



Weekly Bulletin



SERVICE Above Self

The Rotary Club of Strathfield

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President George's Chit Chat

Our guest speaker last week was Joe Sydney from Choice magazine and was titled the "Australian Consumer". Joe was a mine of information on the rights of consumers and how to be sure that we are getting the best product whatever it may be – with the help of "Choice". Joe requested an early mark, resulting in a hastily rearranged agenda. However we stumbled through and had an enjoyable meeting learning a little, or perhaps being reminded by Sergeant Allan of how to achieve sartorial elegance.

After next weeks meeting we will have a Board meeting. The last ordinary meeting of our present Board. The following month is set down as a joint meeting with the incoming Board.

On Friday I am due to attend the final Presidents meeting for this Rotary year. I was told that the year would pass quickly and it certainly has. Just when I am getting used to the job it is time to start packing!!! For the Club however we will be embarking on a memorable Rotary year under DG Harley and President Rod.

We do still have things to achieve before that happens. One of which is membership development. RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer asked every Club to increase membership by one in this Rotary year. It does not seem like a big ask, but it has eluded us so far.

"Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance but to do what lies clearly at hand"
– Thomas Carlyle

Till next week, Enjoy Rotary

President George.

To-Night's Meeting

Glenn Anthoney
Motor Cycle Culture

Congratulations

Birthdays

11/05/2006

15/05/2006

17/05/2006

Mary Ingall

Charles Pitt

Steve Taylor

Cheryl Ayres

Anniversaries

13/05/2006

Brian & Janet Johnson

Last Week's Guests

John & Jean Howie (Cabramatta)
Graham & Gail Shaw (Cabramatta)

Last Week's Meeting

Joe Campisi introduced Joe Sydney from Choice Magazine, who spoke to the Club about "The Australian Consumer". Joe Sydney has been with Choice Magazine for 21 years. His current position is Market Researcher operating from Choice's office in Marrickville where approximately 70- 90 staff are employed. Choice Magazine is one publication of the Australian Consumers Association (ACA) that was founded in 1959. ACA has no ties with any organisation, receives no advertising and is funded from subscriptions and purchases of its magazines, books and services. In addition to the standard

'Choice' magazine, ACA now offers a number of special interest 'Choice' magazines and books dealing with Health, Computers, etc. The ACA website offers on line articles that can be downloaded for a fee (approximately \$10). ACA tests a number of consumer products depending on popularity but the item must be sold in at least three states. A new service from ACA is 'Choice' shopper where ACA will tender for the lowest price on an item. Advice on consumer rights is also available from ACA. Joe Sydney was thanked by Brian Driver on behalf of the Club.

Last Week's Announcements

From President George Hallworth:-

- ❖ Thank you to all helpers last Sat. & Sun.
- ❖ A picnic to the Alvaro's is being planned for 21st May.

From DGE Harley Tarrant:-

- ❖ Thank you to all members who helped on the Sunday District Assembly at Meriden.

From Director Kevin Beltrame:-

- ❖ Rotarians needed to chaperone at the Meriden Interact Dance on Friday 2nd June.

From Director Bradley Ayres:-

- ❖ Farewelled the Thai GSE team last Sunday
- ❖ Thank you to all members who helped with GSE program
- ❖ Next year's GSE team is from Atlanta
- ❖ The National Youth Science Forum in Canberra is open for nominations.
- ❖ The District Youth Exchange Chairman is seeking members interested in hosting an exchange student for 3- 4 months.

From Ted Ingall:-

- ❖ The 2007 District Conference will be hosted by Strathfield Club at the Newcastle Convention Centre
- ❖ The Conference Secretary is Bert Houston.

From Steve Taylor:-

- ❖ Thank you to Ted Ingall for organising accommodation at this year's Conference.
- ❖ 'Bike the Park' is seeking sponsorship for the ride on 28th November.

From Ray Wilson:-

- ❖ Reminder of Golf Day on 18th May.

From Sergeant Allan Petersen:-

- ❖ Used 'Fashion Week' as his them with the question "What is STYLE?"

From Peter Smith, Zone Chairman, - Red Shield Appeal

- ❖ Peter is hoping to raise \$21,000.00 from the Strathfield Zone on Sunday 28th May 2006
- ❖ He would like the usual support from Strathfield Rotary again this year.

Statistics

Present:-	39 Members
Apologies:-	13 Members
Non-Apologies:-	1 Members
LOA:-	2 Members
Exempt:-	2 Members

Raffle Winners

The raffle and raised \$222.⁰⁰.

1 st Prize	Teachers Scotch	Bob Templeman
2 nd Prize	Dinner next Week	Ray Wilson
3 rd Prize	Red Wine	Joe Campisi

Thank You Card from Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Wednesday 19th April 2006

Dear Strathfield Rotarians,

On behalf of the Board The Staff and The Members of the Motor Neurone Disease Association of NSW please accept our thanks for giving us your time and putting on a first class sausage sizzle at our March of Faces in Hyde Park. Your presence and wonderful smells added so much to our special day. I am sorry there was not more people and it is always hard to judge numbers at these open meetings. Anyway I know those who did partake in the yummy food were most appreciative.

Please pass on our sincere thanks for all who were involved. MND Week 2006 has been a great success and your participation added to that success.

Best Wishes,
Judy Ford
Fundraising Manager.

COMING EVENTS

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.

Meriden Interact fund raising dance

Friday 2 June 2006. Rotary will provide staff for BBQ and chaperone duties

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)

Police Officer of the Year Awards

Wednesday 16 August 2006. Partners night. 6.30 for 7.00.

Pride of Workmanship Awards

Wednesday 18 October 2006. Partners night. 6.30 for 7.00.

Skinnies

This girl was so skinny, she once got a tattoo and it had to be continued on her friend.

I'll give you an idea of how skinny this girl is. She can put her slacks on over her head.

My girl is so skinny that when she wears a ring, it can easily slip off her finger – in either direction.

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

17th May 2006 TBA

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

24th May 2006 **Thiess Construction**
Soil Remediation at Rhodes

31st May 2006 **The Rebound Australian GSE Team to Thailand.**
Rotarians from Burwood, Concord and Silverwater may also attend

7th June 2006 **Michelle Sharkey**
Stroke Prevention

14th June 2006 **Deborah Irwin**
The Literature Extension Program

21st June 2006 **TBA**

~~28th June 2006~~ **NO MEETING**
Transferred to Friday 30th June

30th June 2006 **Strathfield Rotary Club Change Over**
FRIDAY TRANSFER MEETING at Strathfield Golf Club 6:30 for 7:00pm

Big Eaters

This guy eats all the time. He had two teeth pulled last week. They weren't decayed, just exhausted.

They say this guy eats like a bird. That means when he gets hungry enough, he'll swoop down and scoop up an entire baby goat.

This guy reminds you of chipmunk - except instead of storing up food for the winter, he stores food up for lunch.

What an appetite! This guy will eat anything that is standing still. He'll eat anything that's moving, too; only it takes him longer.

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

The Rabbit and the Blonde

From Bob Templeman

A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps out right in front of the car. The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay the rabbit is dead. The driver feels so awful he begins to cry.

A beautiful blonde woman is driving down the highway sees the man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong.

"I feel terrible," he explains, "I have accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it."

The blonde says, "Don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead rabbit, bends down, and sprays the contents onto the rabbit.

The rabbit jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road. 10 feet down the road, turns and waves, hops another 10 feet, turns and waves, and repeats this again and again, until it hops out of sight. The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands, "What is in that can? What did you spray on that rabbit?" The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label. It says:-

"HAIR SPRAY – RESTORES LIFE TO DEAD HAIR, AND ADDS PERMANENT WAVE."

Man's Best Friend

From Paul Giammarco

A New Zealander was washed up on a beach after a terrible shipwreck. Only a sheep and a sheepdog were washed up with him. After looking around, he realised that they were stranded on a deserted island. After being there a while, he got into the habit of taking his two animal companions to the beach every evening to watch the sun set.

One particular evening, the sky was a fiery red with beautiful cirrus clouds the breeze was warm and gentle - a perfect night for romance.

As they sat there, the sheep started looking better and better to the lonely New Zealander. Soon, he leaned over to the sheep and put his arm around it. But the sheepdog, ever protective of the sheep, growled fiercely until the man took his arm from around the sheep.

After that, the three of them continued to enjoy the sunsets together, but there was no more

cuddling. A few weeks passed by and, lo and behold, there was another shipwreck. The only survivor was a beautiful young woman, the most beautiful woman the man had ever seen. She was in a pretty bad way when he rescued her and he slowly nursed her back to health.

When the young maiden was well enough, he introduced her to their Evening beach ritual. It was another beautiful evening red sky, cirrus clouds, a warm and gentle breeze - perfect for a night of romance. Pretty soon, the New Zealander started to get "those feelings" again.

He fought the urges as long as he could, but he finally gave in and leaned over to the young woman, cautiously, and whispered in her ear "Would you mind taking the dog for a walk."

Virus Alert

From Kevin Beltrame

There is a dangerous virus being passed electronically, orally and by hand. This virus is called Worm-Overload-Recreational-Killer (or as it's commonly known - WORK).

If you receive WORK of any kind from any of your colleagues, your boss or anyone else via ANY means DO NOT TOUCH IT. This virus will wipe out your private/social life completely.

If you should come into contact with WORK, follow these instructions:

1. Put on your jacket
2. Take **two** friends to the nearest bar
3. Purchase the antidote known as Work-Isolator-Neutralizer-Extractor (or as it's commonly called - WINE)
4. Ingest the antidote orally in **six to eight ounce** doses repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system.

PLEASE warn five of your friends. If you do not have five friends, you have already been infected and WORK is controlling your life! This virus is DEADLY! Run (don't walk) to the closest liquor store or restaurant (if you are not near a bar) and administer the antidote immediately!

VIRUS UPDATE:

After extensive testing, it has been concluded that Best-Equivalent-Extractor-Remedy (or BEER) may be substituted for WINE. Please note that you may require a more generous dosage in order to receive equal benefit of WINE.

Bulletin Material – May/June

Any member with material for the bulletin please contact Kevin Freund during May and June. endwoll@bigpond.net.au