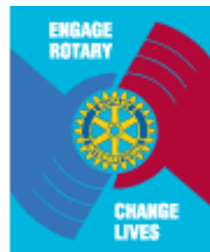




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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August is Membership and Extension month - emphasising membership development

TONIGHT'S MEETING



NSW Police Force

Police Officer of the Year Awards

Keynote Speaker:-

Deputy Commissioner, Nick Kaldas

Welcome To All Officers From

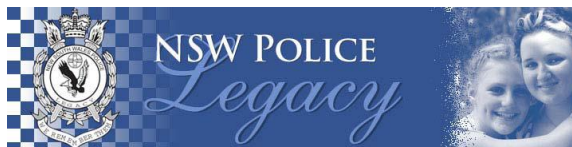
Burwood & Flemington Commands

A very warm welcome to our guests tonight for this our eleventh Police Officer of the Year Awards. We are pleased and honoured that Deputy Commissioner, Nick Kaldas can be with us again tonight to present the awards.

Rotary's motto, "Service above Self", could well be the motto of the NSW Police Force. The nominees here tonight have shown that they too have put service before self. The awards are "to acknowledge acts of courtesy, kindness, understanding, compassion, courage and devotion to duty" - and all nominees have readily met this high standard.

The Rotary Club of Strathfield is proud to help organise the awards to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and service, provided

by officers serving our community in the Burwood & Flemington Local Area Commands. A congratulation to all tonight's nominees. Strathfield Rotary, on behalf of the Burwood, Strathfield and Auburn communities, acknowledge with gratitude your efforts. I hope you all have an enjoyable evening.



Please support our raffle tonight – the Proceeds, as in previous years, will be donated to NSW police legacy.

President's Suzanne's Report

Last week's meeting was a positive experience as we discussed ideas to grow our club and shared ideas on various topics. The Board now have some different ideas to consider and work on with the aim of building our membership and also raising funds to support our worthwhile projects.

For members who were not in attendance, a summary will circulated, and all members will be kept updated on actions decided as a result of the club assembly. I thank all members who were present and in particular Paolo Giammarco for presenting his ideas in a brief report.

This Week's Activities

- Participating In the rich discussion with fellow Rotarians
- Making the first small donation to Strathfield Library in the form of a set of large reading books for pre-schooler.
- Joining the Strathfield Rotary Walkers in the Parkinson's Unity Walk at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Members Actions

Peter Smith met with Strathfield Council and the Flemington Chamber of Commerce to discuss a holistic approach to cleaning up the shopping centre at Flemington. The agenda included Management, vandalism, illegal dumping, crime prevention initiatives and shop front strategies. During the course of the meeting the chamber President agreed -

- Hold a Graffiti Clean-up day on Sunday 8th September (the day after the Election)
- That shopkeepers be invited to participate (Council will issue them with small mini graffiti kits)
- That Council will put on a free BBQ (primarily for helpers but suspect it will also be open to the general public).

Commitment sheets circulated last week included;

- Muscle cares at Eastern creek
- Spring fair in Strathfield Park

- Any Rotarians who know or know of anyone who would like to join please see George Hallworth.

Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

30 August	Lyn Rimes
2 September	Trevor Duxbury
4 September	Margaret Croft

Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

1 September	A Bala
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MEETING STATISTICS	31 July 2013
Members present	21
Partners	0
Guests	2
Total attendance	23
Leaves of Absence	4
Apologies	9
No apologies	15
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$155.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$70.25

Suzanne



- South Strathfield Probus Club meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10am Burwood RSL – plenty parking.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
4/9/2013	ROMAC - Rotarian Rob Wilkinson
11/9/2013	Pat Drummond – Singer Songwriter
11/9/2013	Meriden Interact – Anastasia Yule
18/9/2013	Beyond Blue – Craig Hamilton
25/9/2013	Job Talk – Trevor Duxbury

2/10/2013	Partner Talk – Jan Barrett
9/10/2013	Travelling Con Men – David Rosenberg
16/10/2013	The Great Debate – St Patrick's College Strathfield & Homebush Boys High
23/10/2013	Arnott Biscuits History – PP Claude Bennie
30/10/2013	Teacher Training in Nepal – Dr Anne Prescott
6/11/2013	Partner Talk – Denise Taylor
13/11/2013	Pride of Workmanship
20/11/2013	NSW Small Business Commissioner – Yasmin King

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
31/8/2013 1/9/2013	2013 Muscle Car Masters Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek (7.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.)
1/9/2013	Strathfield Spring Fair - Strathfield Park
8/9/2013	Graffiti Removal Project with Strathfield Council – Flemington
13/10/2013	BBQ – Beyond Blue Mason Park
20/10/2013 (Sunday)	Graffiti Removal Day (NSW Wide)
26/10/2013	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home

Thought for the day....

*Never be afraid to try something new...
remember, a lone amateur built the Ark...
a bunch of professionals built the Titanic !!!*



Rotary International News

Ravindran is choice for 2015-16 RI president

Rotary News -- August 2013



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2015-16.

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Ravindran said his top priority for Rotary will be to increase membership, which he called the bedrock of any organization.

“The emphasis on membership has to continue with focus on the younger generation,” Ravindran said. “Additionally, we must seek to attract the just retired and experienced people into Rotary.”

Creating regional membership plans and realizing that “one size does not fit all” has been a move in the right direction, he said.

“Albert Einstein defined insanity as ‘doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.’ In many ways this has been the story of Rotary’s poor membership advance,” he said. “Thankfully, our approach this time has been studied and altered. We have created 22 different membership regions so that each region would develop and execute a plan that would suit that particular region.”

Ravindran said it’s important for Rotarians to share their stories, especially through social media, so others can see the impact Rotary has had in their lives. He said it’s also important for the organization to speak with a consistent voice. “Our identity must remain simple and be based on our core values. It must be clear and straightforward to both our internal and external audience.”

Ravindran holds a degree in commerce and is founder and CEO of Printcare PLC, a publicly listed company and global leader in the tea packaging industry. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association, the largest antinarcotics organization in Sri Lanka.

As his country’s PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a task force with members from the government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to negotiate a cease-fire with northern militants during National Immunization Days.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served Rotary as a director and treasurer of RI and as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He has also served as an International Assembly group discussion leader, district governor, Council on Legislation representative, and zone institute chair. He chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, which rebuilt 25 tsunami-devastated schools, benefiting 15,000 children.

Ravindran has been awarded The Rotary Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award and the Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

He and his wife, Vanathy, have two children, and are level 4 Major Donors to the Foundation.

The Nominating Committee members are Eric E. Lacoste Adamson, USA (chair); John T. Blount, USA; Robert K. Crabtree, New Zealand; Gerson Gonçalves, Brazil; Frederick W. Hahn Jr., USA; Lynn A. Hammond, USA; Teruo Inoue, Japan; Paul Knyff, The Netherlands; Peter Krön, Austria; Jorma Lampén, Finland; Kyu-Hang Lee, Korea; Masahiro Kuroda, Japan; Michael D. McCullough, USA; Donald L. Mebus, USA; David D. Morgan, Wales; Catherine Noyer-Riveau, France; and M.K. Panduranga Setty, India.