



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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



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Wednesday, 24 October 2012

October is Vocational Service Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Tonight we welcome, Meriden School and St Patrick's College who will be debating the topic "The new media, in particular the social media, is a dangerous communication tool" with PDG Paul Sarks from Burwood Club as the adjudicator. We look forward to hearing what they have to tell us.

From Meriden, who are the affirmative, the team is Anna Fletcher, Katherine Shliapnikoff, Verity Plimsoll-Kanakova, and Anagha Bidkar (only 3 will be debating); and

From St Patrick's College, who are the negative, the team is Calvin Li, Jeremy Dang, and Lachlan Good.

RAY'S PUTTS

What a great night we had last week with Clarrie Edwards revisiting and shared with us memories as a past Mayor of Strathfield and provided us with some history and background of the municipality. Clarrie served on Strathfield Council from March 1973 to September 1983. He was elected Mayor of Strathfield for seven consecutive years from 1977 to 1983. Clarrie was introduced by Roger Vince and thanked by Peter Vince.



Clarrie Edwards (2nd from right) with some of his "Strathfield Rotary Friends"

Trevor Duxbury introduced Les Westerweller from Delta Society Australia, who told us about the Society's work which focuses on using dogs to comfort the sick in hospitals and aged care facilities, develop more confident children, teach children about dog safety, and promote reward based training methods to develop happy and contented pets. Attention from a dog can brighten your day, make you feel loved and, as has been scientifically proven, improve your overall health and wellbeing. We then had a special visit from Trevor's daughter Alison and her dog Koda, both of whom were appreciated by all present.

President Ray



Alison & Trevor Duxbury with Koda

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

18 October Pauline Khu

Anniversaries

21 October Bill & Mira Carney

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Meeting Statistics Last Week	17/10/2012
Members	31
Apologies	9
Silent - non apologies	8
LOA	2
85'ers	3
	53
Guests:	
Guests	4
Rotarian Partners	2
Total attendance on the night	37
Raffle	\$260.00
Sergeant	\$158.20
	\$418.20

Apologies:

Godfrey Isouard, Eric Khu, Joseph Kim, Ian Johnson, Peter Manenti, David Croft. Rod McDougall, Paul Giammarco and Romolo Adorno.

Last Week's Meeting Announcements

President Ray Reminded members of the next member restaurant evening on Thursday 25 October, to be held at the *Bakehouse Garden Korean BBQ*

11 George Street North Strathfield. Those intending to attend should contact Secretary Joe Saad or President Ray via telephone or email.

New Generations Service Director *Allan Teale* will meet with his committee members on Wednesday 24 October 2012, commencing at 8.00pm

Future committee members will be:

Vocational Service – David Martin Wednesday 31 October 2012 commencing at 8.00pm

Club Service – Rod Rimes Wednesday 7 November 2012 commencing at 8.00pm

International Service – Anuradha Kamkolkar
Wednesday 21 Nov 2012 commencing at 8.00pm

Please do your best to attend your meeting but if you are unable to attend, advise your respective Director.

David Martin confirmed Pride of Workmanship awards will be held on 21 November and distributed nomination forms with a request for members to submit nominations as soon as possible.

Allan Teale announced RYLA will again be held in January and requested members to nominate nominees between 18 and 25 years of age.

Peter Smith announced the Volunteer Exhibition Minders required for Year 12 HSC Art Exhibition, Wednesday 5 December to Monday 10 December at Strathfield Town hall

Council is seeking Volunteer Exhibition Minders for the upcoming Year 12 HSC Art Exhibition. This is a local community event, with participation from our local high schools, and sponsorship from local businesses.

Rostered shifts will be allocated in 2-hour blocks over the course of the exhibition – with 2-3 people will be allocated to each shift.

Shifts are: 10am -12pm, 12pm – 2pm and 2pm – 4pm

Expression of Interest Forms will be circulated at meeting tonight (24/10/12)

Kevin Freund again circulated commitment sheet to assist with Meriden students attending RYDA on Wednesday 31 October.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
24/10/2012	<i>Schools Debate – Meriden School & St Patricks College</i>
31/10/2012	<i>Derek Frere – Why do planes fly over Strathfield?</i>
7/11/2012	<i>TBA</i>
14/11/2012	<i>Strathfield SES</i>
21/11/2012	<i>TBA</i>
28/11/2012	<i>Club Assembly</i>

<i>Future Club</i>	<i>Meetings (cont'd)</i>
5/12/2012	AGM
12/12/2012	Rotary Christmas Party
19/12/2012	Children's Christmas Party

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
25/10/2012	Restaurant Night - Bakehouse Garden Korean BBQ 11 George Street North Strathfield
27/10/2012	BBQ – Homebush West Public School
31/10/2012	RYDA at Penrith Regatta Centre – Meriden School
Friday Night 2/11/2012	Cheese and Wine tasting Cibo & Cibo Deli 7 Cave Road, South Strathfield
21/11/2012	Pride of Workmanship Awards
8/12/2012	Candles in the Park Strathfield Park
9/1/2013 (TBC)	Croquet Club Evening
16/1/2013	Fellowship Dinner
30/1/2013	Normal Meeting format recommence
28/2/2013	Ray Wilson – Golf Day

WORLD POLIO DAY 24/10 a day to remember

Every year on 24 October, people around the world shine a spotlight on the importance of global eradication.

The global eradication of poliomyelitis is a PUBLIC HEALTH effort to eliminate all cases of POLIOMYELITIS (polio) infection around the world. The global effort, begun in 1988 and led by the WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, UNICEF and THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, has reduced the number of annual DIAGNOSED cases from the hundreds of thousands to around a

thousand. If polio is the next disease to be successfully ERADICATED, this will represent only the third time this has ever been achieved, after SMALLPOX and RINDERPEST. The goal of eradicating worldwide polio has attracted international and media attention, but since 2001 progress has been erratic in reducing the number of cases, which has led to getting rid of the last 1% being described as "like trying to squeeze Jell-O to death."^[3] However, in 2011 incidence rates of the disease were dramatically reduced, and with after large reduction again in 2012, hopes for eliminating polio have been rekindled. The REPUBLIC OF INDIA is the newest country to successfully eradicate Polio.

World Polio Day brings people together to remember the birth of DR. JONAS SALK, the man who led the first team to develop a vaccine against polio.

It was the development of this vaccine, and its successor oral polio vaccine, that enabled the world to embark on an ambitious journey – the ERADICATION OF POLIO.

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World Polio Day is an opportunity for the polio eradication community to renew its promise to future generations. Now that 99% of the work is done, and most children born today live free of the threat of polio, it is more important than ever that the entire world remains committed to the disease's eradication.

On World Polio Day, we think of the many children who have been paralysed by polio this year, who would be walking today if polio had been eradicated.

We also think of the many, many volunteers who help to vaccinate children in the field. They are the true heroes of this effort. They often have to dodge bullets in the conflict areas where they operate; they dive into the toughest urban slums in the world and track under sweltering sun. This is foreign aid at its most heroic.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is supported mainly by the WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF.

District Ambassadorial Scholar to speak at Rotary Club of Burwood, Monday 10th December.

PDG. David Cook supported a young lady to be an Ambassadorial Scholar to New York University during his year as Governor. Kate Cornford had been a Rotaractor for seven years and had previously been involved as a member of Interact and, as both a participant and leader, at District 9690 RYLA. A brilliant student, Kate undertook a Masters in Law (International Legal Studies), specializing in human rights and the law of conflict. Kate was selected by the Dean to speak on behalf of all the students at the NYU Law Faculty's Graduation Ceremony in May. Since then Kate has undertaken an International Law & Human Rights Fellowship at Interights in London and currently an internship at Volterra Fietta who are the world's first public international law firm, also London based. Kate will return to Australia in December to make arrangements for her wedding at the end of January. On Monday 10th December, (the day she arrives home) Kate will speak about the opportunities that Rotary has given her at Burwood Rotary's meeting. It will be a partner's night and all District Rotarians and their partners are invited to attend. It would also be an ideal opportunity to bring young people to be encouraged in how they can develop their lives through becoming part of the Family of Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Burwood meets at Burwood RSL Club, Shaftsbury Road Burwood (1st Floor) at 6.00pm for 6.30pm start. Cost is \$25.

Please advise attendance to David Wright 8094 8668 or davidwright@live.com.au by Thursday 6th December.

Thought for the Week:

"Never look down on anyone unless you're helping them up."

This year, the Interact program marks its 50th anniversary.

The first Interact club was chartered 5 November 1962 at Melbourne High School, Florida, USA, a few months after the program was approved by the Rotary International Board of Directors. The club and its 39 charter members were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

Interact's name is a combination of "international" and "action." Interact clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Interact is open to young men and women, ages 12-18.

The following are a few historic facts and firsts:

- On 14 January 1963, the Interact Club of St. Peter's High School became the first Interact club outside the United States. It was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, and India.
- The first club in Africa was chartered 20 September 1963 at H.H. Aga Khan High School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mombasa, Kenya.
- The Interact program grew to 290 clubs in 25 countries and geographical areas within its first year.
- In January 2010, the RI Board of Directors lowered the minimum age from 14 to 12.
- In 2011, there were 13,500 Interact clubs in 138 countries and geographical areas.