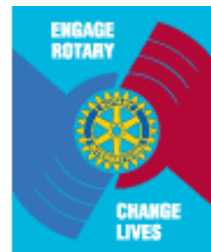




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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September is New Generations Month

President's Suzanne's Report

This last week was the most amazing example of what great things we can achieve together.

The Police Officer of the Year Awards

The evening was successful on so many different levels. This included the combined efforts from Paul White our Vocational Service Director, supported by David Martin and our wonderful MC for the evening Keith Byrn. BUT also every member who attended – as a quote from one of the attendees captures-
“We would like to thank Rotary Strathfield for a wonderful night, the hospitality shown by the Rotarians was lovely and we were made to feel most welcome and privileged to be there”
And conversations with the officers involved reflected their humility, but pride in the event and explored some future joint initiatives between the Police within the two LAC's (Local Area Commands).

The Muscle Car Masters

The wonderful opportunity provided by fellow Rotarian PP Grahame True and his daughter Alex Fairweather to sell programs as a fund raiser, is sincerely appreciated. But the time and effort of the members who supported this at Eastern Creek, on two consecutive days, was both generous and inspiring. Members invited friends and family to support them and assist us in meeting the numbers of volunteers required. A great effort all round which raised \$1,478.00 dollars towards our fundraising goal.

The Spring Fair

Once again our members rallied to support the Strathfield Council Fair –which tested our resourcefulness as we had the Muscle Car event on the same day. But true to form members who could were in attendance. And again we the board extend our thanks and gratitude.

Graffiti Removal Project

Rotarian PP Peter Smith continues to promote and develop this project, which will raise our profile within the community and also result in a more beautified environment. So we remind you to consider being involved in the next Graffiti Clean-up on Sunday 8th September and also the National Graffiti Removal Day in October.

I congratulate every Rotarian who was able to support these Projects and acknowledge that you truly are Rotarians who give – “Service above Self! “

Suzanne

TONIGHT'S MEETING



Rotarian Rob Wilkinson

Mission Statement

To provide medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

Objectives

- To provide hope where there is no hope
- To restore dignity to human life
- To save or transform the lives of children from developing countries.
- To provide the best possible medical and surgical expertise

What we do

ROMAC is assisted by many eminent Australian surgeons who generously respond to requests for assistance, this humanitarian program has provided over 300 children from 20 countries with urgent medical treatment that has given them new hope. To date, children have been brought from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia, Russia, China, Tonga, Solomon Islands, The Philippines, Pakistan, Iran, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Nauru and Zimbabwe.

The children usually come from very remote areas and are brought to Australia, as medical treatment is simply not available in their home countries.

Last Week

As already mentioned by President Suzanne last week's Police Officer of the Year Awards as a great success all round and further reinforced the partnership between Rotary and the Officers of NSW Police Force. Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas in his address to the awardees also paid tribute to Rotary and acknowledged the link between Rotarians and the Officers of NSW Police was "Service above Self".



Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas

There were 6 finalists nominated from Burwood Area Command and 5 from Flemington Area Command.



11 Finalists

The successful "Police Officers of the Year" were Constable Philippa Lord (Burwood) and Constable Daniel Warner (Flemington).



**Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas
Philippa Lord, Daniel Warner**

We continued the tradition of donating funds raised from the raffle on the evening to NSW Police Legacy. The Raffle raised \$735.00. The Club rounded this amount up to \$1,000.00.

Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

5 September Janelle Watson
10 September Penny True

Anniversaries

7 September Peter and Jan
van der Sleesen

Rotary Anniversaries

5 September Domenico Alvaro
8 September Chris Virgona
10 September Joseph Kim

MEETING STATISTICS	31 July 2013
Members present	28
Partners	12
Police Officers, partners & guests	35
Other guests	10
Total Attendance	85
Leave of Absence	4
Apologies	7
No apologies	10
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$735.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	NA

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
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
27/11/2013	Salvo's Street Level – Mitch & Robyn Evans

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
8/9/2013 (9.30 – 11.30)	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



Rotary International News



“We owe it to all children; it may only be a plane ride away”

Today, we are on the verge of eradicating polio, but we need your help to cross the finishing line.

“Eradicating this dreadful disease is long hard work but when we have finished, we will have achieved something wonderful and lasting”. I quote Dong Kurn Lee Chairman, The Rotary Foundation.
The cost is approximately \$US1 billion per year to continue our fight and after we see

no new cases we will still need to support eradication for a full three years to ensure that the world is polio free.

There is a simple answer as to why we need to understand what polio is and why we are committed to its eradication; we will lose everything we have worked for over so many years and more than 10 million children under the age of five could be paralysed in the next 40 years – polio would again be endemic and we would have lost the opportunity of a lifetime.

This year to date there are more cases than there were this time last year, due to the outbreak in the Horn of Africa, an area previously polio free. Outbreaks of this nature can be brought under control quickly if we maintain our emphasis on these endemic areas.

Details of new cases: Total YTD 2013 – 177

Pakistan	21
Afghanistan	3
Nigeria	42
Somalia	100
Kenya	10

Total YTD 2012 – 111.

Fortunately with our partnerships we do not have to foot the entire cost, but we certainly need to play our part. Unfortunately last year Australian Districts were down \$800k on the previous year's contributions so I ask you to re-evaluate this purpose. It is our program and we are the ones that can and simply have to make it happen.

If collectively we in District 9675 were to have raised \$75,000 AUD we will more than have done our bit.

I look forward to creating history along with you and all Rotarians.

Regards, Keith Roffey
District Polio Eradication Sub Committee
Chair 2013-14