



The weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc

District 9690, NSW Australia

Strathfield Rotary News



Executive 2010 / 11 - President Peter Smith
Secretary Roger Vince **Treasurer** Keith Stockall

September is
Generations Month

WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

The President's Column

Last week: Our guest speaker last week was **Cate Robinson** who spoke to us about her visit to Iceland, following the GSE Team visit to Nova Scotia, in May this year. Please read Ian Johnson's Speaker Notes elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Cate will be back again in a few weeks - when she and the GSE Team will visit us to report on their Nova Scotia/Newfoundland trip on 27 October. We have invited the Rotary clubs of Breakfast Point, Burwood and Concord to the meeting - and indications are that it will be a well attended joint meeting. Burwood Rotary have made our evening a "transfer" meeting so we are hopeful of over 20 Burwood members will be able to attend.

Meriden Interact: We are also pleased to welcome the committee of Meriden Interact to the club - Amy Duong (President), Tanya Mankarios (VP) Christine Yangoyan (Secretary) and Salima Jirani (Treasurer). The committee was accompanied by their teacher and Interact Coordinator Ms Karinne Bedingfield. All the girls spoke of their year's activities which included a wonderful wall mural at Chambers Road School - and of course their tremendous efforts in raising \$3,000 to enable the purchase of three Shelter Boxes. I was humbled to accept their cheque on behalf of ShelterBox Australia.

This week: Our guest speaker this week was to be **Peter Wilson** who was to talk to us about the Rotary Emergency Service Recognition

Awards. However, Peter had his own emergency and has had to reluctantly cancel. However, we have rescheduled Peter as our guest speaker on October 20.

So tonight, while unscheduled, will be a fellowship evening - and with some encouragement we may have some (voluntary) job talks.

Resignation/LOA: Darrell Slater, due to increased work commitments, has had to resign as Club Service Director effective as from 1 October 2010. Darrell will also be on Leave of Absence until 31 December for the same reason. He has the club speaker and activity program well advanced - in fact except for some short term problems the calendar is booked right up until 31 March. Darrell has done a great job in the short time he has been a Director and his energy and expertise will be enormously missed. While Darrell will be on LOA for some 3 months he does hope to attend our meetings from time to time.

Pakistan - Overseas Disaster Resources:

Sharon Bond, our ADG, has advised that Overseas Disaster Resources (who are well known to both Padstow and Revesby Wirrimbirra clubs through their recycled shoes/clothing program) are sending disaster relief containers to Pakistan.

ODR are a well respected agency who operate out of a complex in Mascot which was donated by Sydney City Council, they work closely with Qantas and use storage facilities provided a Parramatta Goal.

With the help of a government grant and sponsorship from several multinational companies Disaster Resources has already sent five containers - and is looking for finance to be able to send one more. The shipping and associated cost of each container is \$4,000.

Our Zone (Burwood, Concord, Breakfast Point, Padstow and Revesby Wirrimbirra) has been asked to join together and sponsor a container as a joint project. So far Burwood, Concord and Revesby have indicated that they will contribute either \$500 or \$1,000 depending on their club size.

We have been challenged to match their contribution.

Cowboy logic: "Doing nothing is very hard to do, because you never know when your finished"

President Pete

DIRECTORS NOTICES / REPORTS

BOARD REPORTS:

The Board met on 21 September 2010 and dealt with the following matters:

- 1) **Treasurer** advised that 15 members still have to pay their semi annual dues.
- 2) **Weekly program** organized until 31/3/2011 including a possible Ten Pin evening in January, a trip to Care Flight on 9 March and a club membership night on 23 March
- 3) **Strathfield Spring Fair** on 24 October being organized by Suzanne Freund and Bradley Ayres – volunteers needed. So far only 8 members have put their hand up to help in the 4 X 2 hour time slots.
- 4) **Ranfurley Library** – book donations still being sought
- 5) **RYPEN** – letter of appreciation received from parent regarding recent visit to Blue Gum Lodge
- 6) **RYLA** – looking for 4 nominations for next years program.
- 7) **Meriden Interact** – new 2010-2011 Board voted in recently. Changeover on 19 October – DG Marilyn attending.
- 8) **Rotary Foundation/PHF Awards** – a spreadsheet of awards and funds provided has been received for reconciliation. All-Time Giving, by Strathfield Rotary, totals \$85,391. Spreadsheet is available for review.
- 9) **Membership** – a report was tabled with details of attendance since 1st of July. Non-apologies remain a concern.
- 10) **General Business:** 40th Anniversary, Insurance, District Golf day, Format of Newsletter, Club Builder Award, New Orleans Banner.

Last Week's Speaker – Cate Robinson

Speakers Notes – by Ian Johnson

Our guest speaker was Cate Robinson. Cate was a member of the GSE team that went to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland in May this year. Cate was nominated as a team member by our Club. Cate spoke to us about her trip to Iceland which she made after the GSE was completed. Cate was introduced by Trevor Duxbury.

Cate spent just over a week travelling around Iceland with a group of ten- nine Australian women and one British male. Cate showed us many of the photos she had taken on her trip. As

a geography teacher Cate found Iceland to be fascinating.

At the start of her trip Cate saw craters (which she was assured were not active), recently formed lava fields and geothermal power stations.

Cate went for a swim whilst in Iceland but it was a short one as the water was freezing. In the North of the country there was 24 hours of sunlight each day. Sunset was soon followed by sunrise. Cate used eye patches to help her sleep.

Cate showed us a photo of large timber racks that are used for drying fish. Cate also told us about the large pipes carrying hot water to the capital Reykjavik. When using the water Cate found it to have a strong sulphur smell and to be "a bit slimy".

Travelling down the East coast Cate was impressed by the fiords and the low clouds blowing in from the ocean. It reminded Cate of the West coast of the South Island of New Zealand.

Cate advised us that the volcano that recently erupted in Iceland, resulting in the cancelation of all European flights, has a big sister which is also expected to erupt soon.

Cate advised us that the most common motor vehicle is a very large four wheel drive suitable for driving on glaciers and the rough off road terrain.

After answering members questions Cate was thanked by Ian Johnson.

COMMITMENT SHEETS:

Kevin Freund—Strathfield Spring Fair BBQ (24/10)
 Paolo Giammarco—Oncology Foundation Bike Ride
 Ted Ingall—District Conference, Bathurst (18-20/03/2011)

Diary

Meeting Date	Topic	Guest Speaker
29 September	Fellowship night	Member participation
06 October	Etiquette in Business	Treska Roden
13 October	Operation Open Heart	Hayden Dando
20 October	Rotary Emergency Service Recognition Awards	Rtn. Peter Wilson
27 October	GSE Team Report Nova Scotia / Newfoundland	Team Leader: David Ross

Rosters

Meeting date	Attendance	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank Guest Speaker	Fellowship
29 September	Angelo Franco	Speaker Cancelled		
06 October	Freund, Kevin	Johnson, Ian	Isouard, Godfrey	Beltrame, Kevin
13 October	Hallworth, George	Kamkolkar, Anuradha	Johnson, Ian	Chaudhry, Naveed
20 October	Ingall, Ted	Kennan, Neil	Kamkolkar, Anuradha	Duxbury, Trevor
27 October	Isouard, Godfrey	Ingall, Ted	Kennan, Neil	Franco, Angelo

	Event	For Information
16/10/2010	District PR / Membership Conference	Peter Smith
24/10/2010	Strathfield Spring Fair	Bradley Ayres & Suzanne Freund
26/10/2010	District Golf Championships	Ray Wilson & Nial King
11/12/2010	Carols in the Park	Bradley Ayres
18—20/3/2011	District Conference	Ted Ingall
4/5/2011	40th Anniversary Celebrations	Harley Tarrant
1/7/2011	Changeover	Trevor Duxbury, Peter Smith

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Keith Byrn 24th September
 Joe Saad 29th September

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Last Meeting Statistics

Attendance: 27 Rotarians **Visitors:** Meriden Interact (5) and guest speaker **Total:** 36
Attendance: 46% **Raffle:** \$166 **Sergeant:** \$ 62

Apologies Received: (6) Raymond McCluskie, Ray Wilson, Janelle Watson, Godfrey Isouard, David Martin and Terry Rohan

Non-apologies:

Leave of Absence: (8) Warren Abbott, Keith Byrn, Shirley Del Prado, George Hallworth, George Helou, Allan Petersen, Doug Potter and Darrell Slater

Apologies Notice: Apologies or guests to **Rtn Eric KHU** or phone 02 9746 0397

Rotary News

R otary Membership by Country - as at 30 June 2010					
Country	Members	Clubs	Members	+/-	%
	30/06/2009		30/06/2010		30/06/2010
Australia	33,680	1,139	33,188	-492	-1.46%
Papua New Guinea	173	13	201	28	16.18%
Solomon Islands	34	2	40	6	17.65%
Timor Leste	15	1	9	-6	-40.00%
ZONE 8	33,902	1,155	33,438	-464	-1.37%
New Zealand	9,365	242	9,194	-171	-1.83%
New Caledonia	83	3	94	11	13.25%
Norfolk Island	20	1	18	-2	-10.00%
Vanuatu	33	2	30	-3	-9.09%
American Samoa	21	1	20	-1	-4.76%
Cook Islands	25	1	29	4	16.00%
Fiji	227	9	229	2	0.88%
French Polynesia	100	5	91	-9	-9.00%
Kiribati	20	1	19	-1	-5.00%
Tonga	24	1	18	-6	-25.00%
Samoa	27	2	27	0	0.00%
ZONE 7b	9945	268	9769	-176	-1.77%
World	1,234,527	34,103	1,227,563	-6,964	-0.56%

The Old and the New

It is Sunday morning and I am attempting to organise myself for another week of Rotary. In the course of this and in my research (Rotary blogs) I discovered an old club Bulletin from WA - which contained the following:

What kind of Rotarian are you?

1. SOME ARE LIKE WHEELBARROWS – no good unless pushed
2. SOME ARE LIKE TRAILERS – no good unless pulled
3. SOME ARE LIKE CANOES – they need to be paddled
4. SOME ARE LIKE KITES – if you don't keep a string on them, they will flay away
5. SOME ARE LIKE BALLOONS – full of wind and are likely to blow up unless handled carefully
6. SOME ARE LIKE A GOOD WATCH – open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works!

How did you score? It is a self test.

My appreciation to the bulletin editor of a bygone year - who also probably stole it from another club bulletin!

Make up Options:

100% Attendance is a challenge which is easily attained in your Rotary membership. If you cannot make it to a regular club meeting, try one of the following options. You have 14 days either side of your regular club meeting to make up. Don't forget to let the attendance desk know when you are next at a meeting.

24/7 eClub One <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>
Monday Burwood (pm), Concord (pm), Bankstown (pm)
Tuesday Granville (pm), Padstow (pm), Blacktown City (pm)
Wednesday Prospect (am), Liverpool Greenway (Lunch)
Thursday Breakfast Point (am)
Friday Parramatta Daybreak (am)
Anytime Rotary Club Activities and Board Meetings

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. AMEN,

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