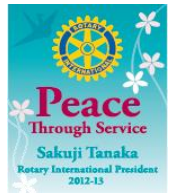




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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Wednesday, 29 May 2013

May is International Convention Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING



**28 Pomeroy St
Homebush, NSW, 2140**

The purpose of our transfer meeting tonight is to see firsthand the equipment donated by our Club and facilities, capability and projects of the Mens Shed.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

It was a great pleasure to have Damien Tudehope visit and speak to us.

Whilst Damian had a strong connection with Strathfield and with some of our members on a personal and professional level, he also provided us with a great insight into the life of a Chief of Staff for the NSW Attorney General as well as some of the activities of the Attorney - General's Department.

Announcements Last Week:

President Ray Wilson
A number of Commitment Sheets were circulated:

- BBQ at Bunnings Lidcombe 25 May (7.00 AM to 5.00 PM)

- Salvation Army Red Shield appeal 26 May.
- Men's shed 29 May – opportunity to see wood working machine donated by the club.
- Visit to Alvaro's in Bowral 2 June.
- Korean night 12 June

PP Joe Saad

- Final request for "Service above Self Award" nominations.
- Letter of thanks from the "Parkinson's Big Ride"

Anuradha Kamkolkar

- Reminder and encouragement to attend the "Korean Night" on 12 June. It will be a great night with lots of good food and good raffle prizes.

Chris Virgona

- Breakfast fund raiser at Santa Sabina on 5 June at 7.30 a.m. RSVP required, contact Chris Virgona.

Allan Teale

- The last District 9690 RYPEN camp was held 17 – 19 May with a total of 64 students attending. It was so successful it took 1 ½ hours to close the camp down and for all students to depart. Our club sponsored 2 students from Homebush Boys High and 2 from Meriden.

Our Club was active over the last weekend with some members more active than others.



President Ray “cooking up a storm”

On Saturday we had a long but a very successful day at Bunnings Lidcombe cooking and selling 400 plus sausages. Cooking started at 7.00 a.m. concluding with a customer buying the last 2 sausages at 4.15 p.m.

Feedback from Paul Woolfe, Complex Manager Bunnings Lidcombe,

“It was a pleasure having Rotary here today to run the community BBQ”.

*Regards,
Paul Woolfe*

President Ray wishes to thank those members who gave their time to make it happen.



Bradley Ayres and his “little helper”



Janelle Watson rehearsing her cabaret routine for changeover night



Kathy Beresford, Keith Stockall, Kevin Freund Bradley Ayres and Allan Teale “posing” for customers



Kevin Freund, Janelle Watson & Suzanne Freund enjoying “time out”

On Sunday some members participated in many ways with the Salvation Army Red Shield appeal.

23 Rotarians and their partners were all fully active – either as drivers on the day and/or in backroom activities. The collection result for Strathfield area as at Monday was just over \$23,000. I'm sure PP Peter Smith will provide an update on the Strathfield result when finalised.

Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

Nil

Anniversaries

31 May David & Margaret Croft

Rotary Anniversaries

1 June Joe Saad, Allan Teale and
Connie Galletta
3 June David Martin

Thoughts for the Week:

As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it ... or... leave it.

And

I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific.

CLUB STATISTICS	22/05/2013
Members	26
Apologies	10
Silent - no apologies	8
LOA	5
85'ers	2
	51
Partners	0
Guests	13
TOTAL ON NIGHT:	39
Make-Ups:	
Suzanne Freund	1
Raffle	\$260.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$149.25
	\$409.25

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
5/6/2013	<i>Fellowship evening – “State of Origin”</i>
12/6/2013	<i>Partners Night – “Korean Banquet” \$35 p/p</i>
19/6/2013	<i>Trivia Night</i>
29/6/2013 (Saturday)	<i>Club Changeover night Strathfield Golf Club 6.30 PM for 7.00 pm)</i>

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
2/6/2013	<i>BBQ Lunch with Domenico & Joanne Alvaro 1 Kimberley Drive Bowral (from 11.00 a.m.)</i>

**ANTIQUES &
COLLECTABLES FAIR**

The Rotary Club of Springwood, Inc



*Springwood High School
Grose Road, Faulconbridge*

Admission \$7.00

Saturday 1st June 2013 9am - 4pm	Sunday 2nd June 2013 10am - 3pm
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ALL ITEMS FOR SALE

Wide range of fine estate, period and costume jewellery, English and Australian furniture, sterling silver, precious gold, fine porcelain, glass and crystal, linen, clocks, prints and many other interesting collectables.

Enquiries may be phoned to Valda: 02 4751 8277 or Ross: 0414 279 805

Strathfield past president and current president of Springwood Rotary, Peter Kilkeary, has extended an invitation to his club's annual antiques fair. A successful event each year, the fair is definitely worth a visit - just to browse and appreciate the many fine pieces for sale. Contact Valda on 02 4751 8277 or Ross on 0414 279 805 for details.



Microcredit program helps small businesses in Northern Illinois

[Rotary International May 15, 2013](#)



Judy Zabielski (left) and Laura Mueller, co-owners of Acacia Organics, in Barrington, Illinois, USA, benefitted from a microloan provided by the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club.

By Narayan Murarka, chair of the microcredit committee for the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club, Barrington, Illinois, USA

For several years, microcredit projects have been helping eliminate poverty by providing small loans to poor women in developing countries. But the need isn't always overseas. Sometimes, it's a lot closer to home.

My club launched a program in 2010 that focuses on small businesses in our area which are facing a short-term credit challenge. We have provided financing to several businesses in the last three years, some of which have matured and been paid back in full with interest.

Here is testimony from one small business, which needed help last fall to restock their store shelves with specialty gift items like lotions, soaps, and candles for the Christmas season.

"We sold pretty much everything we brought in," said Judy Zabielski, co-owner of Acacia Organics, which specializes in health, wellness, nutrition, and beauty. "(The financing) was timely to fill our store with healthy gifts. The personal care they showed us was so touching and we are very appreciative that they are helping to spread the word about our valuable services."

We started our program with businesses in the local Barrington area but have now extended it to the area served by Rotary District 6440 (Illinois, USA). A limited number of loans (maximum amount of US\$5,000) are granted at modest interest rate (prime plus two points) with full expectation of payback. It is exclusively for entrepreneurial activity – not personal consumption (such as food, rent, medical expenses etc.).

The working capital for the program was raised through the generous support from our local community foundation, banks, businesses and individual Rotarians.

Our motivation is to provide opportunity – not charity – for people who wish to start or expand an income generating business venture by offering seed money in the form of a loan. This project is about *helping those who are trying to help themselves*. It addresses and responds to the entrepreneurial spirit of individuals who need a helping hand.

A key difference between our loans and a normal bank loan is that once the credit is granted, our club assigns a club member to serve as a mentor. The mentor will frequently talk with the loan recipient, assess progress, and offer advice or support as appropriate.

Through Rotary, we can help others, strengthen local economies, and make our communities stronger.