



Weekly Bulletin



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WORLD ROTARACT

President George's Chit Chat

I think that last week's Open Night and Membership Development Night was a first for our Club. Our membership committee is Joe Saad, Bert Houston and Ray Wilson and I give thanks and 10/10 for their efforts. It was a very good initiative. Perhaps it could have been better supported. Nevertheless we are hopeful of some results and at least we are doing something.

We had one or two little concerns about Conference payments during the week but everything is sorted out and it is great to see Ted Ingall back on the job and sparking on all cylinders. Bob Templeman is also back on the job. Bob has an interesting story to tell. Perhaps we can get him to share it with us.

P.E.T.S at Meriden ran with great efficiency last Sunday thanks to a good response to Roger's roster and of course George and Sam Helou's catering expertise which produced a top quality lunch.

We were well represented at Central Blue Mountains Rotary Golf Day by Bob Templeman, Niall King, Peter Foss and Ray Wilson last Friday. While not bringing back the Gold Cup I am assured that the Strathfield Team played great golf and had a very enjoyable day.

'Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.' A H Weiner

Till next week, Enjoy Rotary

President George.

To-Night's Meeting

Club Assembly

Congratulations

Birthdays

22/03/2006
24/03/2006

Maree McDougall
Harley Tarrant
Guru Singh

Anniversaries

23/03/2006

Joe & Sharon Saad

Last Week's Visitors

Carol & Roy Langsford
Malcolm Little
Derrick & Sandra Berning
Katherine Hallworth
Jo Taylor
Carole King
Carol Houston
Joanna Alvaro
Kishin & Rekha Harjani – Rotary Club of Thane, India (*see Thank You note*)

Last Week's Meeting

Joe Saad introduced Sheldon Ross on our Membership Development Night to speak about his experience of Rotary. Sheldon welcomed all the guests and continued the Sergeant's theme of sport.

The significance of the 15th March was explained by Sheldon as the anniversary of the foundation of the Rotary Club of Strathfield

and, on a personal level, a day in 2004 when he had a heart attack. Sheldon was attending a meeting at Sydney Town Hall when he had a Near Death Experience (NDE). Realising he was experiencing a heart attack, Sheldon rang a friend who was a Pharmacist. The friend told him to ring 000. While trying to dial 000, he heard a voice telling him to "Come with me". An attendant at the Town Hall told him there was a Doctor's Surgery in the Town Hall. He made it to the surgery where he passed out. His next memory was two sets of blue eyes looking over him with a bright, white-light background. These two 'angels' became ambulance officers who took him to St. Vincent's Hospital.

In his travels around the world, Sheldon has found that the work of Rotary was always understood by the recipients of Rotary's work, but not as readily by the people who could join Rotary and its aid efforts. New members are the life blood of Rotary. He encouraged the visitors tonight to consider joining Rotary. Rod McDougall thanked Sheldon on behalf of the Club.

THANK YOU

Dear Rtn Roger Vince,

I am visiting Rotarian Kishin, from the Rotary Club of Thane [East] District 3140-India. I & my wife Rekha had the privilege to meet you during weekly meetings at the Rotary Club of Strathfield. My wife Rekha joins me in saying a 'Big Thank You' to you for hospitality shown to us. It was a great gesture on your part when you came to pick me from my place of staying. It was indeed a great enjoyable evenings for both of us, when we met many new friends. Please convey my thanks to all. Also to Rtns Anu & Umesh for being always ready, to be with us in all Rotary events. It will be a great remembrance for me & at the same time great support for our Club bulletin to print your message, preferably on Rotary letter head.

Awaiting your message,

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn Kishin.

Rotary Club of Thane [East]. District 3140
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Last Week's Announcements

From President George Hallworth:-

- ❖ Reminder of payment due for accommodation at Sails Resort for the District Conference. Payment due by Friday. Contact Anne-Marie on 658 18000 for payments.
- ❖ Commitment Sheet circulated for the Travel Extravaganza Night

From Secretary Roger Vince:-

- ❖ Reminder of helpers needed for the PETS Day at Meriden on Sunday

From Director Bradley Ayres:-

- ❖ A GSE Alumni Dinner will be held on 3rd April 2006 at Hunt's Restaurant, Cross Roads, Casula. Contact Bradley for details.

From Peter Foss:-

- ❖ A replanting at ROTARY GROVE will take place in early April after the soil has been treated for excessive sodium.

From Niall King:-

- ❖ Presented a cheque for \$20,000, (*the proceeds of the Golf Day*), to Carol Langsford, Director of Trish MS Research Foundation.
- ❖ Carol thanked the Club for their effort, particularly Niall King and Ray Wilson.
- ❖ Carol advised that Strathfield Rotary has so far donated \$90,000 to the Trish Foundation, representing 10% of the total funding received.

From Sergeant Allan Petersen:-

- ❖ Used the theme of "The Commonwealth Games" for his session.

Raffle Winners

The raffle raised \$330.⁰⁰.

- 1st Prize Cognac & Vodka Jo Taylor
(Donated by Sheldon Ross)
- 2nd Prize Golf Shirt & Cap Angelo Franco
(Donated by Ray Wilson)
- 3rd Prize Golf Umbrella George Helou
(Donated by Ray Wilson)
- 4th Prize Bottle of Wine Sheldon Ross
- 5th Prize Dinner next week George Helou

Statistics

- ❖ Present:- 36 Members
- ❖ Apologies:- 13 Members
- ❖ Non-Apologies:- 5 Members
- ❖ LOA:- 3 Members
- ❖ The Sergeant raised \$135.⁴⁰

COMING EVENTS

GSE Alumni Dinner

3rd April 2006 at Hunt's Restaurant, Cross Roads, Casula. Contact Bradley for details

District 9690 Conference

April 7th, 8th & 9th 2006. Panthers Convention Centre, Port Macquarie. Ted Ingall Conf Coord.

Replanting at 'ROTARY GROVE'

Early April, 2006. Peter Foss to advise.

Anzac Day Breakfast

Tuesday, April 25th 2006. Cape Cabarita BBQ Area.

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.

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)

2006 Rotary International Convention.

11th -14th June 2006. 97th Rotary International Annual Convention. MalmC6, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark.

<http://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.

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

29th March 2006

Rodney Rietdyk
Mannings Funerals

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

5th April 2006

Warren Bond
Chair of Rotary Australia
World Community
Service (RAWCS)

12th April 2006

TBA

19th April 2006

TBA

26th April 2006

**GSE Team from
Thailand**

3rd May 2006

TBA

10th May 2006

Glenn Anthoney
T3 Wireless Ventures

17 May 2006

Tad Purtill
How to Survive Giving a
Speech

24th May 2006

Thiess Construction
Soil Remediation at
Rhodes

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Skills Testing

From Shirley Del Prado

Mujibar was trying to get into New Zealand legally through Immigration. The Immigration Officer said, "Mujibar, you have passed all the tests, except there is one more test. Unless you pass it you cannot enter New Zealand."

Mujibar said, "I am ready."

The officer said, "Make a sentence using the words Yellow, Pink and Green."

Mujibar thought for a few minutes and said, "Mister Officer, I am ready."

The Officer said, "Go ahead."

Mujibar said, "The telephone goes green, green, green, and I pink it up, and say, 'Yellow, this is Mujibar.'"

Mujibar now works at Telecom, perhaps you have spoken to him!!!!

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Personal Electronics

From Shirley Del Prado

An American, a Japanese and an Irishman were sitting naked in a sauna. Suddenly, there was a beeping sound. The American pressed his forearm and the beep stopped. The other men looked at him questioningly.

"That was my pager" the American said. "I have a microchip under the skin of my arm."

A few minutes later, a phone rang. The Japanese fellow lifted his palm to his ear. When he finished his conversation, he explained:

"That was my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand."

The Irishman felt decidedly low tech, but was determined not to be outdone. He stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom. He returned with a long piece of toilet paper trailing from his backside. The others raised their eyebrows at him.

The Irishman glanced around and said:

"Bejesus! Wouldja look at dat!! I'm gettin' a fax!"

The Miracle of Toilet Paper

From Shirley Del Prado

Fresh from my shower, I stood in front of the mirror, complaining to my husband that my breasts are too small. Instead of characteristically telling me it's not so, he uncharacteristically comes up with a suggestion. "If you want your breasts to grow, then every day take a piece of toilet paper and rub it between your breasts for a few seconds." Puzzled but willing to try anything, I fetch a piece of toilet paper and stand in front of the mirror, rubbing it between my breasts.

"How long will this take?" I ask. "They will grow larger over a period of years," he replies.

I stop. "Do you really think rubbing a piece of toilet paper between my breasts every day will make my breasts larger over the years?"

Without missing a beat he says, "Worked for your bum, didn't it?"

He's still alive, and with a great deal of therapy, he may even walk again. Stupid, stupid man.

What do Retired People Do All Day?

From Bradley Ayres

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well for example, the other day I went into town and went into a shop. I was only in there for about 5 minutes, when I came out there was

a cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Nazi turd. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So I called him a s---head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Personally, I didn't care. I came into town by bus. I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired. It's important at my age

Dangerous Drug

From Steve Taylor

Police are warning all men who frequent clubs, parties and local pubs to be alert and stay cautious when offered a drink from any woman. Many females use a date rape drug on the market called "Beer."

The drug is found in liquid form and is available anywhere. It comes in bottles, cans, or from taps and in large "kegs". Beer is used by female sexual predators at parties and bars to persuade their male victims to go home and sleep with them. A woman needs only to get a guy to consume a few units of Beer and then simply ask him home for no strings attached sex.

Men are rendered helpless against this approach. After several beers, men will often succumb to the desires to sleep with horrific looking women whom they would never normally be attracted.

After drinking beer, men often awaken with only hazy memories of exactly what happened to them the night before, often with just a vague feeling that "something bad" occurred.

At other times these unfortunate men are swindled out of their life's savings, in a familiar scam known as "a relationship." In extreme cases, the female may even be shrewd enough to entrap the unsuspecting male into a longer term form of servitude and punishment referred to as "marriage." Men are much more susceptible to this scam after beer is administered and sex is offered by the predatory females.

Please! Forward this warning to every male you know. If you fall victim to this "Beer" scam and the women administering it, there are male support groups where you can discuss the details of your shocking encounter with similarly victimized men. For the support group nearest you, just look up "Golf Courses" in the phone book.