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APOLOGIES OR GUESTS: Phone: 9746 0397 (Eric Khu)
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6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

February - World Understanding Month *emphasising Rotary's goal of world understanding and peace.*

Tonight's Meeting

The Ambassador Training Restaurant



The Northern Sydney Institute - Ryde Campus

Location:

*Ryde Campus Building A, Level 4
250 Blaxland Road Ryde*

Ryde campus's international reputation as a leader in education and training for hospitality is exemplified in The Ambassador training restaurant.

Hospitality students practise and develop their skills in the restaurant, creating memorable meals and service in a modern setting.

On selected evenings during the semester students from Le Cordon Bleu Sydney Culinary Arts Institute train in the restaurant, offering a taste of world famous French inspired cuisine and service.

The fine dining a la carte menu offers modern Australian cuisine with an international flair.

Ryde Campus has exceptional hospitality training facilities including four bars, two restaurants, a café, the Sydney Coffee Academy and the Sydney Wine Academy. The campus is also home to the Le Cordon Bleu Sydney Culinary Arts Institute.

Last Week -Lynne Cairncross

Lynne is a volunteer speaker for the Foundation & Friends of the Botanic Gardens.



Lynne Cairncross and President Suzanne

Lynne provided us with a fascinating history lesson in respect of the 3 Botanic Gardens, including the gardens at Mt Tomah and Mt Annan.

Lynne also told us about the Australian PlantBank which is a science and research facility of the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust and is located at the Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan. It houses the Trust's seedbank and research laboratories that specialise in horticultural research and

conservation of Australian native plant species, particularly those from New South Wales.

Lynne has “planted a seed” and left us in no doubt that we all need and should visit the 3 garden locations.

Lynne was introduced by Keith Byrn and thanked by Bradley Ayres.

International Rotarian Visitor

Also last week we were privileged to have a Rotarian visitor from Mumbai in India. He exchanged a banner with President Suzanne and told us about the area in which he lived as well as some of the industries which operate there. In addition some of the projects his club are involved in were “no more polio”, ambulances for heart attack victims and assistance programs working with disabled children.



President Suzanne Freund

- Restaurant Night at Ryde TAFE for Wednesday 26th Feb 2014 is now fully booked.
- The Catholic University has agreed to hold the Strathfield Rotary Music on their premises on 22nd May 2014. Further details soon!!
- The recent edition of Strathfield Scene included information in reference to the upcoming Music Festival.
- Reminder President Suzanne announced Rotarian Paolo

Giammarco accepted the position International Directorship position for the remainder of this Rotary year.

Secretary Allan announced the following:

- Acknowledgement by the Children’s Hospital at Westmead of donation made during Past President Rays year has been received.
- There are only three months and two weeks to go before the International Rotary Convention commences on June 1st. With this thought in mind we are being asked to consider action as Volunteers at places such as Sydney Airport, Railway Stations; and the Olympic Park venues. With our living proximity to the Olympic Park venue it is the intention of the Club Board to strongly encourage members where possible to make themselves available to assist. CAN YOU?

Treasurer Rod McDougall

- 3 Members present tonight still in arrears.
- Congratulations to the sergeant who is continuing to increase his weekly fine session revenue.

Peter Smith

- The next Graffiti Removal project will be at Homebush Shopping Centre 23/2/2014 and later a possible project at Strathfield Railway Station.
- Confirmed \$4,825 has been received from the Attorney General’s Department to assist with graffiti removal project.

Tony Lanzafame

- Strathfield Youth Achievement Award Nominations are now open, nominations for the Strathfield Youth Business Award has been

difficult to find in previous years. This award is ideal for a young person employed by a Strathfield business who goes above and beyond their day to day duties and perhaps exhibits an entrepreneurial flair. The award may also attract a young person starting their own business. The category is open to young people who work full-time, part-time or in a casual capacity within the Strathfield Municipality.

The winners will be announced at the annual Youth Achievement Awards Night presentation ceremony to be held at the Strathfield Rotary Meeting on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at Strathfield Golf Club. Nominations close 5pm on Friday 11 April 2014.

Kevin Freund

- Nancy Sherry has offered to supply sandwich packs for distribution as an alternative to a BBQ at the Clean-up Australia day.
- Ashfield Infants Home has approached Bunnings to be included in their BBQ roster.

Allan Teale

- International Convention Art Show more details soon.

MEETING STATISTICS	19 February 2014
Members present	27
Partners	6
Visiting Rotarians	1
Guests	4
Leaves of Absence	2
Apologies	11
No apologies	8
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$195.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$141.60

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

Birthdays

5 March Maria Revelos

Wedding Anniversaries

2 March Umesh and Anuradha Kamkolkar

Rotary Anniversaries

1 March George Helou

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
5/03/2014	Disability, where we are today & why – Betty Stampoulis-Lyttle
5/3/2014	NYSF - a report re the 2014 forum – Jenny Xu
12/3/2014	W.C. Wentworth – Andrew Tink
19/3/2014	Partners Talk – Jan Barrett
26/3/2014	Di Stevens and Yhanni Anthis – Tali Gallery – Arts & Craft display at the RI Convention
2/4/2014	Your local Federal MP – Craig Laundry
9/4/2014	Lady Convicts – 1800's- Suzanne Voytas
16/4/014	TBA
23/4/2014	TBA
30/4/2014	Engineers Without Borders – Patrick Austin
21/5/2014	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014
3/6/2014 (Tuesday)	Australian Rotary Theme Night

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
1/3/2014	District Conference – Homebush
2/3/2014	Clean up Australia Day – BBQ Cooke Park
16/3/2014	Graffiti Removal Day
25/4/2014	ANZAC Day
29/3/2014	The Big Ride – Sydney Olympic Park
10/5/2014	Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fun Fair
24/5/2014	Strathfield Music Festival - Australian Catholic University
25/5/2014	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal – Strathfield
1 – 4 June 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. The always-colorful Rotary convention will transform the Sydney Olympic Park into a kaleidoscope of energy, color and excitement as Rotary brings together its global network of volunteer leaders – men and women from all walks of life to engage in a full agenda of plenary sessions, workshops and a lineup of world class keynote speakers.



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District 9675 Conference

Sydney Olympic Park, 1 March 2014 will be a POWERHOUSE of business advice and tools that can be implemented immediately - in your projects and your business all for \$325.00.

THE FORMAT IS FAST PACED:

- 16 Remarkable speakers
- 4 Essential business success areas
- 1 Opportunity for extraordinary insights, powerful inspiration and practical tools needed to survive and thrive in our ever-changing, global & online environment.



HOW DO I REGISTER?

Register online at www.riconvention.org.

If you are an active user, your account will be ready for immediate use; otherwise, you'll need to create a new user account with a unique email that is not shared by another Rotarian. Visit www.rotary.org.