



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

A friendly suggestion for President Elect Brian Johnson: Commissioner Ken Moroney was very pleased to attend our fourth Police Officer of the Year Awards - however, in order to secure his attendance next year, the event will need to be held prior to end August 2007, the date he is scheduled to relinquish control of the top job in the force.

The high standards set in previous years for this important Strathfield Rotary function were maintained this year – with police officers of the Burwood and Flemington commands very genuinely appreciating the community recognition of their achievements.

Special congratulations to Kevin Beltrame on his maiden voyage as organiser - and to Brian Johnson and Grahame True for their indispensable contribution on the night and the hand-over to Kevin. A small army of helpers assisted, including some non-Rotarians; thanks to Karen Catalano, Cheryl Ayres and Lesley Smallwood. Rotarians toiling away in the background included, Treasurer Keith, Connie, Joe C, Shirley, Kevin F, Bert, Anuradha and Garry Pearce.

The state government's "State Plan" initiative aimed at formulating a strategic plan for NSW is underway and I have been invited to participate in providing community input. It is an interesting exercise although some involved are a little suspicious that it is being carried now, with an election is around the corner.

Thanks to the generosity of Peter Harries the club now has access to a data projector. Peter has made a unit available to the club on permanent loan. This will help in organising guest speaker and other presentations. Many thanks, Peter.

This week Jan and Bob Templeman will entertain us with South to Antarctica! We seem to have an increasing number of travelling Rotarians in the club and hope to include more evenings of this type.

And in closing, my usual request for someone to take on the role of bulletin editor. Angelo is just two issues (counting this one) from retirement. Please see Brian Johnson or me if you would like to take on the role – even if only for a limited time.

Enjoy Rotary ... **by getting involved!**

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S MEETING

"Travelling Rotarian" Presentation

South to Antarctica!

by Bob & Jan Templeman

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

25/08/2006

Sue Abbott

Angelo Franco

Wedding Anniversaries

24/08/2006

Welwyn & Allan Petersen

26/08/2006

Bob & Janet Templeman

Rotary Anniversaries

21/08/2006

Angelo Franco

LAST WEEK'S GUESTS

Commissioner Ken Moroney APM MA
Councillor Bill Carney (Strathfield Mayor)
Hon. Virginia Judge (Member for Strathfield)
Councillor Jon Faker (Burwood Mayor)
Hon. Barbara Perry (Member for Auburn)
Deputy Commissioner Andrew Scipione (APOLOGY)
Assistant Commissioner David Owens
Superintendent Peter Gallagher (Flemington)
Superintendent Arthur Katsogiannis (Burwood)
Det. Chief Inspector Matt Appleton (Burwood)
David Backhouse (General Mgr Strathfield Council)
Councillor Glen Sanders (Burwood Council)
Vic Smith (Capt. Strathfield Golf Club)

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Last week Strathfield Rotary held the annual Police Officer of the Year Awards for the Burwood and Flemington Area Commands, with the impeccably presented Grahame True as Master of Ceremonies.

The Guest Speaker for the night was Commissioner Ken Moroney who spoke about the importance of the Community recognition of Police Officers and awards such as this event are an appreciated event by him and the local Area Commands.

Commissioner Ken Moroney presented awards to all the finalists in this year's Police Officer of the Year Awards.

The finalists for Burwood Area Command were:-

- Constable Michelle Broms
- Detective Sergeant Leon Don
- Constable Michael Egan-Hirst
- Constable Matthew Garner
- Leading Senior Constable Amanda Phillips
- Constable Jacob Van Praag
- Constable Justin Veitch

The finalists for Burwood Area Command were:-

- Detective Sergeant Darren Cloake
- Constable Tamara Fury
- Constable Leah Greig
- Constable Melissa Kilminster
- Detective Senior Constable Joshua Reeks
- Senior Constable Candy Shelley
- Senior Constable Allan Simpson

The winner of the 2006 Police Officer of the Year Award for Burwood Area Command was **Detective Sergeant Leon Don.**

The winner of the 2006 Police Officer of the Year Award for Flemington Area Command was **Constable Melissa Kilminster.**

Congratulations to all finalists and the two winners.

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins
Richard Horwood
Ted Ingall
Arjun Jeganathan
Tony Lanzafame
Janelle Watson
Euan Watson

Raffle Winners

The raffle raised \$900. A \$1000 donation was made to the Police Legacy Fund

- 1st Prize Bellezza Hair Care **Keith Byrn**
(Donated by Sal Tosto)
- 2nd Fruit Basket **Police Officer**
(Donated by George Helou)
- 3rd Coffee Maker **Guest**
(Donated by Gina Cucina, Leichhardt)
- 4th Prize Golf Balls, Cap & Shirt **Paul Giammarco**
(Donated by Ray Wilson)
- 5th Prize Black Label Scotch **Police Officer**
(Donated by Eric Khu)

MERIDEN INTERACT

Meriden Ladies College attractive educational institution in the heart of the Village of Sydney, Strathfield. Is a pleasant education centre of wide, tree-lined streets and post federation buildings.

At the commercial and administrative centre of INTERACT the regular meeting was being held under the leadership of Alex Tserakisiis and Yvette Harapa with the supervision of their teacher Sasha Bass. The focus of the INTERACT Committee was reflected in numerous ways: the one-day food stall in August and funding of the beyond Blue project.

The favoured fairy bread as a food source, covering bread in hundred of thousands was chosen. They also will use toffees made as hard as volcanic rock bound in paper cup cake containers. Another food source was selected a sweet, sticky liquid once known as school pink milk.

The young women ran an efficient meeting. All participated and decision well discussed and thought out. Within 20 minutes they had completed their task.

Kevin Beltrame and Brian Driver were the Rotary Facilitators for the day. We both wonder:

1. Have we a small budget that provides seed funding for some INTERACT project.
2. Do we match their donations dollar for dollar limited to a total maximum \$500 - \$ 1000 total.
3. Do we promote and support Meriden students for PACE and Student Exchange with the school and INTERACT.

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

30th August 2006 **Wine Tasting deferred**

Tim Wynn Jones

History and Restoration of the Model T Ford

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

6th September 2006

Job Talk

Allan Teale

20th September 2006

Bob Sendt – NSW Auditor-General

1st November 2006

Clarence Hardy

Australian Nuclear Association

Possible joint meeting with Burwod/Concord

COMING EVENTS

Koncert 4 Northcott

Saturday 2 September, 2006 at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Marist Pl, Parramatta.

Dinner at The Woolwich Pier Hotel

Monday 11th September 2006. 7:00 pm.

Strathfield Spring Fair

Sunday 10th September 2006. Strathfield Park.
The Club will operate our BBQ at this event.

Rotary Club of Concord 50th Anniversary

Friday 22nd September 2006

Contact Peter 9747 2374

Priscilla Queen of the Desert

Thursday 10th October 2006.

Lyric Theatre. 8:00 pm. \$70-\$80

Pride of Workmanship Awards

Wednesday 18 October 2006.

Partners night. 6.30 for 7.00.

District Golf Championship

John Taylor Memorial Shield

26th October at Strathfield Golf Club

11:00 am for 12:00 noon hit off

\$50 per player (light lunch and golf)

Titanic The Musical

Tuesday 7th November 2006. Theatre Royal.

8:00 pm. \$70-\$80

Trish Foundation Golf Day

Thursday 15th February 2007

Strathfield Golf Club. 12 midday followed by Evening Dinner & Presentations

District 9690 Conference

16-18 March 2007 at Newcastle City Hall.

Strathfield Rotarians need to be there from Thursday, 15th March 2007.

SHOEBOXES FOR EAST TIMOR

Fellow Rotarians,

I must begin with a huge thank you to all in the district who have taken this project on board. I am absolutely overwhelmed by your support and know that you will make an even bigger impact on the children who will receive your gifts. As Rotarians we really can make a difference.

I have received many phone calls (as has PDG Ken Nicholls) and so I wish to give you an update on the project's organisational issues:

* Ken tells me that the container will not now leave until October so you still have plenty of time to get those boxes filled and delivered.

* DIK will be open nearly every Saturday for acceptance of the boxes. If you need to deliver at other times please phone Ken on 8814 7175 and organise a time that is mutually convenient. Ken is only 1/2 hour away from DIK.

* Boxes other than shoe boxes are acceptable (some are buying similar boxes that are pre-decorated) as long as you keep roughly to the 5 categories for the contents: something to wear/ eat/ play with/ draw or write with and on/ hygiene item.

* Ken has lots of brand new tins (like the old Arnotts biscuits round tins) which have an Australian animal motif on the top which he suggests could also be used for the purpose. You may need to be a little more innovative in the way that you fill them.

* The address for DIK (Donations In Kind) is: corner of The Great Western Highway and Reservoir Rd, Prospect. (There is a red fire engine in the corner.)

* Some people are also putting together school kits for use by the teachers eg. soccer balls, books and other team sports equipment or educational equipment.

Don't forget to let me know how you are going. I am aware that some clubs are doing the box assembly as a fellowship activity and including their children/grandchildren in the project (Penrith is having a transferred meeting with a sausage sizzle barbeque at someone's house but still charging normal dinner fees and using the extra money to buy goods for the boxes); some have undertaken to include their local high schools in the project; others are using it as a community project for badges for their scouting groups and the like; one member used it as an activity for the elderly to participate in and they loved it too! As you can see we are only limited by our imagination. Congratulations again.

Your in Rotary Service

Keri Sweet (District Youth Chairman)

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Bridal Gift Registry

From Shirley Del Prado

George, age 92 and Edith, age 89, had been seeing each other for two years when they decided that life was too short and they might as well be together for the rest of their lives. Excited about their decision to become newlyweds, they went for a stroll to discuss the wedding and what plans needed to be made. Along their way, they found themselves in front of a drugstore.

George said to his bride-to-be, "Let's go in. I have an idea."

They walked to the rear of the store and addressed the man behind the counter.

"Are you the owner"? asked George.

The pharmacist answered, "Yes, sir. How can I help you"?

George: "Do you sell heart medications"?

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

George: "How about support hose for circulation"?

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

George: "What about medications for rheumatoid, osteoporosis and arthritis"?

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

George: "How about waterproof furniture pads"?

Pharmacist: "Yes sir."

George: "Hearing aids, denture supplies and reading glasses"?

Pharmacist: "Yes."

George: "What about eye drops, sleeping pills, Geritol, Preparation-H and ExLax"?

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

George: "You sell wheelchairs, walkers and canes"?

Pharmacist: "All kinds and sizes. Why all these questions"?

George smiled, glanced shyly at Edith and replied to the pharmacist, "We've decided to get married and we'd like to use your store as our bridal gift registry!"

Women's Revenge

From Steve Taylor

"Cash, check or charge?" I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.

"So, do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked.

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally"

Male Blond Joke

From Kevin Beltrame

An Irishman, a Mexican and a Blond Guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building.

They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, "Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building."

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, "Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time, I'm jumping too."

The Blond Guy opened his lunch and said, "Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too."

The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death.

The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a burrito, and jumped, too.

The Blond Guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna, and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, "If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!"

The Mexican's wife also wept and said, "I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated burritos so much."

Everyone turned and stared at the Blond's wife. The Blonde's wife said, "Don't look at me. He makes his own lunch."

Understanding Women

From Steve Taylor

I know I'm not going to understand women.

I'll never understand how you can take boiling hot wax, pour it onto your upper thigh, rip the hair out by the root, and still be afraid of a spider.

Who Does What?

From Steve Taylor

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says....."HEBREWS"