



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A very warm welcome to our guests tonight for this our eighth Police Officer of the Year Awards. We are pleased and honoured that Commissioner Andrew Scipione can be with us again tonight to present the awards.

Rotary's motto, "Service above Self", could well be the motto of the NSW Police Force. The 10 nominees here tonight have shown that they too have put service before self. The awards are "to acknowledge acts of courtesy, kindness, understanding, compassion, courage and devotion to duty" - and all nominees have readily met this high standard,

The Rotary Club of Strathfield is proud to help organise the awards to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and service, provided by officers serving our community in the Burwood & Flemington Local Area Commands.

Congratulations to all tonight's nominees - Strathfield Rotary, on behalf of the local the Burwood, Strathfield and Auburn communities, acknowledge with gratitude your efforts

I would like to thank Chief Inspector Arthur Aleksandrowicz and Inspector Jason Inkster for all the work they did in coordinating and promoting the awards within their respective Local Area Commands.

My thanks to PP Doug Potter and his committee for organising and presenting tonight's awards - I hope you all have an enjoyable evening.

The students were supported by their school Principal, a number of their teachers and of course their very proud parents. Rotarian Paul White coordinated what was a great evening.

President Pete

TONIGHT'S MEETING

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:-Commissioner Andrew Scipione

WELCOME TO ALL OFFICERS FROM
BURWOOD & FLEMINGTON COMMANDS

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

22/08/2009 Ann McCluskie
23/08/2009 David Martin
25/08/2009 Sue Abbott
Angelo Franco

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

24/08/2009 Welwyn & Allan Petersen

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Franco, Angelo 21 Aug

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKERS



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RAFFLE TONIGHT - THE PROCEEDS, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WILL BE DONATED TO NSW POLICE LEGACY.

Last week the club was delighted to host the 5th annual Literacy Extension Presentation Evening, for the year 9 and 10 students, from Strathfield Girls High School. The students displayed enthusiasm and passion during their presentations, demonstrating a dedication to their English studies and can feel truly proud of their achievements. It was a privilege to witness the talent of the youth in our community.

The success of the evening would not have been possible without the efforts of English Teacher. Gabrielle Correy.



Last week was the Literature Extension Program Presentation evening presented by the girls from Strathfield Girls High School. The girls were introduced by Paul White.

The Chairperson was Alexandra Jones who did a great job and kept us entertained with her humorous comments.

STEVE TAYLOR'S TRAVEL STORIES

Hi everyone

Yep, we are travelling again, this time I am reporting from **Gothenburg Sweden**, a very beautiful and historic city on Sweden's west coast, and let me tell you a bloody long way from Australia. We arrived Tuesday at 3pm after three flights and a 300 km drive from **Copenhagen**. That's four countries visited in a day.

Sweden's roads are excellent and we were on an expressway right from the airport to Gothenburg city centre. Driving on the right side of the road again is a challenge, but even jet lagged I managed OK.

This time we flew **Etihad**, which was a pleasant experience with excellent service, including a "degustation" menu on leaving Sydney. Stopped at **Abu Dhabi** after 14 hours then another 7 to **Frankfurt**, before the last 1.5 hour flight into **Copenhagen**. All the airports are new or adding new capacity, and all good to get around, even a train between terminals in Frankfurt.

We are in Gothenburg because Denise is speaking at a World Forum on pre school education (the OMEP), her presentation is today. While Denise is at the conference your intrepid reporter is going to visit the maritime museum and explore the city by tram.

Tonight we are going on a harbour cruise, and tomorrow evening I am going to the conference dinner with Denny. By the way I am writing this on my new **IPAD**, which is just brilliant. Am receiving Internet and emails and the wi-fi here is very fast as well.

Until the next report, our best regards

Steve and Denise

PAUL GIAMMARCO NOTE

I was very pleased to learn that **Vanessa** chose "**Youth-Off-The-Street**" (YOTS) in her everyday hero campaign. For those that don't know Vanessa, she is a young professional Town Planner, born in Sydney of, Abruzzese Italian and Lebanese background parents and is proud to be an Australian. She was involved with Strathfield Rotary in raising a substantial amount of funds for it in the recent past.

Vanessa has built a new fundraising page. The target (\$1000) she has set for **Chris Riley** and **YOTS** is now within easy reach. It is a great charity cause. I am appealing to you as some of my contacts in business and friends and in Rotary and Cultural associations to visit her web page (no-reply-198315@everydayhero.com.au) and see if you can deeply dig into your and the associations pockets and donate.

Please Consider, and always support and encourage the younger generation.

An introductory speech about the importance of reading was presented by Dharmita Padhi. She told us that children should be encouraged to read for pleasure. In reading more, children would learn more about the world and could view the world from other people's perspective.

Lucy Han then gave us an explanation of the program and judging process. She explained that the six books reviewed were awarded points for:

- Plot
- Characters
- Purpose.

The winner would be the book with the most points.

A presentation was then made in relation to each of the six books.

1. "**The Winds of Heaven**" was reviewed by Amelia Navascues. She said that the main characters were two girls. She also said that the book was melancholic and contained surrealistic aspects.
2. "**A Small Free Kiss in the Dark**" was reviewed by Odelia Quek. In this book the main character is a twelve year old boy. He runs away from his adoptive family and draws pictures to make sense of the world. She said that the book was very descriptive.
3. "**Stolen**" was reviewed by Melanie Jiang. The main characters are a girl who lives in London and a boy who lives in Australia. Somehow the girl is transported to Australia and held captive by the boy. The reader is made to feel responsible for the girl's predicament.
4. "**Jarvis 24**" was reviewed by Emma Castro. She said that this book had unusual characters and an unusual storyline. The main character goes for work experience in a car yard and his life gets more complicated from there.
5. "**Liar**" was reviewed by Emma Tang. The main character is a 17 year old girl who is a compulsive liar. She promises to tell the truth in the book but should we believe her?
6. "**Loving Richard Feynman**" was reviewed by Hannah Lott. The main character in this book writes letters to a scientist who has been dead for 22 years. It deals with issues of individuality and pressures to conform.

The judge's decision was announced by Emily Wang. The winning book was "Stolen".

Alexandra Jones then thanked those who had put a lot of effort into preparing the girls for the evening. Jenny Economy, the relieving principal, then thanked the Club for giving the girls an opportunity to give a presentation to an audience that they were not familiar with. The certificates were then presented by Gabriel Correy and President Peter. The girls were thanked by Janelle Watson.

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Peter Smith

- Dave Martin, Westpac Manager, has applied for the GSE Team to Philippines.
- A Teacher from Strathfield Girls HS has also applied for the GSE Team to Taiwan
- Strathfield Council will replant 10 trees in Rotary Grove with more to follow after a new building is completed
- The nature strip near the park will also have trees planted

From Ian Johnson (International Service)

- *Rotary International President-Nominee* for 2012-2013 is **Sakuji Tanaka** from the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan. Tanaka is a trustee of the Rotary Foundation and other International Committees.

From Ray Wilson

- Reminder of Golf Day at Strathfield Golf Club on 26th August 2010, Thursday. Numbers needed for catering

From Paul Giammarco

- Possible GSE Team member applicants from Homebush Boys HS and Strathfield SES
- Applications close 13th August 2010
- Attended the launch of Shelterbox Australia at Dundas, Tom Henderson from Shelterbox UK was the guest speaker
- Shelterbox Australia now in operation at a cost of \$A1000 each
- Meriden Interact has donated \$3000 for shelterboxes.

CLUB STATISTICS

Attendance: -	27
Apologies: -	4
Sergeant	\$110
Raffle	\$240

Raffle Winners; *Three Strathfield Girls HS students, Janelle Watson*



30th July, 2010
Mr. Kevin Freund
President
Rotary Club of Strathfield
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Dear Kevin,

On behalf of all involved in managing RYDA Australia I wish to thank your club for their generous donation to the RYDA Program.

Young people aged 17-25 years represent only 12% of the population yet account for some 27% of motorists killed or seriously injured in road crashes. RYDA Australia in partnership with Rotary is committed to reducing this appalling statistic.

Thanks to the support from clubs like yours, the RYDA Program will continue to provide the young people in your area with a well respected road safety education program. Thank you for helping to make a safer community for all.

Yours sincerely

Greg Cantwell

Director of Operations
RYDA AUSTRALIA

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

25th August 2010 *TRANSFER MEETING*

*Visit to the Ryde TAFE Food School
6.30pm for 7.00pm at Ambassador Restaurant
(RYDE TAFE) 250 Blaxland Road, RYDE,
Free Parking. Enter off Parkes Street. Advise
Security of Ambassador Rotary Booking*

1st September 2010,
District Governor's Visit

8th September 2010,
Boosting Your Brain - Dr. Helen Popovic
Introduced by Peter Smith Thanked by

15th September 2010,
Parkinson's Group - Dick Babb & Alex Borey
Introduced by Thanked by

22nd September 2010,
Iceland - Cate Thomson
Introduced by Thanked by

29th September 2010,
Rotary Down Under - Mark Wallace
Introduced by Harley Tarrant Thanked by

COMING EVENTS

21st -22nd August 2010
"Towards a Stronger Australian Rotary".
In Canberra. Registration \$100 pp. Keynote speaker *RI
President Ray Klingensmith*

25th August 2010
Visit to the Ryde TAFE Food School

26th August 2010, Thursday
Golf Day at Strathfield Golf Club

31st August 2010, Saturday
*Meriden Mural Painting at
Chalmers Road School*

10th September 2010, Friday
Transport to Blue Gum Lodge for RYPEN

22nd September 2010
Meriden Interact Visit

26th October 2010
*District Golf Championships at Strathfield
Golf Club*

18th to 20th March 2011
District 9690 Conference at BATHURST

- ✚ *Excellent Accommodation at
"CITIGATE" Mount Panorama
overlooking the Raceway.*
- ✚ *\$124 per night for a Studio Apartment
with Kitchenette.*
- ✚ *\$145 per night for a DELUX Studio
Apartment with Kitchenette.*

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Interesting Facts

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have *'the rule of thumb'*

Many years ago in Scotland a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden' .and thus, the word **GOLF** entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can, but women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: - **Alaska**

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%. The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven is **\$16,400**

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour is **61,000**

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter was **Tom Sawyer**.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

- ♠ Spades - *King David*
- ♥ Hearts - *Charlemagne*
- ♣ Clubs -*Alexander, the Great*
- ♦ Diamonds - *Julius Caesar*

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase, *'Goodnight, sleep tight'*

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as *the honeymoon*.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.' It's where we get the phrase *'mind your P's and Q's'*

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. *'Wet your whistle'* is the phrase inspired by this practice.

A Cardiologist's Funeral

A very prestigious cardiologist died, and was given a very elaborate funeral by the hospital he worked for most of his life. A huge heart covered in flowers stood behind the casket during the service as all the doctors from the hospital sat in awe. Following the eulogy, the heart opened, and the casket rolled inside. The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever. At that point, one of the mourners just burst into laughter. When all eyes stared at him, he said, 'I am so sorry, I was just thinking of my own funeral; I'm a gynecologist.

Golf Balls

A man entered the bus with both of his front pockets full of golf balls and sat down next to a beautiful (you guessed it) blonde. The puzzled blonde kept looking at him and his bulging pockets.

Finally, after many such glances from her, he said, "It's golf balls."

Nevertheless, the blonde continued to look at him for a very long time, deeply thinking about what he had said. After several minutes, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked, "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

Murphy's Top Laws of Computing

1. When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
2. When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
3. The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you'd least expect to find it.
4. When the going gets tough, upgrade.
5. For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction

Interesting Questions & Answers

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day