



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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JULY IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

What a night! Past President George encouraged us all to "enjoy Rotary" during his year and indeed we did for the changeover. George and Catherine organised a superb night ensuring that we marked the end of George's very successful Rotary year in fine style.

It was a pleasure to welcome many distinguished guests and friends, including Strathfield Past Presidents Kevin Lawrenson and Peter Kilkeary who made the trip from the mountains. Club member attendance was excellent - a great send off for George and a very much appreciated welcome for me.

The creation of two new Paul Harris fellows was a highlight of the evening. Congratulations to Brian Johnson and Grahame True on their very thoroughly deserved awards.

Strathfield Golf Club provided their usual excellent service and very generously sponsored the evening financially. We have extended our thanks and appreciation.

Congratulations to Roger Vince and Peter Foss for their organisation of an excellent district changeover at the Waterview. Strathfield was well represented to see Harley Tarrant inducted as District Governor for 2006-07.

I feel very privileged to be offered the opportunity to lead the club for the next 12 months and extend my thanks to all those who have expressed their good wishes as I enter my year.

Our international theme for this year is *Lead the Way* - a challenge to be innovative and to question the status quo. A call, I believe, for all of us to rekindle our enthusiasm and commitment to Rotary.

"If Rotary ceases to be a responsibility and becomes a mere relaxation or pastime, its usefulness will cease." Paul Harris, Houston, 1914

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S MEETING

Rob Edwards

Chief Executive Officer

Australian Direct Marketing Association

Introduced by **Grahame True**

Thanked by **Terry Rohan**

LAST MEETING'S GUESTS

David YAP. Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga

LAST MEETING

The first talk of the evening was a 'Job Talk' by Grahame True. Grahame has been in his own electrical business for thirty years operating from a home base. Grahame tries to employ an apprentice each year to contribute to the industry.

For our second talk, President George introduced Allan Petersen who spoke about the 2006 Census to be held on 8th August. Since retiring from teaching, Allan has held six short term contracts of employment. His current contract is as an area supervisor for the Concord Area in the coming census. As area supervisor, Allan has ten collectors who must distribute and collect a return from every residence in the Concord area. All collectors receive two weeks training, with Allan receiving additional training to deal with problems that may arise. Completion of the census is compulsory with a \$100 per day fine for none completion. Allan handed out a "Householders Guide" explaining the aims of the next census.

A difference in this census is that householders may elect to retain their returns for 99 years for future descendants to research their families. A second innovation is the ability to complete the census electronically. Allan was thanked by Peter Harries on behalf of the Club.

ANNUAL CHANGEOVER DINNER

ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD

Our Club held its changeover dinner on Friday 30th June 2006. The MC for the night was Bert Houston who kept things running to the "Running Sheet". Guests on the night were:-

- ☆ DG Harley Tarrant & Megan (*Harley became DG on Sunday 25th June 2006 at the Waterview Function Centre at Bicentennial Park*),
- ☆ PDG Harry Picket & Lillian,
- ☆ PDG David Croft & Margaret,
- ☆ John Murphy Federal MP & Adriana,
- ☆ Virginia Judge State MP & Dr. N Niumeitolu.
- ☆ CI Bill Carney, Mayor, Strathfield Council,
- ☆ David Backhouse, General Manager Strathfield Council,
- ☆ Doug Crosby OAM, President Strathfield Golf Club & Margaret

George Hallworth thanked the Club for a great year as President and handed over to our new President, Rod M^cDougall. George's final duty for his year as President was to create two new Paul Harris Fellows, Grahame True and Brian Johnson. Congratulations to Grahame and Brian.

Rod has promised a year of change with a move to have the Club more involved in activities. Congratulations to Rod and his new Board:-

Club Service/Pres.-Elect	Brian Johnson
Community Service1	Connie Galletta
Community Service2	Anu Kamkolkar
Vocational Service	Kevin Freund
International Service	Paul Giammarco
Youth Service	Bradley Ayres
Secretary	Roger Vince
Treasurer	Keith Stockall
Sergeant At Arms	Peter Foss

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

11/07/2006 **Neela Jeganathan**

Wedding Anniversaries

2/07/2006 NIL

Rotary Anniversaries

1/07/2006 **John Watkins (1979)**
1/07/2006 **Rick Collins (1993)**
1/07/2006 **Brian Johnson (1993)**
1/07/2006 **Grahame True (1993)**

LAST MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President George Hallworth:-

- ☛ Thanked the Club for a wonderful year as President
- ☛ Joint Board meeting this evening
- ☛ Received a thank you from Mary Ingall for flowers sent to Ted
- ☛ Announced Paul Erickson as the DGN for 2008/2009

From Secretary Roger Vince:-

- ☛ Roger has enjoyed his year as secretary.

From Director Paul Giammarco:-

- ☛ Has received an information brochure for the Shelter Box Program

From Steve Taylor:-

- ☛ Attended the funeral of Duncan Berriman at Springwood. The funeral was very well attended with many Rotarians recognising Duncan's 20 years in Rotary.
- ☛ Duncan has made all his organs available for organ replacements

From Anuradha Kamkolkar:-

- ☛ Drew attention to an article in the local paper about the Police Officer of the Year Awards.

From David Yap:-

- ☛ Asked assistance from the Club to support a 'Life Skills' program in local schools. He is hoping to provide 50 sets of documents

Statistics

Present:- 37 Members
Apologies:- 14 Members
Exemption:- 3 Members
LOA:- 5 Members

Charles Pitt was the Acting Sergeant and raised \$112.⁵⁵.

Raffle Winners

The raffle raised \$211.⁰⁰

1st Prize Pruning Saw **Dominic Alvaro**
2nd Prize Car Maint. Kit **Charles Pitt**
3rd Prize Bottle of Wine **Ray Wilson**

Editorial Material

Editorial material, etc., can be sent to:-
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“AIRS & GRACES”

Inner Wheel Club of Parramatta

Morning Tea - Accessories with Style

Monday 24th July 2006 10am -12:30 pm

Breakfast Point Country Club

Village Drive, Breakfast Point, Cabarita

A display of handbags, scarves, jewellery, luggage, etc

\$10-⁰⁰ entry, all funds raised for charity

Sponsored by the Breakfast Point Country Club

RSVP by 21st July to: Carol Houston 9736 3716

Email: houston9@bigpond.net.au

COMING EVENTS

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)

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Police Officer of the Year Awards

Wednesday 16 August 2006. Partner's night. 6.30

for 7.00.

Pride of Workmanship Awards

Wednesday 18 October 2006. Partner's night.

6.30 for 7.00.

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

12th July 2006 **Harley Tarrant**
District Governor 9690

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

19th July 2006 **Chris Fitzgerald**
General Manager
Transgrid

26th July 2006 **Club Assembly**

ANSWER TO LAST PAGE EYE-SIGHT TEST

WRONG, THERE ARE 6 “F”S”-- no joke.

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Performance Review

From Kevin Beltrame

For everyone who has ever had an evaluation or performance review just remember, it could have been worse. These are actual quotes taken from United States Federal Government Employee performance evaluations:

1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig."
2. "I would not allow this employee to breed."
3. "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of definite won't be."
4. "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."
5. "When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
6. "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
7. "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
8. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
9. "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts, the better."
10. "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together."
11. "A gross ignoramus -- 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."
12. "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."
13. "I would like to go hunting with him sometime."
14. "He's been working with glue too much."
15. "He would argue with a signpost."
16. "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."
17. "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."
18. "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."
19. "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."
20. "A prime candidate for natural de-selection."
21. "Donated his brain to science before he was done using it."
22. "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."
23. "He's got two brain cells, one is lost and the other is out looking for it."
24. "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."
25. "If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."
26. "If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean."
27. "It's hard to believe he beat out 1,000,000 other sperm."
28. "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled."
29. "Takes him 2 hours to watch '60-minutes'."
30. "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead"

Lollies

From Grahame True

One day a 12 year old boy was walking down the street when a car pulled up beside him and the window was wound down. "I'll give you a bag of lollies if you get in the car", said the driver.

"No way, get LOST", replied the boy.

"How about a bag of lollies and \$10?" asked the driver.

"I said no way", replied the irritated youngster.

"What about a bag of juicy lollies and \$50 eh?"

quizzed the driver, still rolling slowly to keep up with the walking boy.

"No, I'm not getting in the DAMN car"! answered the boy.

"Okay, okay, I know what you want. I'll give you \$100 and a bag of lollies, the driver offered".

"NO", screamed the boy.

"What will it take to get you in the car"? Asked the driver with a long sigh.

The boy replied, "Listen Dad, you bought the Volvo, you live with it"!

Paying Your Gas Bill

From Ray McCluskie

(On Thursday, 24 January 2002, Derek Guille broadcast this story on his afternoon program on ABC Radio. Umesh & Anu Kamkolkar may know the characters involved)

In March 1999, a man living in Kandos (near Mudgee in NSW) received a bill for his as yet unused gas line stating that he owed \$0.00. He ignored it and threw it away. In April he received another bill and threw that one away too. The following month the gas company sent him a very nasty note stating that they were going to cancel his gas line if he didn't send them \$0.00 by return mail. He called them, talked to them, and they said it was a computer error and they would take care of it. The following month he decided that it was about time that he tried out the troublesome gas line figuring that if there was usage on the account it would put an end to this ridiculous predicament. However, when he went to use the gas, it had been cut off. He called the gas company who apologised for the computer error once again and said that they would take care of it. The next day he got a bill for \$0.00 stating that payment was now overdue. Assuming that having spoken to them the previous day the latest bill was yet another mistake, he ignored it, trusting that the company would be as good as their word and sort the problem out. The next month he got a bill for \$0.00. This bill also stated that he had 10 days to pay his account or the company would have to take steps to recover the debt. Finally, giving in, he thought he would beat the gas company at their own game and mailed them a cheque for

\$0.00. The computer duly processed his account and returned a statement to the effect that he now owed the gas company nothing at all. A week later, the manager of the Mudgee branch of the Westpac Banking Corporation called our hapless friend and asked him what he was doing writing cheque for \$0.00. After a lengthy explanation the bank manager replied that the \$0.00 cheque had caused their cheque processing software to fail. The bank could therefore not process ANY cheques they had received from ANY of their customers that day because the cheque for \$0.00 had caused the computer to crash. The following month the man received a letter from the gas company claiming that his cheque had bounced and that he now owed them \$0.00 and unless he sent a cheque by return mail they would take immediate steps to recover the debt. At this point, the man decided to file a debt-harassment claim against the gas company. It took him nearly two hours to convince the clerks at the local courthouse that he was not joking. They subsequently helped him in the drafting of statements which were considered substantive evidence of the aggravation and difficulties he had been forced to endure during this debacle. The matter was heard in the Magistrate's Court in Mudgee and the outcome was this: The gas company was ordered to:

[1] Immediately rectify their computerised accounts system or Show Cause, within 10 days, why the matter should not be referred to a higher court for consideration under Company Law.

[2] Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by the man.

[3] Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by all the Westpac clients whose cheques had been bounced on the day our friend's had been processed.

[4] Pay the claimant's court costs; and

[5] Pay the claimant a total of \$1500 per month for the 5 month period March to July inclusive as compensation for the aggravation they had caused their client to suffer.

And all this over an amount of \$0.00.....

Alzheimers' Eye Test

From Steve Taylor

Count every "F" in the following text:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.

How many "F's"?

See the answer on PAGE 3 inside!!