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APOLOGIES OR GUESTS: Phone: 9746 0397 (Eric Khu)
(Before 4pm Tues): Email: brontin@bigpond.com
6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

April is Magazine Month - Have you explored the rich world of Rotary Media information?

Tonight's Meeting - The Strathfield Report Charles Casuscelli RFD MP



After joining the Five Dock branch of the Liberal Party in February 2009, Charles was preselected as the Liberal candidate in November 2010. At the March 2011, he contested the seat of Strathfield and ran against the sitting member and Labor minister, Virginia Judge and was elected with a swing of 16.3 per cent and winning the seat with 54.4 per cent of the vote on a two party preferred basis. Charles was appointed as the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure. As the Member for Strathfield, experienced in transport issues his attention soon turned to the issue of the M4 "Missing Link". He has repeatedly argued that the single most

effective project to improve the quality of life for the residents of the inner west of Sydney as well as make a substantial contribution to the economy of NSW is the "completion of the M4 East".

Last Week — Suzanne Voytas, Noted author - Lady Convicts – 1800's

Another history lesson for members present last week, about the plight of convict women who were transported to Australia in 1828.

After discovering that one of her relatives was transported on the *Elizabeth 1828*, Suzanne researched the family background of all the women transported on that ship. There were 198 women and 16 children on board the ship.

She has been a compulsive and addicted family history researcher for many years.



President Suzanne with Suzanne Voytas

MEETING STATISTICS	9 April 2014
Members present	25
Partners	5
Guests	2
Leaves of Absence	4
Apologies	6
No apologies	14
Make-Ups	6
Raffle	\$195.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$130.45



President Suzanne Freund

- The Strathfield Rotary Music Festival “Horizon Festival” will be held at the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield on 24th May 2014 Between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
Commitment by members to this event is required to make it successful.
- We would also appreciate assistance from members’ Partners on the weekend of 24th and 25th May – for both the Music Festival and the Salvation Army Red shield appeal.
- **2014 BowelCare Program:**
I would like to remind you of the following dates:

Friday 11 and Saturday 12 April 2014

Collect Stock from Murray Farm Primary School

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.

- Reminded members of our busy schedule coming up.
23 May - Meriden Interact Dance
24 May - ACU – Horizon Music Festival
25 May – Red Shield Appeal
1-4 June International Convention

Allan Petersen

- Circulated and spoke to the detailed list of activities the club is committed to during the next few weeks. Allan has asked for the assistance of all members and partners to commit to the activities.
- Read extracts from a letter received from Ted Ingall reporting on the welfare of Ted and Mary.

Grahame True

- Members are reminded **again** that the Club will be hosting visiting international Rotarians on **Tuesday 3 June 2014**. This will be an opportunity to meet and welcome our international guests to Australia and to our Club.

Raymond McCluskie

- Reminded members that the Enews published each week has various links to Club and Rotary International news as well as the current and past weekly bulletins and urged members to visit the Club's web page and be informed.

David Croft

- Circulated a Commitment Sheet for the traditional ANZAC Day breakfast and service at Cape Cabarita and all members and family are invited.

Keith Byrn

- Matters of Welfare – If members become aware of another member who is unwell or experiencing a difficulty, please ensure this is communicated to Keith Byrn so he can follow up.

Peter Smith

- A commitment sheet was circulated for Red Shield Appeal 25 May.

Kevin Freund

- Reported along with Peter Smith, Rod McDougall and Keith Stockall provided a BBQ on behalf of Strathfield Council, for the Youth Transport & Safety Expo. Although we did not get the numbers we were expecting, at least the students from St. Patricks were able to experience the various displays.

Trevor Duxbury

- A request for material for Changeover Bulletin – Photos etc.



“Birthday Boys” Kevin Freund and Allan Teale enjoying their surprise birthday cake.

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

Birthdays

16 April	Angelina Canturi Rod Rimes
19 April	Maryanne Franco Charter Night (1971)

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
23/4/2014	NO MEETING
30/4/2014	Engineers Without Borders – Patrick Austin
7/5/2014	Meriden Interact – Sharna Kerr & Students
14/5/2014	Ice in your Veins - Belinda Noonan
21/5/2014 (Partner's night)	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014
28/5/2014	NO MEETING

3/6/2014 (Partners' Night)	Hospitality Evening for International Rotarians
4/6/2014	NO MEETING
27/6/2014	Changeover Night

NOTE: Partners are always welcome every week.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
25/4/2014	ANZAC Day
3/5/2014	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home Art Show
10/5/2014	Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fun Fair
23/5/2014	Meriden Interact School Dance
24/5/2014	Pat Drummond / Strathfield Rotary Music Festival - Australian Catholic University
25/5/2014	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal – Strathfield
1 – 4/6/2014	Rotary International Convention

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District 9675

Positions Vacant for Keen Rotarians

DGE Barry Antees is looking for keen Rotarians to fill the following positions:

District Chair for Public Relations and Marketing

Group Photographers

(A representative from each of the AG Groups)

Please contact DGE Barry Antees: via email barryantees@gmail.com or Mobile 0413 880 267



Water project unites Lebanon clubs across all divides



A student in Lebanon enjoys clean drinking water at his school, the result of a project by the country's Rotary clubs to replace old water tanks and purify the water with new filters.

A project to provide clean water to all of Lebanon's schools is uniting leaders from many of the country's diverse religious, cultural, and political divisions.

In 2011, Rotary members in northern Lebanon decided to install new tanks and water filters in a few nearby schools with the help of a Rotary Foundation grant. The idea caught on and a few other clubs followed suit.

Two years later, District 2452 Governor Jamil Mouawad and other district leaders saw the potential of creating one giant water project that could reach every school and involve all 24 of the country's Rotary clubs. They formed a committee to handle publicity and gather technical knowledge, while each club was asked to provide volunteers, contribute funds, apply for grants, and secure contributions from outside organizations.

"Every student has the right to drink clean water. It goes without saying that clean drinking water leads to less diseases, healthier students, and consequently, better education," says Mouawad. "The bigger the challenge, the greater its positive impact on humanity." While clean water is the main objective, the leaders also saw the effort as a means of

helping heal Lebanon's long history of sectarian strife. A civil war divided the country from 1975 to 1990, leaving an estimated 120,000 people dead. In recent years, Lebanon's government is a shifting coalition of religions, political parties, and sects.

Lina Shehayeb, president of the Rotary Club of Aley, is a Druze by faith. Shehayeb says working alongside club members who are Catholic, Maronite, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Muslim to promote the project has deepened her understanding of those with different religious or political views.

"We are building peace and understanding," she says. "There has never been anything quite like this in our country."

Even the distribution of club responsibilities is designed to foster peace. Each club is responsible for a certain number of schools, some in their area but some in a totally separate region. The clubs nominate a project coordinator, find qualified suppliers, arrange for sponsors, and allocate contributions from sponsors, district funds, and global grants to finance the installation of filters in the schools.

"For example a club from Jounieh, a Christian resort town north of Beirut, might be assigned schools in the southern mountains near the Israeli border, an area that is considerably poorer and primarily Shia Muslim," explains Mouawad. "After all, who — no matter what their political or religious views — could argue with providing clean water for children?"

The effort could not have come at a better time. With the crisis in Syria, Lebanon's population is ballooning with refugees, including many school-age children. By improving the schools these kids attend, Rotary members are laying the groundwork for future peace in the region.

The committee is working in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers take water samples in each of the schools a few times a year and send those

samples to the Lebanese Agricultural Laboratory Institute for testing. According to the committee's technical team, it will cost roughly \$2,500 a school to install water tanks, filters, and provide ongoing monitoring. About 200 schools have been covered so far. The goal is to reach all 1,535 schools within three years.

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary News

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Children's Logic !!!!!

A father noticed that his son was spending way too much time playing computer games. In an effort to motivate the boy into focusing more attention on his schoolwork, the father said to his son,

"When Abe Lincoln was your age, he was studying books by the light of the fireplace."

The son replied,

"When Lincoln was your age, he was The President of the United States."

**An invitation to
Come & Play CROQUET!**



The Strathfield Croquet Club is providing industry experience to students from the Australian Catholic University.

Together, they will conduct a school holiday program to introduce Children, aged 10-12 Years, to the game of Croquet.

Croquet has games, using a Mallet to strategically guide ball(s) around a set course of hoops. Played by young and old, all games are non-contact, unpredictable and fun

Where: Strathfield Croquet Club
50 Redmyre Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135

When: Wednesday 23rd April 2014 1:00pm – 3:00Pm

Price: Free of Charge – Limited Spots
Light refreshments will be served on the day, please advise us, if your child suffers from any food allergies

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