

STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

August is Membership and Extension month - emphasising membership development

Tonight's Meeting

Literature Extension Program

Eleven Year 9 and Year 10 students from Strathfield Girls High have reviewed the books short listed for Book of the Year by The Children's Book Council of Australia.

They will present their findings this Wednesday at our meeting.

President's Suzanne's Report

It is now the end of the first month of my Presidency and it's been a big learning curve. The attendance at our meetings has increased — with over forty present at the District Governors visit, large numbers at the presentations by both Andrew Tink and Professor Derek Hart from the Anzac Research Foundation. We have also had Rotarians from three other Rotary clubs, partners and friends of members, Bendigo Bank representatives and our highly respected friend Belinda Noonan — editor of the Burwood Scene.

What I appreciated most in addition to the larger attendances was the time spent in discussion before and after the meetings by most attendees.

Since there are only eleven months left I would now like to encourage members to think about the way they can contribute this year to building our club, increasing its presence in the community and growing membership.

This Week's Activities

- I attended the Presidents District
 Meeting at Liverpool Catholic club –
 which provided additional information
 on the International Convention to be
 held on the 1st 3rd June 2014 at
 Olympic Park.
- Met with Strathfield Council librarian to learn of their needs for Book Week in August.
- I worked with Rod McDougall to develop a flier for partners and friends to encourage them to "Save Particular Dates" and consider joining us with their ideas, networks and support.

In conversation with Rotarian Adrian Risi he has invited us to join him –next year –at his restaurant for a special night to watch the State of Origin games. Thanks for the offer Adrian.

Future Activities

 Concord Rotary club is organising a visit to the Hunter valley on the weekend of the 19th October and has invited our members to join them – please speak with me if you are interested. I have been approached by Bankstown Rotary to consider a joint project in acknowledging community organisations.

Board Members Actions

We have our second "brief" board meeting after the meeting tonight, if you have any issues that you want discussed and I invite you all to put forward suggestions at the assembly on the 21st August. We appreciate them!

Suzanne

Last week - ANZAC Research Institute



At our meeting last week Professor Derek Hart MB ChB, DPhil, FRACP, FRCPA told us of the work and advances in research he and his team of brilliant young researchers are doing. Whilst at times exposing us to a "science lecture", fortunately there were no exam questions at the end.

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.



Professor Hart, President Suzanne and Robin Gasiorowski, PhD Student

Announcements

Allan Petersen

- Reminded Directors this month's scheduled Board meeting will take place following meeting (7August).
- Acknowledged correspondence from Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Australian Catholic University and Meriden School.

Paul White - Police Officer of the Year

Preparations for the evening on 28
 August are in place and proceeding as planned. A commitment sheet is being circulated.

Tony Lanzafame

 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

 Reconfirmed 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. A commitment sheet for this event is being circulated

Kevin Freund

Requests to provide BBQ facilities in October

- 13 October Beyond Blue Mason Park
- 26 October Ashfield Infants Home

Roger Vince

- Attended Meriden Interact Club meeting on 30 July and provided a summary of their current activities.
- Members of Meriden Interact Club plan to attend our Rotary club meeting on 11 September.

Allan Teale

 A call for any club member available to attend Homebush Boys High Interact club meetings each Monday.

Peter Smith

 Reported on Graffiti removal project in Flemington shopping area on Sunday 28 July and thanked team members consisting of: Kevin Freund, Keith Stockall, Dave Martin, Rod McDougall, Trevor Duxbury and Peter Smith.



- South Strathfield Probus 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.

Thought for the week:

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to always try just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison

Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

14 August George Hallworth

Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

8 August Romolo Adoma

MEETING STATISTICS	31 July 2013
Members present	29
Partners	7
Guests	8
	44
Leave of Absence	3
Apologies	6
No apologies	11
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$265.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$122.30

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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Date	Topic
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
11/9/2013	Pat Drummond –
	Singer Songwriter
11/9/2013	Meriden Interact
18/9/2013	Beyond Blue – Craig Hamilton
25/9/2013	Job Talk – Trevor Duxbury

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

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Date	Event
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
	charity.
25/8/2013	4 km Unity Walk for Parkinson's
	11.30 a.m. Cathy Freeman Park
	(formerly The Overflow)
	Sydney Olympic Park
31/8/2013	2013 Muscle Car Masters
1/9/2013	Sydney Motorsport Park
	Eastern Creek
	(7.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.)
1/9/2013	Strathfield Spring Fair
	Strathfield Park
13/10/2013	BBQ – Beyond Blue
	Mason Park
26/10/2013	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home
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20/10/2013	Graffiti Removal Day
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Rotary News



Nan McCreadie Rotary International, Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), president.

Nan McCreadie serves as first woman president of RIBI in yet another sign of Rotary's growing diversity, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), an organization formed in the 1910s, has inaugurated its first woman president.

Nan McCreadie, a member since 1997 of the Rotary Club of Feltham, Greater London, England, was inaugurated on 6 July at an event in Twickenham Stoop Stadium. McCreadie has served as vice president of RIBI, chair of its Constitution Committee, president's representative, and district governor. Coincidentally, McCreadie's instructor when she was learning to be a training leader was Anne L. Matthews, who just became Rotary International's first female vice president. "I am tremendously honored to be appointed RIBI's first female president, which I firmly believe is a reflection of how Rotary is moving with the times," she says. "We are currently undergoing a new stage in our development with more and more women and younger people wanting to join Rotary and help their local communities. So it is a really exciting time for me to be taking over and I am very much looking forward to my year in office." McCreadie joined Rotary after receiving a letter during a membership drive and then attending a few meetings. "We need to be more flexible," she says. "We also need to interest non Rotarians in some of our service projects, which might lead to them becoming interested in joining.