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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.

March is Literacy month - emphasising Rotary's ongoing commitment to promoting literacy and numeracy.

Tonight's Meeting

Partner's Talk - Jan Barrett

Jan, partner of Peter van der Sleen, will tell us a little bit about "her story".

Last Week –

Andrew Tink provided us with a most interesting and very entertaining history lesson on the life William Charles Wentworth.

Andrew completed the first comprehensive biography of William Charles Wentworth (1790–1872), Australian explorer, barrister, newspaper publisher, politician and landowner.

Andrew was introduced by Chris Virgona and thanked by Rod McDougall.



Andrew Tink & President elect Allan Teale

PDG Lloyd Roevers

Lloyd visited our club to "rev up" our club members to register and attend the RI convention. To date registrations from Strathfield members has been disappointing and encouraged us all to register and take advantage of an international convention being held right here on our door step.

MEETING STATISTICS	12 Mar 2014
Members present	23
Partners	4
Guests	2
Leaves of Absence	2
Apologies	13
No apologies	10
Make-Ups	6
Raffle	\$155.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$107.65



President Suzanne Freund

- The Strathfield Rotary Music will be held at the Catholic University on 24th May 2014. Further details soon!!
- We would appreciate assistance from Partners on the weekend of 24th and 25th May – for both the Music Festival and the Salvation Army Red shield appeal.

President Elect Allan Teale

- Advised that arrangements are proceeding to have a stand in the "House of Friendship" during the RI Convention.

Peter Smith

Graffiti Report

Last Sunday, March 16, the graffiti squad comprising Tony & Ross Lanzafame, Peter Smith, Keith Stockall, Grahame True, Gulian Vaccari & Chris Virgona, with the help of 2 community volunteers (Eric & Michael), were again hard at work at the Homebush West shopping centre.

With an 8am start the squad were able to entirely remove graffiti from 6 shop fronts, including 4 roller shutters, and still be finished by 9.30am - a great team effort and a wonderful result in well under 2 hours!

The Homebush West shopping centre is now nearly graffiti free - there are perhaps just 3 or 4 properties to go and then we can concentrate on other Council nominated sites in Strathfield South.

It was pleasing that local residents and shoppers, having seen how much cleaner the shopping centres are looking and commenting on the great work that Rotary is doing in the local community.

With Easter there will be only 1 roster/outing next month - perhaps on Sunday the 6th April - so if you are yet to volunteer why not consider helping on that day? You will be home before morning tea time!

Tony Lanzafame

- Strathfield Youth Achievement Nominations close 5pm on Friday 11 April 2014.

Grahame True

- Just confirming the allotted partners nights for the remainder of this Rotary year are:
9 April - Lady Convicts
21 May - Youth Achievement Awards
3 June - Hospitality night
27 June - Changeover night
- Members are reminded 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.

Trevor Duxbury

- Members are reminded in future ALL special meal requirements and catering generally are to be via Trevor Duxbury.

Paolo Giammarco

- Spoke briefly about the exchange student program and whether our club would be interested in hosting a student.

Rod McDougall

- Eric Khu has foreshadowed his connection with Rotary may soon come to an end and therefore at that time we will need to consider an alternative to the current "Apology System" which has operated for many years.

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

Birthdays

20 March	Paul White
21 March	A Bala and Adrian Risi
22 March	Maree McDougall
24 March	Guru Singh

Wedding Anniversaries

23 March	Joe & Sharon Saad and Adrian Risi & Angelina Canturi
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Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
26/3/2014	"Is it all just dots to you" Di Stevens and Yhanni Anthis
2/4/2014	Your local Federal MP – Craig Laundry

9/4/2014 (Partners' night)	Lady Convicts – 1800's- Suzanne Voytas
16/4/2014	The Strathfield Report – Charles Casuscelli RFD MP
23/4/2014	TBA
30/4/2014	Engineers Without Borders – Patrick Austin
7/5/2014	Meriden Interact – Sharna Kerr & Students
14/5/2014	Job Talk – Ivan Brown
21/5/2014 (Partner's night)	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014
28/5/2014	TBA
3/6/2014 (Partners' Night)	Hospitality Evening for International Rotarians
27/6/2014	Changeover Night

NOTE: Partners are always welcome every week.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
29/3/2014	The Big Ride – Sydney Olympic Park
25/4/2014	ANZAC Day
10/5/2014	Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fun Fair
23/5/2014	Meriden 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



Sydney will host Rotary International's 105th 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



Rotary helps Ghana surpass clean water goals



A mother in a community near Sunyani, Ghana, bathes her child with clean water drawn from a local well and stored in a 50-gallon barrel in the family's yard. The water is also used for drinking, cooking, laundry, and other needs.

For over 20 years, Michael Anyekase has crisscrossed Ghana drilling boreholes and installing hand pumps on wells to provide clean water. Water for drinking, washing, and flushing toilets.

"There is nothing more satisfying than when fresh water comes out of the well and the children shout, 'Hey, water! Water!'" says Anyekase, who works for Water in Africa, a non-governmental organization (NGO).

In partnership with Rotary members from across the globe, Anyekase's dedication has helped eradicate Guinea worm disease and lessen the cases of dysentery, diarrhea, and other common diseases associated with dirty water. In fact, Rotary has provided more sources of drinking water in Ghana than any other NGO, Anyekase says.

Many water projects in Ghana are being carried out as part of the Rotary International/USAID H2O Collaboration. The effort is providing more than 100 villages with clean water through installation of boreholes with hand pumps, along with sanitation facilities and hygiene training.

More than 85 percent of Ghanaians now have access to clean water, surpassing the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of 78 percent by 2015.

Water cures, educates

Samuel Obour, assistant governor of District 9102 and a member of the Sunyani Central club, has spearheaded several water projects. Last year, Sunyani and Canadian Rotary members installed latrines at a primary school in Sunyani and a washing station and toilets at a busy rural market, with funding from a global grant.

Access to clean water brings benefits even beyond better health, including boosting children's chances of receiving a good education, or any education for that matter. "Children wake up very early, sometimes 4 a.m., to go miles away to fetch water," says Obour. "Without water, children are not able to attend school [or] some have to go to school late." With water nearby, the burden is lifted. Children can spend more time being children. Families can spend more time being families. And life can take on a new kind of normalcy. An accomplishment that can only be achieved with a team of dedicated resources.

**By Dan Nixon and Vanessa Glavinskas
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