



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

President's View

After a number of "special" nights at our club, a friendly armchair traveller mood prevailed at last week's meeting as Jan and Bob Templeman entertained us with a very interesting talk and slideshow on their recent travels to Antarctica.

The photography was excellent and through their description of the trip we gained an insight into how they felt about the area and the effect that the wildlife and frozen wilderness had on them personally. It was good to see a number of partners at the meeting. Please see Peter Douglas's very detailed coverage elsewhere in the bulletin.

September 18-24 is NSW Rotary Week and an opportunity for clubs to participate in the lifting of Rotary's profile. Suggestions are welcome from members on opportunities to promote Rotary and the club. Please see Anuradah Kamkolkar or me.

Congratulations to Keith Byrn and Allan Teale on the excellent progress that they have made, in a very short time, on implementing the RYDA program in our area. A launch is planned in November and Keith advises that the police commissioner, our local members and several sponsors are all keen to share in the exposure.

Well fellows, the bulletin that you are currently reading could well become a collectors item! Despite the personal requests that Brian Johnson and I have made to many, many members, we have been unsuccessful in tempting someone to step forward to take on the role of editor, replacing Angelo Franco. After well over two years in the job, Angelo is retiring. My personal thanks to him for continuing in the role while we sought a replacement. Without an editor there can be no bulletin, so, sadly, this may be the last issue for a while. I will continue with my column which will appear on the web. If you are considering taking on the role, even for a short while, a reminder that only basic computer skills are required..

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

The History and Restoration of the Model T Ford

Former Rotarian Tim Wynn Jones

(It is anticipated Tim will have his car in the car park for members to inspect)

Introduced by Warren Abbott

Thanked by Alan Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

2/09/2006

Terry Rohan

4/09/2006

Margaret Croft

5/09/2006

Janelle Watson

Wedding Anniversaries

NIL

Rotary Anniversaries

1/09/2006

A Bala

4/09/2006

Kevin Beltrame

5/09/2006

Domenic Alvaro

LAST WEEK'S GUESTS

Six Rotarian partners

Mrs Axtens (the mother of Joan Brown and Jan Templeman)

Last Week's Meeting

PP Bob Templeman was ably assisted by Jan (or was it Jan Templeman ably assisted by PP Bob Templeman). Bob and Jan flew out on the 23rd February to Buenos Aires where they spent a couple of days before flying to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world – population 250000, prior to joining their expedition vessel.

The expedition vessel is the Akademik Ioffe, a 6000 tonne vessel which was originally a scientific research vessel built in Finland and now operated by Peregrine Adventures. The vessel carries 110 passengers. Jan and Bob had a twin bedded cabin with own bathroom. Upon departure the vessel headed south towards the Antarctic ice. The vessel is fully air conditioned and the atmosphere is casual. At the various destinations away from the

boat travel is on Zodiacs. The day starts at 7am with a wake up call followed by breakfast and a briefing on the day's activities followed by the dressing preparation. Daily off boat dress consists of thermal underwear, track suit, fleecy jacket, hat, gloves, double socks, then wet weather gear and gumboots and waterproof gloves and finally lifejackets are donned prior to embarkation on the Zodiacs at 9am. The Zodiacs are away from the vessel for 3 hours and return for lunch at 12.30. At 2.30pm it is back on the Zodiacs for a further 2 to 3 hours away. Back to the vessel for pre dinner drinks with dinner at 6.30pm followed by a lecture or movie.

Amongst the Antarctic wildlife seen were Chin Strap, Gentoo, Adele Land and Macaroni Penguins. At this time of the year substantial numbers of the penguins have moved from these areas as the weather becomes colder and the sea starts to freeze over which restricts the capacity of the penguins to catch the Krill which is their basic diet. Also seen were a range of seals – Elephant (think Rodney Blake in the front row of the Wallabies) also Fur seals and Leopard seals.

There were also some Humpback and Minke whales to be seen. One of the features of the voyage was the number of magnificent icebergs which were sighted. From the slides it could be seen the innumerable shapes and sizes bearing in mind that 80% of the bulk is below the water. Bob commented on the magnificent sunrises helped by the clarity of the atmosphere.

Bob and Jan visited the Verdansky Scientific Station manned by the Ukraine and operating all the year round. It lays claim to the southernmost Souvenir Shop in the world. Bob and Jan's address was aided by excellent slides which highlighted the wild life of the Antarctic and accentuated the starkness of the area visited.

Upon return to Ushuaia Bob and Jan ventured back to Buenos Aires and the further north to visit the IGUAZU Falls which are on the border of Argentina/Brazil and Paraguay before returning home.

Special Reporter Peter Douglas

LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Rod McDougall:-

- ★ Thanked Kevin Beltrame, Brian Johnson, Grahame True, Cheryl Ayres, Karen Catalano, Lesley Smallwood, Joe Campisi, Shirley Del Prado, Kevin Freund, Connie Galletta, Bert Houston, Anuradha Kamkolkar, Garry Pearce, Keith Stockall and Sal Tosto for their efforts in running the extremely successful Police Officer of the Year Awards Night.
- ★ Reported that a Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon will be held on the 11th of November at the Marconi Club. Cost \$35 per person.
- ★ Advised the club that Peter Harries and David Giri have secured the following guest speakers: Clarence Hardy (Australian Nuclear Association), The Chinese Consul General and Barbara Stone (MLC Principal)

From Treasurer Keith Stockall:-

- ★ Ten members have yet to pay their dues.

From Director Kevin Freund:-

- ★ Advised that our nominee for the National Science Summer School was not successful.
- ★ He also reminded members of the upcoming Pride of Workmanship Award Night
- ★ We need nominees for the Pride of Workmanship Awards
- ★ This will be a Partners Night.

From Director Paul Giammarco:-

- ★ GSE applications close shortly.
- ★ Also asked for information on the World Vision sponsorship where we sponsor a child in Africa

From Shirley Del Prado:-

- ★ We will be operating the club BBQ at the Strathfield Spring Fair on Sunday 10th September. Shirley indicated she had adequate numbers for this function.

From Keith Byrn:-

- ★ Reported on progress with RYDA. Discussion with Sydney Olympic Park well advanced. Local police and sponsorship involvement very encouraging.

From Sal Tosto:-

- ★ Thanked all who had assisted with both the provision of prizes and the running of the raffle at the Police Officer Award Night.

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Raffle Winners

The raffle raised \$215.00.

1st Prize **Connie Galletta**
2nd Prize **Joan Brown**
3rd Prize **Tony Lanzafame**

Statistics

Present:- 30 Members
Apologies 16 Members
Leave of Absence 6 Members
Exempt Attendance 3 Members
NON Apologies 3 Members

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

6th September 2006

Job Talk

Allan Teale

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

20th September 2006

Bob Sendt – NSW Auditor-General

4th October 2006

Major David Brown - Senior Prison Chaplain,
Silverwater

11th October 2006

NSW Chinese Consul General

1st November 2006

Clarence Hardy

Australian Nuclear Association

(Possible joint meeting with Burwood/Concord)

15th November 2006

John Murphy, Federal Member for Lowe

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 Davidson 9747 2374

Priscilla Queen of the Desert

Thursday 10th October 2006. Lyric Theatre.
8:00 pm. \$70-\$80

NSW Rotary Week

September 18-24 2006

Pride of Workmanship Awards

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

District Golf Championship

26th October at Strathfield Golf Club

John Taylor Memorial Shield

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

Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon

11th of November 2006 at the Marconi Club.

Cost \$35 pp.

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.***

MISSION FOR ROTARY

This Rotary Year R.I. President Bill Boyd would like all Rotarians to *Lead the Way* in our mission to address health and hunger needs worldwide.

Projects large and small will make a difference in the lives of those in need one step at a time. The 2006-2007 Health and Hunger Resource Group will provide information and support for Rotary clubs and Districts in efforts to address health and hunger concerns in communities worldwide.

Goals for the Rotary year 2006-07 for the Health and Hunger Resource Group will be to:

- ✪ Encourage Rotary clubs and Districts to work with schools and community groups to raise awareness about and develop programs that address health and hunger issues such as health fairs, soup kitchens and medical care for the uninsured.
- ✪ Urge co-operation between Rotary clubs and Districts with government and other competent and reputable organisations to raise awareness and work cooperatively on programs that address health and hunger.
- ✪ Support projects and programs that effectively address health and nutrition issues of mothers, infants and children.
- ✪ Promote activities that raise awareness about health and nutrition for the elderly.
- ✪ Promote health and hunger education programs that address:
 - ⇒ Basic nutrition.
 - ⇒ Polio, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, diarrheal diseases, respiratory diseases and other preventable or treatable diseases.
 - ⇒ Mental health.
 - ⇒ Hygiene and sanitation.
 - ⇒ All District level health and hunger needs are to be promoted by an area co-ordinator for the year's coming activities:
 - ⇒ Promote the celebration of October 13 as World Food Day.

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Why??

From Shirley Del Prado

- Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
- Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?
- What is the speed of darkness?
- Are there specially reserved parking spaces for "normal" people at the Special Olympics?
- If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others doing here?
- Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
- Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
- Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?