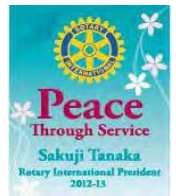




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

September is New Generations month - emphasising Rotary's commitment to youth.

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Tonight we welcome Joan Wells, Rotary Club of Padstow, who will provide us with information in respect of the District Conference in March 2013.

RAY'S PUTTS

Those of us who attended last week enjoyed the humour and wit of Graeme Johnson, Bush Poet. He kept members engaged by encouraging a little bit of audience participation, I enjoyed him very much. Graeme was introduced by Charles Pitt and thanked by Roger Vince.

Last Sunday the Rotary Club of Strathfield in partnership with Strathfield Council participated in 'Graffiti Removal Day". A team of 11 members worked with Council staff in removing graffiti in and around the shopping precinct in Rochester Street Homebush. I wish to acknowledge and thank the following members who participated and contributed their time on Sunday morning to the community ; Peter Smith, Andrew Kowalski, David Martin, Grahame True, Ian Johnson, Keith Stockall, Kevin Freund, Suzanne Freund, Peter Manenti and Rod McDougall.

President Ray

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

22 September Arthur Crossan
24 September Keith Byrn

Anniversaries

Ian and Fiona Johnson

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Meeting Statistics Last Week	19/09/2012
Members	23
Apologies	18
Silent - non apologies	7
LOA	2
85'ers	3
	53
Guests:	
	5
Rotarian Partners	nil
Total attendance on the night	28
Raffle	\$190.00
Sergeant	\$102.40
	\$292.40

Apologies:

Angelo Franco, Peter Revelos, Ray McCluskie, Godfrey Isouard, Connie Galletta, Paul White, Emmanuel Vatalis, Peter Foss, Peter Revelos, Romolo Adorna, Trevor Duxbury, Ted Ingall, Eric Khu, Rod Rimes, Adrian Risi, Allan Teale, Umesh Kamkolkar, Peter van der Sleen and Stephen Taylor.

Last Week's Meeting Announcements

Ray Wilson reminded members of the restaurant fellowship evening to be held 25 September at the Buddha Ruska Thai Restaurant. A commitment sheet was circulated and Ray will receive verbal acceptances up to Monday afternoon.

Joe Saad reported two items of correspondence from Police Legacy and Shelterbox, expressing appreciation for recent donations received from our club.

Peter Smith outlined background to the Graffiti Removal Day on 23 September and provided further details in respect of time and place and outlined suitable clothing to be worn.

Kevin Freund advised that Meriden students will be attending RYDA at Penrith on 31 October and foreshadowed he will be looking for approximately 6 members to assist on the day.

Raffle Winners

Therese Saad
David Martin
Andrew Kowalski
Grahame True

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
3/10/2012	<i>Mark Anns – Psychology of Retirement</i>
10/10/2012	<i>Warwick Giblin – Coal Seam Gas</i>
17/10/2012	TBA
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>Clarrie Edwards Reminisces</i>
14/11/2012	<i>Strathfield SES</i>

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
27/10/2012	<i>BBQ – Homebush West Public School</i>
8/12/2012	<i>Candles in the Park Strathfield Park</i>



Youth to benefit from Rotary’s Leadership Residential

“Youth today are the community leaders of tomorrow” and that is why some 70 young men and women will be given an all-expense paid, away from home, week of intensive leadership training by local Rotary Clubs during January 2013. The Program of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) has benefited over 2000 young people in the local Rotary District since its inception in the late 1960s.

This year the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards residential seminar will be held from Saturday 12th January until Saturday 19th January 2013 at Blue Gum Lodge, located in Springwood in the Lower Blue Mountains.

Are you aware of a young person over the age of 18 years who could benefit? from a Rotary leadership seminar?

Nominations are needed now !

Closing shortly.

For more information contact New Generations Director Allan Teale

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Strathfield Rotary Cleans Up!



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT
96902013 CONFERENCE 15TH - 17TH
MARCH 2013**

CONFERENCES ARE A TIME TO CELEBRATE AND SHOWCASE OUR ACHIEVEMENTS; THEY ARE A TIME TO HEAR INSPIRATIONAL ADDRESSES AND TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT ROTARY. THEY ARE ALSO AN IMPORTANT TIME OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL ROTARIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

YOUR CONFERENCE IN 2013 WILL BE SPECIAL; SPECIAL BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW IT IS OUR FINALE AND WE HAVE FORTY YEARS OF INCREDIBLE SERVICE TO CELEBRATE. WE LIKE TO GO AWAY FOR A WEEKEND AND WE LIKE TO DRESS UP AND HAVE FUN SO TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE FROM YOUR "FAMILY OF ROTARY" INCLUDING ALL PAST AND PRESENT ROTARIANS, PDG'S AND PARTNERS, PARTNERS OF PDG'S, YEP & GSE ALUMNI CAN JOIN US WE ARE GOING TO THE CUBE, A WORLD CLASS AND STATE OF THE ART CONFERENCE CENTRE IN MACARTHUR, FAR ENOUGH TO BE AWAY BUT NOT TOO FAR SO THAT EVERYONE CAN BE THERE.

THE WEEKEND WILL START FOR THE GOLFERS AT THE CAMPBELLTOWN GOLF CLUB ON FRIDAY MORNING. FOR THE NON-GOLFERS, START THE CONFERENCE AT GLEDSDOOD WINERY FOR LUNCH AND EARLY REGISTRATION BEFORE HEADING FOR YOUR HOTEL AND ATTENDING THE FRIDAY NIGHT PLENARY SESSION AT THE CUBE.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WE WILL CONFERENCE IN TRUE DISTRICT 9690 STYLE WITH INSPIRATIONAL PRESENTATIONS, GREAT ROTARY CONTENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECOGNITION OF OUR CLUBS' ACHIEVEMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.

OUR THEME FOR SATURDAY NIGHT IS "A NIGHT OF STARS". YOU ARE THE STARS, SO LET YOUR IMAGINATIONS RUN RIOT AND COME DRESSED TO CELEBRATE.

MACARTHUR IS SPECIAL TO OUR COUNTRY AND STEEPED IN HISTORY AND FOLKLORE. TAKE A SIDE TRIP AND VISIT AN HISTORICAL HOME, ENJOY A QUIET MOMENT AT THE JAPANESE GARDENS OR ENJOY A COFFEE OR TEA AFTER VISITING THE ARTS CENTRE, A PLACE OF INNOVATIVE AND VISUAL ARTS. PAMPER YOURSELVES OR GET SOME EXERCISE AT THE FITNESS CENTRE AND FOR THE BEER CONNOISSEUR SAMPLE THE BOUTIQUE BREWERY AT RYDGES HOTEL.

**ROTARY CLUBS AROUND THE GLOBE HAVE
MANY THINGS IN COMMON, INCLUDING A
COMMITMENT TO SERVICE. ALL YEAR
LONG, CLUBS ARE TAKING ACTION TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR
COMMUNITIES.**

AUSTRALIA

LAST YEAR, FLOODING IN CAMBODIA KILLED 247 PEOPLE AND DISPLACED MORE THAN 200,000 FAMILIES. AS FLOODWATERS RECEDED, DISEASES SUCH AS CHOLERA AND DENGUE FEVER EMERGED. THE ROTARY CLUBS OF ELTHAM, AUSTRALIA, AND PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, COORDINATED THE DISTRIBUTION OF AQUABOXES – TANKS THAT CAN PURIFY UP TO 290 GALLONS OF CONTAMINATED WATER – TO FAMILIES, MEDICAL CENTERS, AND SCHOOLS.

CANADA

MALARIA, TUBERCULOSIS, HIV/AIDS, AND ILLNESSES CAUSED BY LACK OF SANITATION HAVE DEVASTATED MANY VILLAGES IN SOUTH AFRICA. IN RURAL HLUVUKANI, THE NONPROFIT KUNAVELELA COMMUNITY PROJECT MAINTAINS A COMMUNAL GARDEN TO HELP NOURISH RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY DISEASE. LAST YEAR, THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOWEN ISLAND, B.C., PLEDGED TO RAISE FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A WINDMILL, WATER TANKS, AND A BASIC IRRIGATION SYSTEM TO SUPPORT THE GARDEN. BOWEN ISLAND CLUB MEMBERS, WORKING WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF BURNABY, B.C., RAISED MORE THAN US\$12,000, AND THE VILLAGE NOW HAS A RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY.

ENGLAND

DURING AN EVENT AT ST GEORGE'S HOUSE, WINDSOR CASTLE, 2011-12 RI PRESIDENT KALYAN BANERJEE SPOKE ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE FIGHT AGAINST POLIO. THE OCCASION WAS A CHARITY DINNER CELEBRATING A FULL YEAR WITHOUT A CASE OF THE DISEASE IN INDIA. GUESTS INCLUDED BRITISH HOME SECRETARY THERESA MAY AND IAN MACFADYEN, CONSTABLE AND GOVERNOR OF WINDSOR CASTLE. BBC MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT FERGUS WALSH, WHO TRAVELED TO INDIA IN FEBRUARY FOR A SERIES ON THE POLIO ERADICATION CAMPAIGN, WAS THE EVENT'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER.