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6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 9 April 2014

April is Magazine Month - Have you explored the rich world of Rotary Media information?

Tonight's Meeting



Suzanne Voytas, Noted author
- **Lady Convicts – 1800's**

"I have been a compulsive and addicted family history researcher for too many years. I have not only worked on my family history but have helped many people to discover theirs. I thoroughly enjoy helping new researchers learn how to and to avoid the many pitfalls that we all fell into.

I am married to a patient non-family historian, have three adult children and two beautiful grandsons. Unfortunately I am the only addict within my immediate family.

I have completed the Society of Australian Genealogist's Diploma in Historical Family Studies, was the president of the Blue Mountains Family History Society (NSW, Australia) for five years, as well as holding other committee positions.

I have also conducted classes for U3A and community groups and given presentations to a wide range of diverse community groups. One of my many interesting ancestors is Eliza O'Brien per Elizabeth 1828.

While on a trip to Ireland, I visited the Cork City Gaol and asked for further information about the riot that occurred in July 1827. I was met with blank stares, as there was no recorded information about it. From that conversation it was suggested that each of the women be researched and hopefully the centre might then be able to put on an exhibition about the first renovators of the gaol.

So from that casual conversation began another journey in my family story."

Suzanne will be introduced by Janelle Watson.

Last Week –

Your local Federal MP – Craig Laundry Member for Reid

Craig, who has lived locally all of his life, spoke of growing up in the area and as a result new many of our club members.

Craig has always believed in supporting our community and spoke about his vision of making a real difference for our refugees within the community and how he plans to implement some of his plans.

At the Federal level Craig serves on various committees mainly related to Immigration and Small Business.

Party positions

- Member, Coalition Backbench Committee on Small Business from 2013.
- Member, Coalition Backbench Committee on Economics and Finance from 2013.
- Member, Coalition Backbench Committee on Immigration from 2013.



Craig Laundry MP and President Suzanne

Craig was introduced by Gulian Vaccari and thanked by Ray Wilson.

MEETING STATISTICS	2 April 2014
Members present	27
Partners	1
Guests	0
Leaves of Absence	3
Apologies	9
No apologies	10
Make-Ups	1
Raffle	\$185.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$75.00



President Suzanne Freund

- The Strathfield Rotary Music Festival “Horizon Festival” will be held at the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield on 24th May 2014 Between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
Commitment by members to this event is required to make it successful.
- We would also appreciate assistance from members’ Partners on the weekend of 24th and 25th May – for both the Music Festival and the Salvation Army Red shield appeal.
- **2014 BowelCare Program:**
I would like to remind you of the following dates:

Friday 11 and Saturday 12 April 2014
Collect Stock from Murray Farm Primary School

Saturday 26 April to 24 May 2014
Pharmacy Sales (official dates):

Saturday 7 June 2014

Last pharmacy pathology collection

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 June 2014
Return stock to Murray Farm Primary School

This year the Guaiac Kit is being used again and the price remains at \$10.00 per kit.

- Reminded members of our busy schedule coming up.
 - 23 May - Meriden Interact Dance
 - 24 May - ACU – Horizon Music Festival
 - 25 May – Red Shield Appeal
 - 1-4 June International Convention
- Two Commitment Sheets on circulation:
 - Graffiti Removal 6 April
 - ANZAC Day 25 April

Paulo Giammarco

- An application has been received from an outbound exchange student.
The application is subject to Board approval.
Paulo also reminded members that if we agree to sponsor an outbound exchange student Strathfield Rotary Club will be obliged to host an inbound exchange student.

Paul White

- At the last club assembly, issues around the operation of the club were raised and discussed.

In response, PP Steve Taylor provided a detailed missive around the issues. This missive was well

received as was the suggestion we open up a virtual assembly which will allow members to share views with those who wish to participate.

The board have asked me to administer the virtual assembly.

An initial website from PP Raymond McCluskie (including Steve's letter) has been established.

Some other feedback has been received and will be circulated shortly.

Initially all members will be included in the virtual assembly, but you are free to opt out (and to cease receiving communications) at any time. This can be done by sending an email to assembly@strathfieldrotary.org.au indicating your wish.

Grahame True

- Members are reminded **again** that the Club will be hosting visiting international Rotarians on **Tuesday 3 June 2014**. This will be an opportunity to meet and welcome our international guests to Australia and to our Club.

Raymond McCluskie

- Reminded members that the Enews published each week has various links to Club and Rotary International news as well as the current and past weekly bulletins and urged members to visit the Club's web page and be informed.

David Croft

- Circulated a Commitment Sheet for the traditional ANZAC Day breakfast and service at Cape Cabarita and all members and family are invited.

Keith Byrn

- Matters of Welfare – If members become aware of another member who is unwell or experiencing a difficulty, please ensure this is communicated to Keith Byrn so he can follow up.

Peter Smith

- Two commitment sheets on circulation:
Graffiti removal on 6 April and
Red Shield Appeal 25 May.

Kevin Freund

- Thanked the following members for their assistance at the 6.00 am – 8.00 am BBQ breakfast for the Parkinson's "Big Ride". Allan Petersen, Dave Martin, Keith Stockall, Peter Smith, Rod McDougall Kevin and Suzanne Freund.

Ray Wilson

- Once again a breakfast is being organised to watch the last round of the US Masters Tournament on the morning of 14 April. Also for those interested it proposed to have a game of golf following the breakfast. Please advise Ray by 9 April if you wish to participate.

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

Birthdays

10 April Kevin Freund
Allan Teale

Wedding Anniversaries

10 April Angelo & Maryanne
Franco
10 April Adrian Risi &
Angelina Canturi

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
16/4/2014	The Strathfield Report – Charles Casuscelli RFD MP
23/4/2014	NO MEETING
30/4/2014	Engineers Without Borders – Patrick Austin
7/5/2014	Meriden Interact – Sharna Kerr & Students
14/5/2014	Ice in your Veins - Belinda Noonan
21/5/2014 (Partner's night)	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014
28/5/2014	NO MEETING
3/6/2014 (Partners' Night)	Hospitality Evening for International Rotarians
4/6/2014	NO MEETING
27/6/2014	Changeover Night

NOTE: Partners are always welcome every week.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
25/4/2014	ANZAC Day
3/5/2014	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home Art Show
10/5/2014	Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fun Fair
23/5/2014	Meriden Interact School Dance
24/5/2014	Pat Drummond / Strathfield Rotary Music Festival - Australian Catholic University
25/5/2014	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal – Strathfield
1 – 4/6/2014	Rotary International Convention