



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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JULY - Literacy Month & the New Rotary Year Begins

TONIGHT'S MEETING

"Air Disaster Canberra"

Andrew Tink – Author

The plane crash that destroyed a Government Canberra's most fatal disaster took place in 1940, when a recently imported Lockheed Hudson bomber crashed on its approach to the aerodrome, killing all on board. Among the passengers were three cabinet ministers in the Menzies government: James Fairbairn, Geoffrey Street and Henry Gullett.

The three dead men were some of Robert Menzies' closest supporters in the cabinet. As well as being a personal loss and a blow to the war effort, the crash helped undermine his insecure prime ministership.

Andrew was educated at Sydney Grammar School. He competed in sailing, for Australia against New Zealand, in the 1967 Interdominion Cherub Championships. During 1970-1971, Andrew was an exchange student at Los Altos High School, in Silicon Valley, California. There he was elected vice-president of the student body, later becoming president. Andrew graduated as a Bachelor of Arts (1975) and Bachelor of Laws (1977) from the Australian National University where he was senior tutor at John XXIII College in 1976.

Andrew represented the seat of Eastwood from 1988 to 1999, and then the seat of Epping from 1999 to 2007,

Before being elected to the New South Wales Parliament, he practiced as a barrister. He is married with two sons.

Andrew will be introduced by PP Peter Smith and a vote of thanks on behalf of members and guests will be provided by PE Allan Teale.

Announcements Last Week

President Suzanne

- Outlined her vision for the year in line with RI theme of "Engage Rotary" and also to focus on Literacy and Numeracy.
- Congratulated and presented PP Peter Smith with "Service above Self" award.
- Facilitated a discussion centered around the topic "Why are you still a Rotarian" and invited several members to tell their story.

Allan Petersen

- Reported items of correspondence
- Visited Angelo Franco in Concord Hospital and advised the meeting of Angelo's progress.

Paul White

- Of the 6 applicants interviewed seeking to attend the National Youth Science Forum 3 were successful, 2 sponsored by our club and 1 sponsored by the district.

David Martin

- Reported on the condition of PP Ray following his recent cochlear implant surgery. Ray was OK and at home but too early to assess results.

PP Steve Taylor

- The 6th annual “Unity Walk” event to raise funds for important research and increase the support services for people living with Parkinson’s, their families and carers will be held at Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday 25 August 2013.

MEETING STATISTICS 3.7.13

Members present	27
Partners	0
Guests	0
	27

Leaves of Absence	0
Apologies	7

No apologies	16
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Make-Ups	
None	0

Raffle	\$155.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$125.60

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
17/7/2013	TBA
24/7/2013	District Governor’s visit. <i>invitations extended to members from Marrickville, Revesby, Wirrimbirra and Bankstown Clubs</i>
31/7/2013	TBA
7/8/2013	Literature Extension Program
14/8/2013	Restaurant Evening Il Locale
21/8/2013	Club Assembly (TBC)
28/8/2013	Police Officer of the Year

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
25/8/2013	Unity walk for Parkinson’s Sydney Olympic Park
1/9/2013	Strathfield Spring Fair Strathfield Park
1/9/2013	Eastern Creek

Sorry there are no congratulations due for birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

Nil

Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil



**RI President Ron Burton: Engage Rotary,
Change Lives**
Posted on July 1, 2013 by Rotary International



RI President Ron Burton addresses Rotarians during the closing plenary of the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. Monika Lozinska/Rotary International

By RI President Ron Burton

I'm looking forward to the 2013-14 Rotary year and the immense and humbling privilege of serving as your Rotary International president. During my presidential year, I'll let you know on the Rotary International president's Facebook page and in blog posts about some of my travels. I hope this will help you experience some of the magic of Rotary.

I have to admit, during my first year as a Rotarian, I almost missed the magic of Rotary. I didn't always care for the food and programs at the weekly club meetings, and I thought I had better ways to spend my time. But then my club president asked me to chair the Rotary Foundation committee. Rotary started changing

for me after that. I found that the more engaged I became in Rotary and the work of The Rotary Foundation, the more I saw the magic of Rotary and how it changed lives. That magic may be a little bit different for each one of us, but it's there for all of us when we really put our hearts into some aspect of Rotary service. For me, my heart is in the Foundation. I feel that every time you donate to the Foundation you're saying, "It's my resource, as a Rotarian; and it's my responsibility." Your new governors already have joined me in this and led by example, with 100 percent of them donating to the Foundation. I thank them for their commitment to Rotary, which they've shown through their donations as well as facing the challenge of inspiring new members to get more involved and learn about the true meaning of Rotary.

When we really engage Rotary, that's when lives change. And, at the end of the day, no matter how many lives you reach out to change, the life that will change the most will be your own.

That's what our theme for 2013-2014 is all about. Engage Rotary, Change Lives.



Matthews begins term as first woman vice president

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary News -- 2 July 2013



Anne L. Matthews, a Rotarian from South Carolina, USA, began her term on 1 July as the first female vice president of Rotary International.

As Rotary clubs continue to promote diversity in their membership, Rotary is marking a milestone. Anne L. Matthews, a Rotarian from South Carolina, USA, began her term on 1 July as the first female vice president of Rotary International.

“Women have contributed significantly to Rotary initiatives, and will continue to do so,” says Matthews, who is also the first woman to serve as both a Rotary Foundation trustee and an RI director. “No doubt, the unfortunate and sometimes misleading image of ‘an old boys’ club’ will be buried for good.

“Whether the job is done by a male or female is immaterial,” she adds. “What is important is that the individual who serves is effective in that role. With that said I am extremely proud to be the first woman vice president and am thankful for the California pioneers who pursued membership of women in Rotary.”

A member of the Rotary Club of Columbia East, Matthews has served Rotary in numerous capacities. In addition to her service as trustee and director, she has been a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, RI president’s representative, lead seminar trainer for the International Assembly, Future Vision Committee member, RI training leader, and district governor.

She is a recipient of Rotary’s Service above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Matthews is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Bequest Society member, Major Donor, and Paul Harris Society member. She has a long and distinguished career outside Rotary as well. President of Matthews and Associates, an educational consulting firm, she has degrees in business, economics, and educational administration, including a doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

She has served as a trustee of Coker College, on the Advisory Education Board of the National Federation of Independent Business, as president of the National Business Education Association, and as a member of the Southern Regional Education Board of Directors for High Schools That Work. She has also served on the board of the Center for Occupational Research and Development in Texas and the Commission on Occupational Education, a national accreditation agency, among others. She is a member of Leadership South Carolina.

Matthews says she began attending Rotary club meetings in 1989, on the recommendation of her minister. It wasn’t long before she became actively involved in her club.