

The Bathtub

From Roger Vince

It doesn't hurt to take a hard look at yourself from time to time, and this should help get you started. During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the director, "We fill up a bathtub, and then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a room with or without a view?"

Another Blonde Joke

From Grahame True

Did you hear about the two blondes that walked into a building?

You'd think they would have seen it.

How to Make a Woman Happy

From Kevin Beltrame

It's not difficult to make a woman happy. A man only needs to be:-

1. a friend 2. a companion 3. a lover 4. a brother 5. a father 6. a master 7. a chef 8. an electrician 9. a carpenter 10. a plumber 11. a mechanic 12. a decorator 13. a stylist 14. a sexologist 15. a gynecologist 16. a psychologist 17. a pest exterminator 18. a psychiatrist 20. a good listener 19. a healer 22. a good father 21. an organizer 24. sympathetic 23. very clean 25. athletic 26. warm 27. attentive 28. gallant 29. intelligent 30. funny 31. creative 32. tender 33. strong 34. understanding 36. prudent 35. tolerant 37. ambitious 38. capable 40. determined 39. courageous 41. true 42. dependable 43. passionate 44. compassionate

WITHOUT FORGETTING TO:-

- 45. give her compliments regularly
- 46. love shopping
- 47. be honest
- 48. be very rich
- 49. not stress her out
- 50. not look at other girls

AND AT THE SAME TIME, YOU MUST ALSO:-

- 51. Give her lots of attention, but expect little yourself
- 52. Give her lots of time, especially time for herself
- 53. Give her lots of space, never worrying about where she goes

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT:

- 54. Never to forget:-
 - * birthdays
 - * anniversaries
 - * arrangements she makes

How to Make a Man Happy

- 1. Show up naked
- 2. Bring food