



The weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc

District 9690, NSW Australia

Strathfield Rotary News



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**November
is
The Rotary Foundation Month**

*Wednesday,
November 3rd, 2010*

President's Column

Last week we hosted the 2010 GSE outbound team, which went to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland - and what a wonderful night it was! Team Leader David Ross and team members Cate Robinson, Colin Wilkes and Suzanne Wright all spoke with great enthusiasm and humour about their trip. Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Shannon Tonkin was unable to attend.

We were joined on the night by 32 Rotarians and their partners from the Breakfast Point, Burwood and Concord clubs. Cate Robinson, who was sponsored by Strathfield Rotary, presented the club with 6 Rotary banners that she had exchanged (for our banners) at the following clubs:

- Humber, Corner Brook NL Canada
- Stephenville, Newfoundland Labrador
- Prince Edward Island, Canada
- Clareville, Newfoundland
- Halifax, Nova Scotia
- St. John's East, Newfoundland

On a slightly disappointing note - only 29 Strathfield Rotarians were in attendance at the GSE meeting - out of a total of 78. What do we need to do to break our current 50% weekly (weakly) attendance record?

This week we welcome PP Terry Davies who is the Corporate Manager with Australian Rotary Health. Terry has had a wealth of experience in education and the business world and of course has been active on a District level for many years. Terry will talk to us about how we can support the goals of Rotary Health. Terry will be introduced by PP Peter Manenti.

This Week's Meeting

Australian Rotary Health One Man's Dream

Terry Davies

Introduced by PP Peter Manenti
Thanked by Joseph Kim

Family of Rotary

As proud grandparents it is always great for both Marlene and I to be able to spend some quality time with our grandchildren, Ben and Emily, at every opportunity.

In Rotary, we also celebrate family - the Family of Rotary. And, while we may not always see each other regularly, the common bond of Rotary service continues to keep us connected. Like all families many of us travel, juggle work and personal commitments. However, as I see so often at our meetings, there is always a real pleasure in catching up with each other on a regular basis. We often speak of the friendships that we have made through Rotary and I am sometimes surprised by how quickly those friendships seem to develop. However, I suppose that we have all joined Rotary with a desire to be of service to our community and we work together to be effective in making a difference to the lives of others. So, in that light, it should not be a surprise that we are able to form such strong bonds in a relatively short period of time.

With that thought in mind, I would ask that you take some time at our next meeting to get to know someone in the club who you may not have yet spent a lot of time with. Chances are you will make yet another great friend in Rotary.

President Pete

Cowboy logic

"Don't get mad at somebody who knows more'n you do. It ain't their fault."

Last Week's Presentation

Recorded by Ian Johnson

Nova Scotia/Newfoundland GSE Team Report

Our guest speakers were the Nova Scotia/Newfoundland GSE team who reported on their experiences. The team leader was David Ross of Parramatta City Club. The team members were Cate Robinson, Shannon Tonkin, Colin Wilkes and Suzanne Wright. Cate was sponsored by our club. Shannon was unable to attend the presentation.

The team was introduced by PP Ted Ingall. Ted made his introductions wearing his own team leader's jacket which still fits him after 35 years. Ted noted that our club has had four other team leaders.

David commenced by advising us that the team had travelled to District 7820 Atlantic Canada (the second largest District in the world) in May and June of this year. He advised us that Colin works as a sales manager, Cate is a high school teacher, Suzanne works in employment services and Shannon is a journalist. They visited three provinces of Canada being Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. In the 28 days of the GSE the team had 12 hosts, travelled 3,500 kilometres and made 14 club presentations.

Colin spoke to us about the pre-trip team meeting during which they detailed their goals and ambitions. Colin also spoke about Shannon's experiences on the trip. Being a journalist she is acutely aware of the new media environment that she has to work within. She met with a local editor and even had an article written about her visit.

Suzanne then spoke to us about her vocational visits and her interest in seeing how problems she regularly encounters in her work are dealt with in another country. She also told us that she particularly enjoyed visiting St

Johns, the capital of Newfoundland, where the houses were very colourful.

Cate started by thanking the Club again for sponsoring her. Since returning Cate has felt the need to be challenged in her career choices and hopes to move onwards and upwards soon. Cate was impressed by the involvement of local Clubs in a St John's primary school. A request for books had been answered and extended to assisting to teach the children to read. She also went on a number of field trips with universities. Cate's most moving moment was when a senior academic who had just returned from climbing Mt Everest made time to talk to her (having previously taken part in a GSE herself).

Colin also spoke to us about his vocational experiences. He has a particular interest in pet nutrition and noted that there were many more brands available in the local market. He also had an interesting day out with the St. John's Dog Squad where the dogs successfully tracked an offender and located the weapon (making Shannon envious).

Colin noted that a GSE enabled you to meet people that you would not otherwise meet.

The team then shared with us some of their cultural experiences. They met with a local dignitary who regularly dressed in a (politically incorrect) seal skin coat. They also visited Pier 21 which is Canada's Ellis Island. They informed us that Captain Cook is also remembered in that part of Canada for mapping the coastline. We were informed of the local initiation ceremony for foreigners called "screeching in" which includes kissing a long deceased trout and drinking rum. We also saw a photo of a McLobster which may be part of the reason Colin plans to return there soon.

In conclusion David noted that all team members had got a lot out of the GSE and had returned passionate about their lives and their careers. Cate made a presentation of club banners to the Club. The team was thanked by PDG David Croft.



PP David Ross (Team Leader), Suzanne Wright, Colin Wilkes and Cate Robinson



GSE past and present. The 2010 GSE Team with Strathfield RC past team leaders PDG David Croft, PP Ted Ingall and PP Steve Taylor.

Last Week's Statistics

Attendance: Rotarians: Strathfield 29, Burwood 5, Concord 15, Breakfast Point 12, ADG Sharon Bond, David Ross, Visitors: Strathfield Partners 8, GSE Team Members and families 6, David Martin

Total: 78

Apologies Received: Godfrey Isouard, Suzanne Freund, Angelo Franco, Raymond McCluskie, Terry Rohan, Peter van der Sleen

Non-apologies: 6+

L.O.A.: Warren Abbott, George Helou, Doug Potter, Darrell Slater

Raffle: \$720.00

Sergeant: No session

Total: \$720.00

Dates for Your Diary

For catering purposes, please remember to send apologies or details of extra attendees by
 4.00pm Tuesdays to Eric Khu 9746 0397
 email: brontin@bigpond.com
 Late apologies by 5.00pm Wednesdays to Kevin Freund 0412 494 125

Meetings

10th November (Wednesday)

Rotary Down Under
Mark Wallace

24th November (Wednesday)

Suicide Prevention
Wesley Mission

17th November (Wednesday)

Centurion Programme

1st December (Wednesday)

AGM

Rosters

Meeting Date	Attendance	Fellowship	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank Guest Speaker
3rd November	Naveed Chaudhry	Kevin Freund	Peter Manenti	Joseph Kim
10th November	Naveed Chaudhry	George Hallworth	Harley Tarrant	Joe Saad
17th November	Naveed Chaudhry	Ted Ingall	Angelo Franco	David Martin
24th November	Chris Virgona	Godfrey Isouard	Rod McDougall	Terry Rohan
1st December	Chris Virgona	Anuradha Kamkolkar		

Calendar

Date	Event	For Information
01/12/2010	AGM	Peter Smith
11/12/2010	Carols in the Park	Bradley Ayres
08/12/2010	Rotary Christmas Party	Peter Smith
15/12/2010	Rotary Children's Christmas Party	Peter Smith
02/03/2011	Pride of Workmanship Awards	Doug Potter
18/03/2011	District Conference	Ted Ingall
13/04/2011	Youth Achievement Awards	Kevin Beltrame
06/05/2011	40 th Anniversary Celebrations	Harley Tarrant

The Rotary Club of Strathfield meets every Wednesday evening at Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Strathfield.
 Visitors welcome

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3rd November, Godfrey Isouard
 4th November, Nanette Duxbury
 9th November, David Croft

Wedding Anniversaries

8th November, Ray and Anne Wilson

Rotary Anniversaries

8th November, Ian Johnson,

Commitment Sheets

District Conference, Bathurst,
 18-20 March 2011, Ted Ingall
 Breakfast Point RC Cocktail Party,
 4 November, Peter Smith

RYDA, Penrith,
 16 November, Kevin Beltrame

Rotary Grace

O, Lord and giver of all good,
 We thank thee for our daily food,
 May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
 Help us to serve thee all our days.



Strathfield RC wins the John Taylor Memorial Shield at the District 9690 Golf Championship



From the District Governor Marilyn Mercer

Here is part of the speech by Mr. Chris Hayes, Federal member for Fowler, during the **Grievance Debate Vietnam: Human Rights; Vietnam Vision** in Federal Parliament on Monday, 25 October 2010. He spoke about Vietnam Vision, Rotary and the Rotary Club of Liverpool West. This is the third time the Vietnam Vision Program has been congratulated in Parliamentary debate. The full transcript is:

There are a number of other organisations operating in Australia who have a focus on making a difference for the better in Vietnam. One of those organisations is Vietnam Vision. In my electorate the [Rotary Club](#) of Liverpool West provides annual funding to a Vietnam Vision team led by local surgeons who travel to Vietnam each year and perform up to 300 cataract operations, restoring sight, free of charge, for the poor in Vietnam. Members of the club also travel with the team, meeting their own travel costs, to provide logistical support for the surgeons on the trip. I recently had the pleasure of meeting with members of the club and local doctors, including Mr Trung Chinh Dang, Dr William Trinh, Dr Le Duc Hong, Mr Thuan Ngyuen, Mr Charles Hili, Mr Joe Cauchi and Mr Ted Mlynarz. It was very rewarding to hear firsthand what these volunteers experienced in Vietnam and the circumstances under

which the cataract surgeries took place. After his first visit to Vietnam, Ted Mlynarz wrote: *"I was able to see the patients, already prepared for the operation, waiting their turn, noticing their anxiety, and maybe fear. However, once the operation was over, I could see the relief and joy in their general persona"*.

This is a local organisation making a difference for the better for people in Vietnam. The Vietnam Vision volunteers from my electorate are people who do not sit idly by and watch what happens in Vietnam; they choose to make a difference. I commend them for the action they take.

Chris Hayes . Federal Member for Fowler

From Youth Director Kevin Beltrame

Kevin thanks Trevor Duxbury, Keith Stockall and Roger Vince who will be chaperones for Meriden students while they attend RYDA on Tuesday 16th November.

Kevin also thanks the following Rotarians who also volunteered but whose services are not required this time: Harley Tarrant, Anuradha Kamkolkar, Ted Ingall and Andrew Kowalski.

There will be another opportunity to chaperone when St Pat's students attend RYDA in 2011.

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