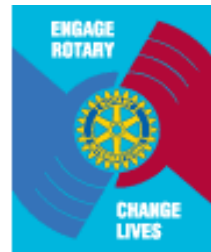




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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August is Membership and Extension month - emphasising membership development

Tonight's Meeting

ANZAC Research Institute



Professor Derek Hart MB ChB, DPhil, FRACP, FRCPA

Professor Hart is an academic haematologist at the forefront of his field. Dendritic cells (DC) represent unique subsets of white blood cells responsible for initiating immune responses. Professor Hart developed his original description of these cells in the tissues,

by defining the human DC subsets, identifying DC membrane molecules and producing antibodies to them (this includes being first to clone several CD antigens), which are now entering diagnostic and clinical trials.

Research interests

The Dendritic Cell Biology and Therapeutics Group at the ANZAC Research Institute is a newly established research program focused on understanding dendritic cell biology to enable the development of new ways to treat haematological diseases. The group is a translational research group with projects suitable for PhD candidates interested in basic biology or more clinically focused work.

President's Suzanne's Report

During this week I witnessed the potential for our club to network with a number of other Rotary clubs, and to expand the profile of Rotary clubs within our community.

This came about with the visit by the new District 9675 Governor and three other Rotary clubs Bankstown, Marrickville and Revesby Warrimbirra AND the media article in the Burwood Scene, which highlighted the new female presidents of Breakfast Point, Burwood, Concord and Strathfield Rotary clubs and also the dedication of seven Strathfield Rotarians. Each of the six clubs has indicated their desire to build closer links with our Rotary club.

They are all involved with individual projects, which demonstrate the commitment of Rotarians in response to their local communities. Learning of these projects should instil us with pride as we witness the ideals of Rotary in action.

Representatives of the visiting clubs expressed an interest in both learning more of our events including the Police Officer of the Year award and a request for discussion on the future possibility of combining our community awards evening.

The week's meeting provided an opportunity to hear of District Governor Garry Browne's aims for the year and for members to discuss some of the concerns that they have, in regard to the changes following the District amalgamation. The evening was well attended by our members and twenty visiting Rotarians.

Congratulations to the committee members who are planning the Literature Extension program and Police Officer of the Year awards

This Week's Activities

GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROJECT - Peter Smith and a small band of dedicated members participated in another Graffiti Removal Action Day in the Flemington area last Sunday. This is exactly the type of project, which has the potential to raise our community links –both with the additional workers we will require and just the presence of our members working in the local suburbs.

The well-equipped trailer promotes us just by its presence and the camouflaged Rotarians demonstrate their willingness to work side by side for the betterment of the community at a grass roots level. This is a highly viable community project with enormous potential therefore and in order to support this initiative - established by Rotarian Peter Smith in partnership with Strathfield council we will need the combined efforts of a planning committee and of a team of members and/or friends.

Suzanne

Announcements

Allan Petersen

- Acknowledged correspondence of thanks received from Homebush Boys' High School and Ashfield Infants Home.

Peter Revelos - Raffle Prizes

- There is still a call for members to provide one item each, appropriate for the weekly raffle draw.

Tony Lanzafame

- Preparation for youth extension program evening on 7 August is nearing completion.
- A debate evening featuring a team from St. Patricks College and another team yet to be determined is being planned for a date TBA.

Grahame True

- Opportunity for us to sell programs at the 2013 Muscle Car Masters event at Eastern Creek again this year on Saturday 31 August and 1 September from 7.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. If we accept the offer to sell on the Saturday we MUST commit and turn up.

George Hallworth



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

1 August Pam Singh

4 August Grace Kim

Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Last Week's Meeting Statistics	24.7.2013
Members present	25
Partners	2
Guests	17
Total in attendance	44
Leave of Absence	3
Apologies	11
No apologies	10
Make-Ups	None
Raffle	\$285.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	NA*

*No sergeant session held.

Graffiti Removal Project

Flemington clean up

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
7/8/2013	Literature Extension Program
12/8/2013	Meriden School Assembly (10.30 a.m. for a 10.50 a.m.) Receive donation from Interact on behalf of the SOS Children's <i>charity.</i>
14/8/2013	Fellowship Evening - Il Locale Restaurant 94A Ramsay St, Haberfield
21/8/2013	Club Assembly
28/8/2013	Police Officer of the Year
4/9/2013	ROMAC - Rotarian Rob Wilkinson

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
25/8/2013	4 km Unity Walk for Parkinson's 11.30 a.m. Cathy Freeman Park (formerly The Overflow) Sydney Olympic Park
1/9/2013	Strathfield Spring Fair Strathfield Park
31/8/2013 1/9/2013	2013 Muscle Car Masters Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek (7.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.)
20/10/2013	Graffiti Removal Day



**British ophthalmologist receives top
Foundation alumni award**

Rotary News -- 10 July 2013



Dr. Harminder Singh Dua receives the 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. At right is 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid J. Wilkinson.

Dr. Harminder Singh Dua, an Indian-born ophthalmologist in Nottingham, England, received the 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, in late June. He was nominated for the award by District 3030 (Maharashtra, India). In 1981, Dua traveled from India to Pennsylvania, USA, as a member of a Group Study Exchange team, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nagpur South, Maharashtra. Recalling the flight that began his trip, from Bombay (now Mumbai) to New York, he said, "Traveling with the sun, we had 24 hours of daylight. Isn't that a wonderful thought: Let there be no darkness. I had unwittingly captured, at least in

part, the spirit of Rotary and the spirit for which I would work for the rest of my life."

Dua, who is chair and professor of ophthalmology at the University of Nottingham, Queen's Medical Centre, has treated patients in the United Kingdom, India, and the United States and has shared his skills with students and colleagues around the world. Renowned as an authority on corneal disorders, he performs advanced surgeries.

While living in India, Dua performed thousands of free operations on poor patients with cataracts and glaucoma at free eye clinics sponsored by Rotarians and nongovernmental organizations.

"The poverty and simple lives of the villagers and the huge difference [the] operations made to them, and to the lives of children who had to spend time away from school to guide the people around, was plain to see," he said.

"There was no escaping the enormity of their need and our [medical team's] ability to fulfill some part of it."

More recently, Dua is credited with discovering a previously undetected layer of the human eye that is located at the back of the cornea -- a discovery that was reported in the journal Ophthalmology in May. Called Dua's layer, it is much thinner than a human hair. Its discovery is expected to make corneal transplant surgery safer and simpler, and to contribute to knowledge about some diseases affecting that part of the eye.

In accepting the Foundation award in Lisbon, Dua said, "If I were to pick one defining period from amongst all the years, it will have to be, without any doubt, my trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as a Rotary Group Study Exchange team member. . . . [It] had a profound positive influence on my thinking and actions, and I would like to believe, through me, to so many others -- students, patients and colleagues -- whose lives I have touched."