



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.
District 9675, New South Wales, Australia



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Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

Paul P. Harris

President Petersen's Page

27TH January, 2016

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR ALL MEMBERS & PARTNERS TO LEAP INTO ANNO DOMINI



February 24, 6.30pm: 111th Rotary International Celebrations

March 4th-6th. Nelson Bay Diggers, District Conference

March 23rd 6.30pm: 40th Birthday Celebration
of Probus Clubs
ABBA group connection at Wine Tasting

March 30th 6.30pm 45th Birthday Celebration
of Strathfield Rotary

BOOK ALL FOUR DATES IN YOUR 2016 DIARY NOW!

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CLUB ASSEMBLY TONIGHT; 27/01/2016

1. President's presentation of the Half Yearly Review (handout) with "Growth for the Future" follow-up

2. **Announcements:** *Led by President with members' discussion follow-up*
 - Decision taken by Rotarian Paolo Giammarco to join District Vocational Services Directorate
 - Dates of February/March celebrations and further information on each-refer coverpage
 - Roles for the 4.4/90 Strategy 360 positions vacant to be filled
 - Previous members' resignations received from PP Suzanne Freund and PP Keith Stockall;
 - Rotarian Connie Galletta and Rotarian Peter Revelos
 - Venue being sought for a 2016 Club ANZAC Day Ceremony
 - Return of Centurion \$100 Towers can be forwarded to the Club Treasurer at any time before
 - The end of this Rotary Year. Have you involved your family in a \$2 contribution regularly?
 - The Club has been registered for the District Bowelcare Program for implementation in May/
 - June this year. Advise PP Director Peter Smith of you availability to assist
 - Wither the formation of an associated ACU Rotaract Club with our Rotary Club?
 - Date of the forthcoming Club Changeover: Booking made at Golf Club for Saturday July 2nd
 - (Related matters concerning the production of the Changeover Bulletin)

3.Operational Matters Discussion:

- * Process involved in determining allocation of funds to worthy recipients-led by President
 - * Position Paper presentation concerning the implementation of the Food Voucher System-led by Treasurer
 - * Budgeting for future activities-led by President
 - * Proposed Debate to be organised between students of St Patrick's College and Homebush Boys' High School –
Led by New Generations Director Dr U. Garg
 - * Matters relating to ongoing process of notifying meeting/meal attendance-led by Rotarian G. Vicarri
 - * General Business matters raised by members:
(Including any matters to be included on Board Meeting Agenda for the following week)
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MEETING PROGRAM DETAILS TO COMMENCE 2016

- Wed Jan 27: Club Assembly Agenda featured on the page opposite
- Wed Feb 3: Presentation to POW Awardee Rod Fitch, nominated by Rotarian A. Pappas Investigating the formation of a Strathfield ACU/Strathfield Rotary Rotaract Club with two speakers-a Rotaracter and District Coordinator
First Board Meeting for 2016
- Wed Feb 10: Maria Moran: District representative of ROMAC welcomed by International Director, Bradley Ayres
- Fri Feb 12: District Presidents' Meeting at Liverpool Catholic Club
- Wed Feb 17: Dr Helena Popovic: "Brain Plasticity"
- Thurs Feb 18: Eastern Creek BBQ in afternoon. Contact PP Peter Smith with availability
- Wed Feb 24: Rotary International 111th Anniversary Celebrations commemorating Paul Harris' beginnings of Rotary
Invited speakers: ADG: Dr Helen Jagger and DGE Stephen Humphreys
Partners very welcome to join this auspicious occasion
- Thurs Feb 25: New Members' Seminars arranged by District
at Parramatta venue to be advised



Since we last met in December we have disbursed funds to our Country friends at Moree Salvation Army in the following way:
\$3 500 CHRISTMAS CHEER RESULTING FROM CAROLS BBQ
\$1 000 BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS RESULTING FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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The Daily Telegraph

Money can't buy the greatest gifts

Temporary solutions often have a way of making a bad situation worse. Speeding away from police at a random breath test may buy you a few more minutes of liberty, for example, but the consequences of that decision will only compound an existing problem.

Given the severe time constraints suffered by many modern parents, temporary solutions are frequently the only solutions available. Fast food takes the place of proper meals, and so on.

As new research reveals, parents are increasingly liable to make up for their lack of engagement with children due to long work hours by overcompensating at Christmas.

"Because mum and dad work hard, the attitude towards their children is: 'You shall enjoy your life because of how hard we work.' And that means iPads and Xboxes for the kids," demographer Bernard Salt told *The Saturday Telegraph*.

Yet this, just as in the case of our runaway driver, only leads to further problems. According to that new research, nine in 10 parents now believe the gift expectations of their children are becoming increasingly "unrealistic", and six in 10 admit their kids are receiving gifts they do not "fully appreciate".

In other words, in attempting to make up for lack of quality time with our children, we're creating a generation of spoiled materialists. This cannot be good for parents or children. Parenting expert Justin Coulson puts it in chilling terms. "If we are consistently spoiling them year-round," he warns, "then they will turn into the Kardashians or Paris Hilton." If that doesn't scare parents into action, nothing will.

Fortunately, there is a solution. And all it requires is some focus and discipline — from parents rather than their children. Instead of only giving expensive gifts this year, consider also giving the gift of experience. Charities can always use some assistance over Christmas/New Year, perhaps helping out in storerooms or even joining in the direct task of distributing goods.

Elderly relatives and neighbours might appreciate an offer of mowing the lawn or grocery shopping. Teachers and sports coaches would definitely appreciate a handmade gift. There are so many different ways to enhance Christmas without resorting to big spending.

And, of course, there is one gift that is valuable beyond measure. Spend more time with your children — at Christmas and throughout the entire year. Nothing from any store can beat it.