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Meeting Tonight 6.15 for 6.30 pm

## MAY - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION MONTH

### Tonight's Meeting

#### Ice In My Veins -



**Belinda Noonan**

More than 30 years' experience in figure skating as an international athlete, three-time Olympic coach and vastly experienced commentator.

Belinda has skated effortlessly between the demands of competition, coaching and commentary.

As the first Australian woman to win a senior international skating title, as well as the coach of several Olympians and dozens of national champions.

Belinda is also publisher of the Burwood Scene, the community newspaper.

### Last Week —



Sharna Kerr, Meriden Intertact Coordinator and members of the Interact Club told us about their trip to Thailand at the end of the year to continue their work at a local orphanage.



### SPECIAL NOTE:

**After many years Bronte Industries will no longer be accepting apology/guest advices.**

**Please note, for apologies in future, NEW contact details are**

[attendance@strathfieldrotary.org.au](mailto:attendance@strathfieldrotary.org.au)

### **President Suzanne Freund**

President Suzanne welcomed Sharna Kerr and members of the Meriden Interact Club and also Yhanni Anthis from the Tali Gallery.

The Strathfield Rotary Music Festival “Horizon Festival” will be held at the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Strathfield is a unique community with a broad multicultural population and a large number of school age students. In recognition of this, Strathfield Rotary club is organising “the Horizons Music Festival” aimed at showcasing young musicians “on The Horizon and presenting varied musical genres and styles – inviting the community to enjoy a unique local experience – and “Broaden Their Horizon” on what constitutes enjoyable music.

We hope that this event is the first of what might become an annual Rotary event bringing the community together in a relaxed environment at the Australian Catholic University, as it expands each year. In this first year it will be a daytime event, and funds raised will support a variety of Rotary projects including the donation of resources aimed at highlighting Youth Mental Health and Well Being in local schools

We will highlight our exceptional local talent, introduce a line-up of musicians who will present a varied program of musical styles and give everyone a chance to experience a true community event. Bring a blanket or buy some food – free admission – and great entertainment.

Commitment by members to this event is required to assist make it successful.

A large banner for the Music Festival on 24 May 2014 was displayed for the evening.

### **2014 BowelCare Program:**

- **Saturday 26 April to 24 May 2014**  
*Pharmacy Sales (official dates):*
- **Saturday 7 June 2014**
- *Last pharmacy pathology collection*
- **Friday 20 and Saturday 21 June 2014**  
*Return stock to Murray Farm Primary School*

*This year the Guaiac Kit is being used again and the price remains at \$10.00 per kit.*

### **Call for Volunteers**



Rotary Club of Concord need help with Marshals for the 3K Polio walk/run on Saturday morning 31st May. Concord has 4/5 people but it will require about 20 Please circulate your members.

**End Polio Now – Make History Today**  
**3K Walk** during the Rotary Convention in Sydney on Saturday, 31 May.

This is your chance to walk down the historic Olympic boulevard, experience the beautiful parks surrounding Sydney Olympic Park and start and finish the walk at the Olympic Flame Cauldron, all while raising awareness about the fight to end polio. Rotary International President Ron Burton will kick off the walk with a few words of inspiration.

Bring your family and friends, and help kick off the convention with this exciting event!

#### **DETAILS**

**Date: Saturday, 31 May 2014**

**Place: Cathy Freeman Park**

**Start Time: 10.00 am**

**Entry Price: A\$30 per person**

#### **Secretary Allan Petersen**

- Distributed 10 raffle tickets (\$5.00 each) to all members present to sell. More tickets are available as required.

#### **First Prize**



Weekend at Umina Beach in a recently renovated 3 bedroom 2 bathroom top floor apartment, plus a \$250.00 petrol voucher. Total value \$750.00.

The apartment has a large living/lounge room area with expansive windows opening onto a large balcony with views over Umina Beach and beyond to Lion Island and Pittwater. Accommodates 6-7 comfortably.

#### **Second Prize**



Rydges North Sydney, Sailing Package for two people. Value \$289.00.

The ultimate Sydney Harbour experience for two –dinner cruise under the stars and accommodation by the Bridge with delicious buffet breakfast.

Treat someone to a Sydney accommodation experience most people can only dream of.

Check into the Rydges North Sydney, before making your way to Darling Harbour to board a Captain Cook Dinner Cruise on Sydney Harbour!

Enjoy a sumptuous full buffet breakfast at 50four Restaurant.

#### **Third Prize**



Mixed dozen Australian wines. Value \$165.00

- Flyers for the Horizon Youth Music Festival on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 are available.

- The Graffiti Trailer will be in Strathfield Square, 10am to 1pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to sell tickets.
- All members reminded of the upcoming RI convention where our Club will be assisting as Ambassadors saying “G’day” to attendees.

#### **Peter Smith**

- A reminder for the Red Shield Appeal on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
- “Missy” who was given a special chair by the Club is doing well and is at school

#### **Tony Lanzafame**

- Thank you to Peter Smith and Roger Vince for help in processing applications for RYPEN from Meriden and Homebush Boys High Students
- Reminder, Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards on 21 May 2014.

#### **Kevin Freund**

- The BBQ at Ashfield Infants Home on Saturday 3 May 2014 was postponed to Saturday 10 May 2014.

#### **Grahame True**

- A Commitment sheet for the Hospitality Night on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 as part of the International Convention was circulated.

#### **Allan Teale**

- Ten members have registered for the RI Convention, hopefully other members will be volunteers for the event
- Expect 20,000 attendees for the Convention.

#### **Raymond McCluskie**

- Planning for the “House of Friendship” display of indigenous art and craft during the International Convention is

continuing. A Commitment sheet for Volunteers to supervise the exhibition was circulated.

#### **Paolo Giammarco**

- Outgoing Youth Exchange Student from the Club is currently being interviewed
- Need Host Families for inbound student
- Online Assembly still being setup.

#### **Congratulations to those who have birthdays. and anniversaries during next week:**

##### **Birthdays**

15 May	Charles Pitt
	Steve Taylor
17 May	Cheryl Ayres
18 May	Ray Wilson
19 May	Tony Lanzafame
	Richard Horwood
20 May	Peter Smith

##### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Nil

##### **Rotary Anniversaries**

15 May	Ray Wilson
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#### ***FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>21/5/2014</b> <b>(Partner's night)</b>	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014
<b>28/5/2014</b>	NO MEETING
<b>3/6/2014</b> <b>(Partners' Night)</b>	Hospitality Evening - International Rotarians
<b>4/6/2014</b>	NO MEETING

<b>11/6/2014</b>	History, making, & playing the didgeridoo –  Peter Kirkwood
<b>18/6/2014</b>	TBA
<b>25/6/2014</b>	No Meeting
<b>27/6/2014</b>	Changeover Night
<b>2/7/2014</b>	The Baggy Green Cap -  Michael Fahey

**NOTE:** Partners are always welcome every week.

#### **FUTURE CLUB EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>10/5/2014</b>	Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fun Fair
<b>23/5/2014</b>	Meriden Interact School Dance
<b>24/5/2014</b>	Pat Drummond / Strathfield Rotary Music Festival - Australian Catholic University
<b>25/5/2014</b>	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal – Strathfield
<b>1 – 4/6/2014</b>	Rotary International Convention

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<b>MEETING STATISTICS</b>	<b>7 May 2014</b>
Members present	27
Partners	0
Guests	7
Leaves of Absence	4
Apologies	8
No apologies	10
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$200.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$87.50



Sydney will host Rotary International's 105<sup>th</sup> annual convention 1-4 June 2014, which is expected to attract more than 18,000 Rotary club members from over 150 countries. Register online at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

#### **Rotary Strengthens Plenary Speakers Roster**

This year's convention has quite diverse and exciting groups of speakers. And the names keep rolling in. Mwila Chigaga and Ramkumar Raju committed last week to speak at the convention, joining a roster that already includes a former Australian cricket star and the founder of the World Toilet Organization, among others.

Chigaga is a former Rotary Peace Fellow and senior regional gender specialist for the African region of the United Nations International Labour Organization. She helps create programs for women to facilitate equal access to



opportunities. In an interview, Chigaga breaks down these programs, and how her life's work "fits in perfectly" with who she is as a person. Also check out with Chigaga where she opens up more broadly about Africa and the effects of the recent global financial crisis.

Meanwhile, Raju is a Rotaract representative from Rotary District 3230 in India and a member of the Rotaract Club of Madras Central, Tamil Nadu. Raju helped form a team last year that gathered 10,000 Rotaractors for the Presidential New Generations Conference held in Chennai. He writes about the experience for Rotary Voices.

New speakers are committing to the convention each week, so make sure to check back often for the latest updates.



**Rotary to challenge Oprah Winfrey's Sydney Harbour Bridge climb to raise funds to eradicate polio worldwide.**



It will be raining records on the Sydney Harbour Bridge when Rotarians from all over the world challenge existing marks for flying flags from the spans on May 30.

While they're at it, Oprah Winfrey's BridgeClimb record for the most simultaneous climbers is also set to fall when more than 392 members of Rotary take the climb to raise funds for the global humanitarian

organization's top philanthropic goal of eradicating polio worldwide.

Rotary has partnered with BridgeClimb, which is donating 50 per cent of all ticket sales from the May 30 record attempts to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

BridgeClimb CEO Todd Coates said they will be honoured to share the iconic experience of Climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge with Rotary World Convention visitors, and to make a significant contribution to the global Rotary effort to end Polio forever.

"The unceasing dedication by Rotary's 1.2 million members over almost three decades is a testament to a commitment and determination to achieve excellence in positive outcomes, two qualities that BridgeClimb has fostered from the moment of its own inception," Mr. Coates said.

The world record for the number of different flags and the number of flags flown from a bridge currently stands at 137 and was set on a BridgeClimb on October 1, 2008.

Oprah Winfrey took a record 316 guests to the top of the arch during her visit to Sydney on January 20, 2012. Rotary's bid to beat the BridgeClimb's best will take place as Rotarians from more than 150 countries gather in Sydney for the 105th Rotary International Convention, which is estimated to inject more than \$60 million into the local economy.

"Rotary's partnership with BridgeClimb is expected to generate enough funds to immunize more than 240,000 children and give all visiting and local Rotarians the chance to make a real contribution to the End Polio Now campaign," Rotary International President Ron Burton said.

"We are so grateful to have BridgeClimb join us in the fight to eradicate polio. We are at a critical time as the eradication initiative focuses on stopping polio in the three countries where the virus remains endemic: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan," President Burton said.

Rotary launched its polio immunization program PolioPlus in 1985 at the instigation of Sir Clem Renouf, from Queensland, who was then president of Rotary International. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since the initiative launched in 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 400 confirmed so far in 2013.

**BOOK TICKETS:**

<http://www.bridgeclimb.com.au/rotary>



**Peace Corps and Rotary kickoff historic collaboration**



**John Osterlund (far left) and Ron Burton watch as Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko sign a letter of collaboration on a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo.**

In an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, Rotary and Peace Corps have agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact

of development projects in these three countries.

Opportunities for collaboration include supporting community projects, training, networking, and community education. Through the Peace Corps Partnership Program, Rotary clubs can continue to provide small grants to support volunteers and their communities.

Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko signed the letter of collaboration on Monday, 5 May, at Rotary's headquarters during a ceremony that was attended by RI President Ron Burton and RPCV Rotary staff. In his remarks to the audience, Burton applauded the collaboration and both organizations' commitments to service.

"Today's announcement is particularly meaningful for me because I come from a family of Rotarians," said Hessler-Radelet, referring to her father, grandfather, and aunt. "We are eager to join together in common efforts to inspire volunteerism across the country and around the world."

Hewko noted how both organizations are committed to improving lives and building stronger communities by addressing the root causes of violence and conflict, such as poverty, illiteracy, disease, and lack of access to clean water and sanitation.

The two organizations also agreed to explore expanding the collaboration to more countries based on the results of the pilot. Rotary will enlist the support of its members in recruiting Peace Corps volunteers and involving returned Peace Corps volunteers in service projects at home.

Rotary members made collaboration possible. Hessler-Radelet credited Rotary members in the Denver area, particularly returned Peace Corps volunteers Sue Fox, Valerie Hopkins, and Steve Werner, with helping to make the collaboration possible.

The three Rotarians, who attended the signing, are members of the District 5450 Rotary-Peace Corps Alliance Committee, which has sought a formal agreement between the two organizations since 2010.

Werner said they wanted to create an official relationship to make it easier for Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers to connect. "[The letter] ensures compatibility and a shared value system," he added.

#### Strengthening connections

The letter of collaboration not only officially recognizes the partnership between the two organizations, but also encourages Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers to expand the connections already in place.

In Togo, Peace Corps volunteers Daniel Brown and David Gooze have teamed up with Rotary and other partners in the United States and Togo to distribute more than 5,000 soccer balls to disadvantaged youth. They are organizing 'More Than Just a Game' sessions, which use soccer as a medium to teach children about malaria prevention.

"It's just one example of how Rotary and Peace Corps can collaborate on the ground to achieve lasting impact in the communities where we work," Hessler-Radelet said.

Within the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo, Peace Corps posts and Rotary districts will coordinate at the country level with support from the headquarters of both organizations. Local Rotary clubs interested in working with Peace Corps volunteers should contact their district governors. Clubs located elsewhere should work through their Rotary counterparts in the pilot countries.

#### Rotary News

6-May-2014



#### From the Editor:

##### *"Dog For Sale"*

*A man sees a sign outside a house - 'Talking Dog For Sale.' He rings the bell, the owner appears and tells him the dog can be viewed in the back garden.*

*The man sees a very nice looking Labrador Retriever sitting there.*

*"Do you really talk?" he asks the dog.*

*"Yes," the Labrador replies.*

*After recovering from the shock of hearing the dog talk, the man asks, "So, tell me your story."*

*The Labrador looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I was sold to the SAS. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one imagined that a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years".*

*"But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at Heathrow Airport to do some undercover security work, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded several medals".*

*"Then I got married, had a few puppies, and now I've just retired."*

*The man is amazed. He goes back into the house and asks the owner how much he wants for the dog.*

*"\$20.00" the owner says.*

*"\$20.00" But your dog is absolutely amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheaply?"*

*"Because he's a lying bugger, he's never been out of the garden."*