



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield NSW Inc
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OCTOBER IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

"Rotary at its best!". One of several comments your president was delighted to receive following last week's Pride of Workmanship Awards.

The quality of the awardees was exceptionally good, the mood was relaxed and friendly – and the proceedings ran smoothly. A very enjoyable evening.

The joint presentation of an award by the club and Suttons Motors was a success I believe - and an initiative that I hope will be considered in the future with other local companies. It is a great way to develop a relationship with them. Thanks to Allan Teale for the suggestion

I think it fair to say that our club made its contribution to Rotary leading the way in vocational service. I am hopeful that we will get some good PR and that this will assist in encouraging those who have been invited to our information night to come along.

Many club members contributed to the success of the night. Special congratulations to Kevin Beltrame, Kevin Freund, Keith Byrn, Connie Galletta, Joe Campisi, Bradley Ayres and Sal Tosto.

Registrations for the district conference are rolling in and I am happy to report that conference chairman Bert Houston is registrant number one.

If you had not noticed – Christmas is just around the corner. The children's party (to be held Wednesday 13 December) is in Connie Galletta's capable hands. As president elect Brian Johnson has the honour of planning the adult party (to be held Wednesday 20 December). I know they would both welcome ideas and offers of assistance.

A reminder that the District 9690 banner and pin design competition closes at the end of this month. Entries should be sent to DG Harley. The winner will be announced at the district conference.

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAM

"Travelling Rotarian" Presentation
Peter Harries – "Fabulous France"

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

27/10/2006 Katherine Campisi
28/10/2006 Warren Abbott
29/10/2006 John Watkins

Wedding Anniversaries

26/10/2006 Peter & Dee Douglas

Rotary Anniversaries - Nil

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The Rotary Club of Strathfield Pride of Workmanship Awards 2006 were presented to the following:

Nichole Andary - Strathfield Municipal Council
Howard Brown - Victims of Crime Assistance League
Mark Compton - St Patrick's College
Debi Finlay - National Childcare Accreditation Council
Robert Gangas - Grahame True Electricians
David McGlynn - Strathfield Golf Club
Greg Ryan - Fraser Motorcycles Homebush
David Snell – S.N. King
Ronald Tedford – Homebush Boys High School
Mark Welladsen – Grahame True Electricians
Anna Zhu – Doctor Christina Bilinsky

The Ray Sherry Award was presented to Mark Compton

A Special Vocational Award was presented jointly by Strathfield Rotary and Suttons Motors Chullora to Geoff Greenfield .



Pride of Workmanship 2006 Awardees

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✪ We have received a letter from District Governor Harley Tarrant advising that only 90 tickets have been sold for the **Paul Harris Luncheon** on 11 November. Invitation to the function has now been extended to all Rotarians and partners. P.P.Raymond McCluskie has been asked to email all members seeking support for the function. It is not often that we have as a special guest a speaker such as Rotary Foundation Trustee, Carolyn Jones (the first female trustee of the Foundation). We would like to advise PDG Ken Nicholls our final attendees after to-night's meeting.

✪ The Strathfield School for Seniors continues to flourish. The Computer School has 40 students, and 3 Tutors (Rotarians who donate their time). The Rotarians, and the Uniting Church Strathfield, utilising 9 Desk top computers, offer 3 Friday classes, each of 2 hours, to provide an excellent outreach to the aged of the community. With many new beginners on the waiting list, and lack of space to place extra Desk Top Computers, the school is looking for donations of Note Book (Lap Top) Computers (new or old). If you can help please contact Coordinator Fred Haddon.

✪ Was great to see P.P.Euan Watson at our Rotary meeting last week.

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.

✪ Membership Information Evening. 84 invitations have been sent. Ray is still seeking more names and addresses.

From P.P.Bert Houston.

✪ Conference Registration. Your early registration will greatly assist the organisers (our Club Conference Committee). Already two have registered, and remember early bird discount is available if registered before 30 November. New members will be eligible for early bird discount up to the date of the conference.

The average citizen works 70 days a year to earn enough money to pay their taxes, and they do it because they love their country, are patriotic, but can't figure out any way of avoiding paying them.

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

1st November 2006

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

8th November 2006

Rotary Information Night

15th November 2006

John Murphy
Federal Member for Lowe

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. Invitation has now been extended to all Rotarians and partners.

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

- If you would like to know the value of money, go and try to borrow some.
 - The use of money is all the advantage there is in having it.
 - All money nowadays seems to be produced with a natural homing instinct for the Treasury

ROTARY INFORMATION

Vocational Service Month

At the end of Vocational Service Month, perhaps we should reflect on why we are Rotarians:

- To have a successful club each member must participate in some of the work. If we share a little work, we also share in a lot of fun.

- Although we make good friends and you may find that Rotarians seek to conduct business with you, this is a service club, not a business.
- Rotarians come together to make the world a better place, hence the slogan “Service above Self”, and adherence to high ethical standards as reflected in the 4-Way Test is essential to the integrity of our organisation
- Regular attendance is an important element of Rotary membership which enables you to keep abreast of club activity. It is also a venue for interesting weekly programs which are informative, educational and fun.
- Every member should actively participate on a committee, and should seek election to the Board, aspire to Presidency, and to higher office at District and International level.

And finally, invite a guest, who possibly may become a new member to our club.



Presentation of Ray Sherry Memorial Shield to Mark Compton from St Patrick's College

WORLD VISION AUSTRALIA

World Vision is a non-denominational, Christian humanitarian aid and development agency. World Vision Australia encourages Australians to support programs in poorer countries including: Child Sponsorship, 40 Hour Famine, Emergency relief appeals, Government and multilateral funding, Corporate support, Advocacy and education, Partnerships, and Australian Indigenous Programs. World Vision believes that the world has the knowledge, skills and resources, and encourages governments and people to support these programs.

International Director Paul Giammarco announced recently that our Club continues to support a student through the World Vision Program.

“Money doesn’t make you happy. I now have \$50 million, but I was just as happy when I had \$48 million” Arnold Schwarzenegger

HUMOUR

“A hamburger and fries” a man orders.

“Me too,” says the emu sitting beside him.

“That’s \$9.40,” the waitress says.

The man reaches into his pocket and hands her the exact change.

They return the next day. Both order a steak and mash, and again the man pays with the exact change.

“How do you do that?” the waitress asks

“A genie granted me two wishes,” explains the man. “The first wish was that I ‘d always have the right amount of money to pay for anything.”

”Brilliant, but what’s with the emu?”

“My second wish was for an exotic chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say.”

Deft Definitions

Left Bank: What the robber did after his bag was full of cash.

Eclipse: What a cockney barber does for a living.

Rubberneck: What you do to relax your wife.

Heroes: What a guy in a boat does.

A legal problem!

Richard to his lawyer: “I’ll hire you if you are positive you can win the case.”

Lawyer: “Tell me the story.”

Richard launches into a terrible tale of fraud and cheating in his business.

Lawyer: “It’s an open and shut case.”

Richard: “ Oh God! That’s terrible!”

Lawyer: “Why’s that?”

Richard: “I just told you my partner’s side of the story!”

ROTARY INFORMATION NIGHT

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

See Ray Wilson for last minute suggestions for prospective members.

Please be present on the night.

Get involved in the future of our club.