



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield NSW Inc
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



President Rod McDougall
Secretary Roger Vince
Editor Bob Templeman
Edition 2006-08/11

web: www.strathfielddrotary.org.au
email: info@strathfielddrotary.org.au
tel 02 9746 2424

Wednesday 13th September 2006

SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Thanks to Allan Teale for a very interesting job talk last week – his first in 21 years he assures me! And if any member has a parcel of land suitable for re-development as a shopping centre, I guess they know who to call.

Tonight we welcome Jason Carroll, general manager of the Chullora and Homebush Suttons dealerships. Jason was kind enough to join us at very short notice.

At the club assembly in July a number of members commented on "the cost of Rotary". One comment was that with dinner, the raffle and the sergeant's session, the weekly cost of attending Rotary can be significant. The dinner fee currently incorporates a small surplus used to cover the cost of meals for guest speakers, the Christmas party, etc. The option exists to reduce the dinner fee to an amount directly related to the costs incurred by the club, and to increase club dues by a corresponding amount.

The practical effect of this would be to deliver a cost reduction to members who attend club meetings regularly, whilst increasing costs to those who attend less regularly. Your board will be considering the option over the next few weeks. If you have a view and would like to comment, please see me, or a member of the board.

Rain, rain, and more rain. In the end Strathfield Council relented and the Spring Fair was postponed. Very disappointing, since so many in the community were looking forward to the event. Shirley Del Prado and her team worked miracles and managed to cancel the bread rolls and freeze the sausages ordered for our barbecue to be held as part of the fair.

A reminder that the bulletin cover is being updated. We have extended the deadline for changes to 18 September. Please see Roger Vince or me with updates.

Next week we will have an opportunity to welcome Bob Sendt, who retired earlier this month as New South Wales Auditor General. His talk promises to be fascinating.

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

Jason Carroll
General Manager, Suttons Chullora and Homebush
Introduced by Connie Galletta
Thanked by Niall King

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

14/09/2006 George Helou
16/9/2006 Paul Giammarco

Wedding Anniversaries

16/09/2006 Alan & Adrienne Taylor

Rotary Anniversaries - Nil

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guest Speaker Allan Teale is married to Kate and has two teenage daughters Molly & Claire. He was inducted into our Rotary Club in 1981. After leaving school in Cowra Allan moved to Sydney and joined the navy. After training at Marimba he joined HMAS Vampire where his rugby skills came to the fore. During the next few months the ship toured Asia, visiting such countries as Hong Kong, Singapore, Timor & Manilla in the Philippines, then Perth & Melbourne. A highlight was the Bicentenary tour to the United States. He then moved to Portsmouth UK for training and spent the following three years in Submarines, until discharge from the Navy. Four & one-half years in the building industry, including the building of a pipeline Sydney to Newcastle followed. He then moved into residential real estate, firstly with Gilmours (now Elders) then as principal of Laing & Simmonds (Strathfield). A short break saw him dabble in the food industry, but the long hours and high costs were not to his liking. He has now returned to Commercial Real Estate, involved with major players such as Coles, Woolworths and Aldi and many others. In thanking Allan for his very interesting and informative talk, Brian Johnson highlighted two rules to follow in the building industry:
Rule 1) Never work for developers; and

Rule 2) Never break rule No 1

LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Rod McDougall:-

- ✪ Welcome back Garry Pearce, but Garry has not been away, but will be holidaying in Asia for the next three weeks
- ✪ Read out list of Apologies.
- ✪ Reminder to members about the Rotary Club of Concord's 50th Anniversary to be held on Friday 22 September 2006
- ✪ McDonalds promoting Rotary – Tray mat
- ✪ Congratulations to Bob Templeman on the issue of his first bulletin as editor.

From Director Brian Johnson:-

- ✪ Guest Speakers have been booked until the end of the year, thanks to Peter Harries & David Giri
- ✪ Ray Wilson now leading the membership development team.

From Director Bradley Ayres:-

- ✪ Transport of RYPEN students to Yarramundi has been arranged
- ✪ To-date we have not received any applicants for the RYLA Camp in January 2007. RYLA has always been supported by this club so it would be very disappointing if we do not put forward any candidates.
- ✪ The Shoe Box Appeal for Timor has been extended to late September. The boxes are to hold approximately \$10 of toys, clothing, crayons, etc suitable for a 0 to 12 year old boy or girl.

From Director Paul Giammarco:-

- ✪ GSE – Ivan Fedor from the Rotary Club of Springwood has been appointed Team Leader of the team to North Carolina. Team members for this team will be selected next Sunday. A combined meeting of Outbound and Inbound GSE teams will be held at Springwood on 26 February 2007.
- ✪ STEP (Short Term Exchange Students) – details to be announced shortly.
- ✪ World Vision – Suggest we should continue to support our student Paulo Mbabazi

From P.P. Stephen Taylor

- ✪ Reminded members of the dinner at The Woolwich Pier Hotel, Monday 11 September, 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

From Treasurer Keith Stockall

- ✪ Five members are still unfinancial

From Fred Haddon

- ✪ Presented for viewing a selection of Tim Wynn-Jones's Model T Ford photos.

“I have every sympathy with the American who was so horrified by what he had read of the effects of smoking that he gave up reading”
Henry G. Strauss b.1892

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize Alan Petersen
2nd Prize Grahame True
3rd Prize Ray Wilson - Dinner next week

STATISTICS

Present:- 31 Members

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

Bob Sendt – NSW Auditor-General (retired)

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

27th September 2006

Lt Dayton McCarthy and Sgt Scott Fuller

Australia Armed Forces

Recently returned from service in Basra, Iraq

1st November 2006

Clarence Hardy

Australian Nuclear Association

(Possible joint meeting with Burwood/Concord)

ABOUT PEOPLE

John Manenti (Peter's Son) is coach of the Australian Women's Rugby Team competing in the Women's World Rugby Tournament in Edmonton, Canada. The team beat South Africa in their first match 64-12, but lost to France 24-10.

Bradley Ayres reports that P.P.Euan Watson is coming along well. We look forward to his full recovery and return to our meetings.

Congratulation to Domenico, whose company, Alvaro Bros Builders has just won two Excellence in Housing Awards:

- a) Contract houses \$1 million-\$1.5 million, and
- b) Contract houses \$5 million+

Peter & Marjory Foss have sold their house in Homebush and will move into their new home at Breakfast Point early next year

HOLIDAYS

Peter & Marley Harries are enjoying a 4 week holiday in Europe.

Garry Pearce leaves next week on a three week holiday in Asia.

Domenico & Johanna Alvaro leave next week on a 4 week holiday in Ireland and Italy

COMING EVENTS

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

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.

“To be father of a nation is a great honour, but to be the father of a family is a greater joy”

Nelson Mandela

ROTARY INFORMATION

William B. Boyd, R.I. President 2006-2007 said:

:As Rotarians, we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been....We are not content with the status quo, and we do not look at a problem only to say someone else will

solve it. We are the ones who ask, 'Why not us?'And we are the ones who must 'Lead the Way'.”

RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) program is a new district initiative commenced last June, aimed at Year 11 students, and is being developed in our club by P.P.Keith Byrn & Allan Teale.

Each group of students proceed through a series of 6 presentations

- You Choose – The Choice is Yours (Police)
- Safe Celebrating (Drug & Alcohol worker)
- Accident Survivor (NSW Brain Injury Association)
- The real cost of Wheels (Department of Fair Trading)
- Hazard Perception and Breaking Distances (Police/Licensed Driving Instructors)

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

has involved the vision of many dedicated Rotarians who worked to give life and nurture it, to see it blossom into an amazing national community service project of Rotary.

In this current year applications have now closed for Mental Illness Research Grants, Postdoctoral Fellowship & Ian Scott PhD Scholarships.

Now available are special project grants for the Evaluation of Rural Medical Health Service Provision & Evaluation of Mental Health Service Provision. Application for these grants will close on 11 October 2006.

The story of the ARHRF is an exciting one, but it is a story which can never be up to date, for it is evolving as you read.

RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service Limited) is a service administered by Rotarians in Australia and available to all Rotary Clubs in Australia

As an independent national organisation of Rotarian businesses and professional leaders, it is a provider of humanitarian services that helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Approved by Rotary International RAWCS coordinates the activities of Project Volunteers

like FAIM (Fourth Avenue in Motion), SWSV (Save Water Save Lives), Project Funding, DIK (Donations in Kind), and RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria).

“Who loves not wine, women and song,
He is a fool his whole life long”

W.M.Thackerey

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Betsy, the farmer's daughter, had a new boyfriend who was coming to dinner for the first time. Conscious of her father's way of speaking, Betsy asked her mother to ensure that he was on his best behaviour.

“Make sure he says fertiliser instead of manure” she said.

“I'll try,” replied her mother, “but it's taken me 20 years to get him to say manure”

A wife calls her husband: “Dear, I have some good news and some bad news.”

“Sorry, but I'm in the middle of a meeting,” says her husband. “Just tell me the good news.”

“Well,” says the wife, “the airbag on the car works perfectly.”

Two good things from having Alzheimer's disease:

1. You can hide your own Easter eggs.
2. You meet someone new every day.

If you need a laugh, then read through these children's Science Exam Answers.

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpet s still on the stairs

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old , so do your bowels and you get Intercontinental.

Q: Name a major disease associated with Cigarettes?

A: Premature death.

Q: What does “varicose” mean?

A: Nearby

Q: What does the word “benign” mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Joe still enjoyed chasing girls when he got to be 80. When his wife was asked if she minded, she answered, “Why should I be upset? Dogs chase cars, but they can't drive.”

Best Caddy Replies:

Golfer: “Do you think my game is improving?”

Caddy: “Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now”

Golfer: “Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?”

Caddy: “Yes, eventually”

Golfer: “Please stop checking your watch all the time, it's too much of a distraction”

Caddy: “It's not a watch – it's a compass”

Golfer: “That can't be my ball, it's too old.”

Caddy: “It's been a long time since we teed off, sir”