



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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OCTOBER IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

This week we welcome Chinese Consul-General Qiu Shaofang as our guest speaker. We are very appreciative of the time made available by him to join us for the evening.

Thanks to Eve Dutton for an interesting and humorous "This is My Life" talk last week. We will need to ask her back to recount the earlier parts of the story.

Congratulations to Keith Byrn who has obtained approval from the Sydney Olympic Park Authority for use of The Armory to run our youth driver training program, RYDA.

Our Pride of Workmanship awards will be held on 18 October. Kevin Beltrame has the arrangements well in hand and nominations are now closed. This will be a partners night, an evening that typifies the ideals of Rotary and a great function to which members may wish to invite friends and colleagues.

After many years of discussion Rotary wheels are to be constructed in the district promoting the existence of our club. Eve Dutton has obtained the necessary approvals and George Hallworth is in the process of ordering the signs. One sign will be positioned near the approach to the golf club.

Thank you to the many members who have provided names of individuals to be invited to our Rotary information night on 8 November. Ray Wilson and Niall King will soon issue the final invitations - but there is still time for last minute suggestions.

Ray has organised a meeting for those speaking on the evening immediately after this week's club meeting.

Anyone talking with Euan Watson this week would have found a man facing life with renewed enthusiasm – and with the greater part of his therapy now behind him. At the time of writing Euan was planing to be at this week's club meeting!

The last page of this week's bulletin again contains the current director portfolios and committees. Please send questions or corrections to me.

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Qiu Shaofang

Chinese Consul-General, New South Wales

Introduced by: **David Giri**

Thanked by: **Bob Templeman**

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

11/10/2006 Novello Collins
15/10/2006 Arjun Jeganathan
15/10/2006 Leedy Watson

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries - Nil

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guest speaker, Salvation Army Major David Brown was introduced by Kevin Freund and thanked by Allan Petersen. David has been a Rotarian for 28 years in a number of clubs. He has served two terms as a club President, and is now President-elect of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City.

David has served the Salvation Army for 31 years and is currently one of the serving Chaplains at Silverwater Correction Centre.

The Salvation Army has a history of service in correctional facilities dating back to 1886. Officers wait for prisoners to be released and assist with food, clothing and accommodation. They also assist in finding jobs.

The Silverwater Correction Centre has 3 units – Mulawa for women, the Metropolitan Remand Centre (MRC) and the Release Unit. There are 940 prisoners in the MRC and 500 in the Release Unit. David does not work in Mulawa.

He deals on a daily basis with some of NSW's worst criminals. These prisoners are monitored on a 24 hour basis to ensure they harm neither themselves nor their inmates. David made the astounding comment that 1 in 5 people have at some stage a problem with the law.

The aim of the Chaplain is to introduce them to a change in their way of life and bring the presence

of God to the inmates who he described as Children of God who have gone astray.

Salvation Army Chaplains serve all faiths although there are specific visits by a Buddhist nun, a Muslim Cleric, a Greek Orthodox Priest & a Seventh Day Adventist Minister.

There are 10,500 inmates in correctional centres throughout NSW. Each year every inmate receives a present at Christmas time from the Salvation Army, regardless of their faith or lack thereof.

LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Rod McDougall:-

- ✪ Welcomed solicitor Ian Johnson, a visitor to our meeting
- ✪ Read out list of apologies
- ✪ A commitment sheet for those wishing to attend the PHF Luncheon on 11 November was circulated.
- ✪ D.G.Harley Tarrant has launched a contest to design a new District 9690 Banner & Pin. Your entry to be handed to AG Raymond McCluskie by 31 October.
- ✪ P.P.Euan Watson is progressing very well. He is now home from hospital and feeling great, although he still has another 10 days or so of treatment. He reckons that he will soon be back on his bike.

From Director Bradley Ayres:-

- ✪ Nominations for RYLA close on October 11th. A number of application forms have been distributed so we are hopeful of receiving several nominations.
- ✪ Our club has donated 30 shoeboxes to Timor, and Bradley thanked those members for their efforts. At \$20 per box our donations amounted to \$600.
- ✪ Donations in Kind. The warehouse at Prospect, under the supervision of PDG Ken Nicholls and his band of helpers is stocked full of medical supplies, books and equipment, constantly being received and despatched overseas to countries in need.

From Director Kevin Freund:-

- ✪ Pride of Workmanship Awards. 11 awardees have been nominated. The guest speaker on the night will be 'a little different'.

From Ray Wilson

- ✪ The District Golf Day is on 26th October. Members are requested to lodge their nomination forms (teams of 4) as soon as possible. See Ray if you haven't got a nomination form.

From P.P.Bert Houston

- ✪ Some accommodation is still available at Newcastle. Members not yet organised are urgently asked to make their arrangements without delay.

✪ Conference Registration forms were distributed to all members present. Your early registration will greatly assist the organisers (our Club Conference Committee)

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins, Arjun Jeganathan, Euan Watson,
Richard Horwood, John Watkins, Joe Saad

RAFFLE WINNERS.

- 1st Prize: Niall King
- 2nd Prize : Garry Pearce
- 3rd Prize : Keith Byrn

STATISTICS

Present: 30 Members, Apologies: 11,
Raffle: \$180.00: Sergeant \$77.70

Future Club Meetings

18th October 2006

Pride of Workmanship Awards
Partners night. 6.30 for 7.00.

1st November 2006

Clarence Hardy
Australian Nuclear Association
(*Joint meeting with Burwood Rotary*)

8th November 2006

Rotary Information Night

15th November 2006

John Murphy
Federal Member for Lowe

6th December 2006

Annual General Meeting

ROTARY INFORMATION NIGHT

8 November 2006 - 6:30 for 7:00 pm

**Ray Wilson awaits your suggestions for
prospective members.**

Try and be present on the night.

Get involved in the future of our club.

COMING EVENTS

District Golf Championship

26th October at Strathfield Golf Club
John Taylor Memorial Shield
11.00 am for 12 noon hit off
\$50 per player (light lunch and golf)

Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon

11th of November 2006 at the Marconi Club. Cost \$35 pp. Would all PHF members please indicate their intention on the list being circulated

Titanic The Musical

Tuesday 7th November 2006. Theatre Royal.
8:00 pm. \$70-\$80

Carols by Candlelight

To be held in Strathfield Park on

Saturday 9th December.

We will be organising the BBQ and a raffle

Trish Foundation Golf Day

Thursday 15th February 2007

Strathfield Golf Club. 12 midday followed by

Evening Dinner & Presentations.

Donations to fill the major raffle are sought.

District 9690 Conference

16-18 March 2007 at Newcastle City Hall.

Strathfield Rotarians need to be there from

Thursday, 15th March 2007

- You can't fool all the people all the time but most of us try.
- Friends are folks who excuse you when you have made a fool of yourself

"Night of Stars" function - 14 October 2006

The Women's Bowling Club members of the South Strathfield Bowling & Community Club have advised us that this event has been postponed .

ROTARY INFORMATION

Rotary's Association with China

1. Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFU)

In 1990 Members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield District 9690, hosted a visiting mission from CAFU, a section of the Chinese Department of Foreign Affairs, while it was in Sydney. Mission leader was Mr Ma Wenpu who later issued an invitation for a return visit to China. A delegation led by PDG Ray Reed, which included P.P. Bob Templeman & former member P.P. Max Douglas from this club journeyed to China in May 1991. The basic purpose of the visit was to gain a more balanced and better appreciation of the humanitarian, social and economic aims of the Chinese Government and its people. In Beijing we visited such historical & cultural edifices such as the Mausoleum of Chairman Mao, the Great Hall of the People, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Ming Tombs & the Great Wall at Badaling. We flew to Xi'an, an important trading centre on famous Silk Road, and near the Terracotta Warriors then to Shanghai where we visited the newly formed Stock Exchange and inspected plans and models for a new commercial centre named Pudong.. Finally we visited Guangzhou where we inspected several manufacturing activities.

Reciprocal visits between Australia and China have continued since our visit.

2. Our District hosted Zhou Jun, a Rotary Foundation Scholar from China in 1996-1997. Regular communication between him and PDG Bob Aitken has continued since then.
3. Matching Grants arranged between the Rotary Foundation and Australian Rotary Districts, and supervised by P.P. Walter Bock (Burwood), are raised to provide small loans to women in China to assist them to establish home businesses.
4. Rotary Clubs have recently been chartered in Beijing and Shanghai. Rotary International is now in the process of seeking formal recognition by the Chinese Government.

HUMOUR

- The Egotist
Him: "I dreamed I was married to the most beautiful girl in the world."
Her: "Were we happy?"
- Is this routine?
First Doctor: "I operated on him for Appendicitis"
Second Doctor: "What was the matter with him?"
- Considerate
Sophie: "But I don't think I deserve a zero"
Professor: "Neither do I, but it's the lowest mark I'm allowed to give."

Shaggy - dog

A club of eccentric young men had for one of their rules that on Tuesday evenings any man who asked in the clubroom a question which was unable to answer himself should pay a fine of one dollar. One evening Tomkinson asked: "Why doesn't a ground squirrel leave any dirt around the top of his hole when he digs it?"

After some deliberation he was called upon to answer his own question.

"That's easy," he said. "The squirrel starts at the bottom and digs up."

"All very nice," suggested a member, "but how does he get to the bottom to start digging?"

"That's your question," answered Tomkinson

2006-07 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Rod McDougall
President Elect /	Brian Johnson
Club Service	
Community Service 1	Connie Galletta

Community Service 2	Anuradha Kamkolkar
Vocational Service	Kevin Freund
International Service	Paul Giammarco
Youth Service	Bradley Ayres

CLUB OFFICERS

Secretary	Roger Vince
Treasurer	Keith Stockall

Sergeant At Arms	Peter Foss
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PORTFOLIOS

Community Service 1	
Director Connie Galletta	
Local Community Services Project	Connie Galletta (C), Eve Dutton, Fred Haddon, Peter Van Der Seeson
Club Barbecues	Shirley Del Prado (C), Janelle Watson
Golf Day	Niall King (C), Ray Wilson
Pearls on Show	Connie Galletta (C), Shirley Del Prado
Travel Extravaganza	Steve Taylor, Eric Khu
Bike the Park	Steven Taylor (C), Alan Taylor, Kevin Freund, Keith Stockall, Rod McDougall

Community Service 2	
Director Anuradha Kamkolkar	
Club Raffles	Sal Tosto (C), Tony Lanzafame
Carols by Candlelight	Keith Byrn (C), George Helou
Rotary Grove	Peter Foss (C), Roger Vince
Probus	George Hallworth (C)

Vocational Service	
Director Kevin Freund	
Pride of Workmanship	Kevin Beltrame (C), Brian Johnson, Richard Horwood
Vocational Ethics Project	Kevin Freund (C), Joe Saad, Charles Pitt, Garry Pearce
Police Awards	Kevin Beltrame (C), Grahame True, Garry Pearce
NYSF / Siemens Science Experience	Tony Lanzafame

International Service	
Director Paul Giammarco	
GSE	George Helou (C), Domenico Alvaro
STEP and YEP	Peter Van der Sleeson (C), Joe Campisi
Donations In Kind	Joe Campisi (C), Arjun Jeganathan
ROMAC	Umesh Kamkolkar (C), Guru Singh
RAWCS	Brian Driver (C), Angelo Franco

Club Service	
Director Brian Johnson	
Bulletin Programs	Bob Templeman, Peter Douglas, Peter Harries (C), David Giri, Allan Teale
Club Fellowship / Job Talks	Steve Taylor (C), Peter Douglas, Brian Driver
Membership Development	Ray Wilson (C), Terry Rohan, David Croft
Welfare Officers	George Hallworth (C), Peter Foss
Visitor Welcome	Peter Harries (C), Brian Driver
Catering	Shirley Del Prado (C), SalTosto
Photography	Bradley Ayres (C), Rod McDougall
Publicity	Roger Vince (C), Terry Rohan, David Croft
Attendance	Eve Dutton
Corporal At Arms	Charles Pitt
Website	Raymond McCluskie
Apologies	Eric Khu
Assistant Secretary	Janelle Watson
Assistant Treasurers	Eve Dutton, Nial King
Rotary Information	David Croft (C), Raymond McCluskie
Club History	Peter Foss (C), Roger Vince
Auditor	James Heash
Public Officer	Charles Pitt

Youth Service	
Director Bradley Ayres	
RYLA	Keith Stockall (C), Joe Saad
RYPEN	Roger Vince (C), Joe Campisi
Interact	Roger Vince (C), Brian Driver
MUNA	Bill Carney (C), Joe Campisi
Youth Achievement Awards	Tony Lanzafame (C), Janelle Watson
RYDA	Keith Byrn (C), Warren Abbott

SPECIAL PROJECTS

9690 District Conference	Bert Houston (C), Ted Ingall, Peter Manenti, Kevin Beltrame, Connie Galletta, Bradley Ayres, Kevin Freund, Brian Johnson, Keith Stockall, Rod McDougall
Family Entertainment Fundraiser	Allan Teale (C), Peter Harries

ROTARY PROGRAMS

GSE	Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange
Interact	"International Action" High School Programme
NYSF	National Youth Science Forum
MUNA	Model United Nations Assembly
RAWCS	Rotary Australia World Community Service

ROMAC	Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children
RYDA	Rotary Youth Driver Awards
RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Award
RYPEN	Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment
STEP	Short Term Exchange Program
YEP	Youth Exchange Program