



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

"Buy Australian" was certainly the theme of last week's excellent guest speaker. Jason Carroll impressed us all with his knowledge of the local car industry - and what it takes to compete on the world market. I think it safe to say that more members left with one of his Suttons or Holden brochures than did with a copy of the bulletin!

Plans for our membership night are proceeding. The committee have chosen 8 November. Ray Wilson may have already approached some of you about speaking on the night. The aim will be to impart quality information about Rotary to potential members who will have been formally *invited* to join us for the evening.

My apologies to Acting Sergeant Grahame True for omitting the fines session last week. The meeting had overrun and your president made an instant decision to skip the fines. I know Grahame would have been well prepared with good material and I encourage him to use it this week in the cross fines session, or to offer it at a price to Sergeant Peter Foss.

This week is Rotary Awareness Week. I hope members have been able to make at least a small contribution to spreading the good word about our organisation.. Some may have seen the Rotary item on the Channel 9 Today program. We hope to have a Strathfield Scene story.

Special thanks to Bradley Ayres, Roger and Jan Vince and Allan and Kate Teale for their involvement in the RYPEN session held this week. Bradley will report more fully elsewhere.

District conference planning is reaching a key milestone and this Thursday and Friday a number of us will make our pitch to 9690 clubs encouraging them to attend. Please see Ted Ingall to secure accommodation.

Please remember to keep Bulletin Editor Bob Templeman up to date with news and goings-on. He is always on the look-out for material.

This week we welcome Bob Sendt, very recently retired New South Wales Auditor General., as our guest speaker.

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

Bob Sendt – NSW Auditor General (retired)
Introduced by Charles Pitt
Thanked by Angelo Franco

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

21/09/2006 Megan Tarrant
23/09/2006 Domenico Alvaro
24/09/2006 Keith Byrn

Wedding Anniversaries

26/09/2006 David & Charmaine Giri

Rotary Anniversaries - Nil

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guest speaker Jason Carroll, Manager of Suttons Chullora & Homebush, was accompanied by Karyn. Jason has worked for Suttons for 20 years, progressing from washing cars to his present position. Suttons are a hard but fair employer, and many staff, including his father, have had up to 40 years service.

The General Motors Company is the #1 automobile manufacturer in the world, closely followed by Toyota. However only parts of the organisation are profitable, GMAC (the finance arm) and GM Holden Company. GM also owns Saab, Suzuki and Daewoo.

The founder of the Sutton Group, Sir Frederick Sutton (knighted for his services to the blind) was a compressor mechanic in Temora until, seeing the future in motor vehicles, sold up everything in Temora and moved to Homebush in 1948 to set up Suttons Motors. Chullora was opened in 1964. They employ 80 staff at each site and have ongoing business dealings with 336 local businesses (including P.P.Keith Byrn). Currently the company employs 1200 staff over 21 divisions. As well as being the #1 Holden dealer in Australia they also sell product from Porsche, Ferrari, Subaru, Chrysler, Jeep Toyota, Audi, as well as Isuzu and Hino trucks. Motor Vehicle dealerships are lucky to

get a net return of 2%, and many are losing money.

GM-H has recently released the Holden VE Commodore, the “billion dollar baby”, the componentry cost being 3 billion dollars. Fuel consumption is 10.9 litres per 100 kilometres on the base 6 cylinder model which compares more than favourably with the 4 cylinder Toyota with consumption of 9.9L per 100Klms. A station wagon and a ‘ute’ will be launched next year. The ‘Captiva’, an “SUV” just for soccer mums and the ‘Epica’ to replace the Vectra are also to be launched. Final comments, there are 1200 variations of the Holden range, GM is working on a hybrid vehicle, the use of Ethanol E24 – 76% petrol, 24% ethanol will be the future benchmark & 1 million new cars will be sold in 2006, 80% of which are imported. Niall King thanked Jason for his interesting and informative address.

LAST WEEK’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Rod McDougall:-

- ❖ Our Annual Bike Ride looks like being cancelled due to lack of sponsors; but may be held next May, purely as a community event, not a fundraiser.
- ❖ Apologies were read out
- ❖ Several members have expressed concern regarding the cost of Rotary. The Board is considering, a) reducing the dinner fee to cost, and b) increasing the half yearly dues to compensate. This would mean that non regular members would help in managing the budget.
- ❖ The District Conference committee remains very involved in planning to ensure that we have an excellent conference
- ❖ Rotary International has announced that D.K. Lee from Seoul, South Korea is International President Elect

From Director Bradley Ayres:-

- ❖ P.D.G. Ken Nicholls has reaffirmed that 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. So far he has received nearly 300 boxes. Our contribution so far is about 20 boxes.

From Director Kevin Freund:-

- ❖ .Nominations for Pride of Workmanship Awards are required no later than the end of this month.

From P.P.Ted Ingall

- ❖ We are looking forward to at least 90% of our members attending the Conference. Ted has accommodation forms available for members not yet organised.

From P.P.Stephen Taylor

- ❖ The dinner at The Woolwich Pier Hotel, last Monday evening was very successful, and enjoyed by those who attended. Could be a regular event.

From Treasurer P.P.Keith Stockall

- ❖ Four members are still unfinancial

From P.P.Keith Byrn

- ❖ Students from St Patrick's, Strathfield will be attending the RYDA program at the Penrith site on Wednesday 22 November, 9.00am to 2.30pm. Six (6) volunteers from our club are required to attend to watch & learn.

From P.P.Roger Vince

- ❖ Meriden Interact Changeover.
Roger attended the Meriden Interact Changeover last Thursday evening at the Café Belle restaurant in Burwood. A happy evening was enjoyed by 15 girls from years 10 & 11 and two teachers Sascha Bass and Kelly Boyd, who help run the Interact Club. The election of office bearers was held two weeks ago and the result was announced last night.
President – Rochelle Swanson
Secretary – Christine Hannah
Treasurer – Victoria Walker
A considerable amount of money for various charities was raised during the past year. President Rochelle and her team will visit our Club next term to give a financial report together with plans for next year.

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

RAFFLE WINNERS.

- 1st Prize Eve Dutton
- 2nd Prize Niall King
- 3rd Prize Dinner next week – Connie Galletta

STATISTICS

Present:-

33 Members

ABOUT PEOPLE

We received an E-mail last week from former member and past president Doug Potter who said that he enjoys reading our bulletin each week. It was great to hear from you Doug.(editor)

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

27th September 2006

Lt Dayton McCarthy and Sgt Scott Fuller
Australian Armed Forces
Recently returned from service in Basra,
Iraq

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

4th October 2006

Major David Brown
Silverwater Correctional Facility

11th October 2006

Mr Shaofang Qui
New South Wales Chinese Consul General

1st November 2006

Clarence Hardy
Australian Nuclear Association
(Possible joint meeting with Burwood/Concord)

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.*

ROTARY INFORMATION

Your Privileges in Rotary Membership

- The privilege of friendship with leaders
 - a) in your community
 - b) in neighbouring towns & cities
 - c) all over Australia
 - d) around the world
- The privilege of giving service to your community.
- The privilege of developing international goodwill and understanding
- The privilege of helping build higher ethical standards within your vocation

Your Obligations in Rotary Membership

Participation

To be a Rotarian you must give your time and talents to the following:

- in community work
- in social functions
- in Club and District functions

Attendance

100% attendance is urged and honoured in Rotary, To achieve this goal:

- attend each weekly meeting of your club
- make up at another Rotary Club
- attend a District or International function

HUMOUR

After two years of marriage, a wife asked her husband for some money to buy a new dress but he demanded to know why she needed one.

“Because,” she explained, “I’m tired of people throwing confetti at me when I go shopping.”

Editor

“The man who never alters his opinion is like standing water, and breeds reptiles of the mind.”

William Blake 1757-1827

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