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SERVICE Above Self

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President George's Chit Chat

Tonight we welcome the GSE team to Thailand. We congratulate them on being chosen to represent their profession in a Rotary program that spreads so much good will around the world. We look forward to hearing their story, one that I am sure will be remembered by all for a very long time.

Last weeks talk on remedial work and future development of the Rhodes Peninsular was impressive in its scale and was of great interest to all present, but especially to Rotarians who have been conversant with the area for many years. What a change! The price of \$1 for the land seemed to be a bargain of all time, until the cost of soil remediation and general clean up was taken into account. A massive job but one that will surely be of benefit to all.

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal last Sunday was very successful in the Strathfield Municipality. I think a total of 19 Rotarians and or partners took part. Your board last week agreed to donate \$1,000.00 to kick start the Appeal. The money from the Appeal all goes to the Salvos Social Welfare Program.

As of Monday morning the total amount collected was approaching the target of \$20,000.00, which is a very good result.

"We are put on this earth to do good for others. Why others are here I have no idea." W H Austin

Till next week, Enjoy Rotary

President George.

To-Night's Meeting

The Rebound Australian GSE Team to Thailand.

Paul Erickson – Team Leader
Richard Easton, Kate Linklater,
Gregory Neal & Shireen Ryan

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Congratulations

Birthdays

6/06/2006 **Charmaine Giri**
Connie Galletta

Anniversaries

31/05/2006 **David & Margaret Croft**
Kevin Beltrame & Karen Catalano
6/06/2006 **Dr A & Devi Bala**
Edith & John Watkins

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

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

Last Week's Meeting

Rhodes Peninsular Remediation

John Hunt, Theiss Services

Peter Harries introduced John Hunt, a geologist and contaminated site remediation specialist. John gave a fascinating talk on the steps being taken to restore the extensively contaminated Rhodes Peninsular. The site of the former Lednez / Union Carbide and Allied Feeds plants, the site contains an industrial legacy of acids, pesticides, dioxins, explosives(!) and many other dangerous soil and water contaminants. The bay itself has been badly affected and the project involves treating land which was reclaimed by pumping in industrial waste material! An objective is to restore fishing to the area. During the works, impact to surrounding areas will be minimised through the use of soundproofing and perfumed sprays. Very mature technologies are being employed and there is high confidence that the project will be a success. The great majority of soil will be treated on site minimising traffic and noise disruption the area. A total area of 16 hectares is involved. Total cost will be \$140 million over many years. John was thanked by **Allan Petersen** on behalf of the club. A copy of John Hunt's presentation is available from our website. It was also sent with our e-news.

Last Week's Announcements

From President George Hallworth:-

- ❖ Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal is this Sunday. Zone Chairman Peter Smith has requested support from the club, especially drivers
- ❖ Letter and certificate of appreciation received from Chalmers Road School thanking the club for its \$1,000 donation. The funds will be used for improvement of sporting facilities.
- ❖ Family of Rotary event will be held 4 June at Sydney Olympic Park. The club will sponsor Mr Alacazam's appearance.

From Secretary Roger Vince:-

- ❖ Announced that the Rotary Club of Springwood changeover will be held 3 July. Members interested in attending to see him.

From District Conference Organising Committee Chairman Bert Houston:-

Conference will be held on **16-18 March 2007** at Newcastle City Hall. **Strathfield Rotarians need to be there from Thursday, 15th.**

All of the plenary sessions will be in the City Hall Concert Hall. Two keynote speakers have already been secured.

The following optional activities will be offered:

1. Thursday evening 15 March – Newcastle Conservatorium – finger food dinner and drinks, followed by a concert performed by Conservatorium students;
2. Friday 16th – morning golf game at Newcastle Golf Club – being organised by **Ray Wilson**;
3. Friday 16th – full day wineries bus tour.

On Saturday 17th, dinner will be served in City Hall, followed by a performance by Ultra Swing Lounge in the Civic Theatre next door. **Harley and Bert** have seen the show and were most impressed.

A map showing location of accommodation is available (see later in bulletin). Three locations are in walking distance of the conference venue, in order of closeness they are:
The Clarendon Hotel, the Crowne Plaza Hotel and the Quest Apartments.

The committee, the R.I. rep. and his aide, and guest speakers will be at the Crowne Plaza where 33 rooms have been reserved for the club. Eight x two bedroom apartments have been reserved at Quest.

It is imperative that all members submit accommodation booking forms (plus deposit of one night's accommodation) to **Ted Ingall** so the rooms can be secured.

Statistics

Present:-	31 Members
Apologies:-	13 Members
Non-Apologies:-	9 Members
Exemption:-	1 Member
LOA:-	4 Members

The Sergeant raised \$82.00 during a short session, recognising that many members had an appointment with their television sets to view a game of football! The sergeant's theme for the night was, of course - football.

Raffle Winners

The raffle raised \$175.00

- 1st Prize Special Cassegrain Wine **Warren Abbott**
(Donated by DG Bill Little in recognition of Strathfield being first club to invite him to visit as incoming DG)
- 2nd Prize Dinner next week **Paul Giammarco**
- 3rd Prize Bottle of Wine **Peter Douglas**

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

- 14th June 2006 **Deborah Irwin**
The Literature Extension Program
- 21st June 2006 **Allan Petersen**
Australian Census 2006
- ~~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
- 5th July 2006 **Rob Edwards**
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Direct Marketing Association
- 19th July 2006 **Harley Tarrant**
District Governor 9690

COMING EVENTS

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.



Family of Rotary Picnic Day

Time: 11:00am - Sunset
Date: **Sunday, 4 June 2006**
Where: **Bicentennial Park, Field Study Centre**
Who: Members, partners, children, grandchildren, FAIM, GSE, RYLA, & friends
Cost: Nil
Bookings: Not necessary
Organiser: Rotary District 9690
Bring: Bring chairs or rugs, food and drink, and the Club banner. There will be an inter-club tug of war, races, face painting, and magicians. There is ample parking. The theme is "Blue and Gold".

Thanks Rod McDougall

Many thanks to Rod for acting as reporter at last week's meeting and providing his detailed Report for this week's Bulletin.

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

"Why God made mums" answers given by primary school age children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mum just the same like! he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other Mum?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mums like me.

What kind of little girl was your Mum?

1. My Mum has always been my Mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did Mum need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your Mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

District 9690 2007 Conference Accommodation

