



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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## APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

### PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

At our last board meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> March it was noted that members are now doing the right thing and apologising if unable to attend – excellent - more attendees would be great.

Unfortunately the board had to accept the resignation of Joe Campisi due to work and family commitments. I reassured Joe he is welcome back at any time.

Peter Van der Sleeson reported he has R.Y.P.E.N. in hand for the week in May; the board has OK'd the support of two attendees. On the international front Janelle's budget has been topped up with \$1200 for another shelter box and in lieu of our World Vision commitment we decided to donate \$500 to a very worthwhile cause, Doctors Without Borders. Kevin Freund reported to the board that his P.E.T.S. weekend was very useful and he is on track for his year.

Last week the R.Y.L.A. presentation from Maria and Vanessa showed us yet another reason as to why we support our youth programmes – what excellent ambassadors they are.

I would like to make an apology for the unfortunate timetabling of the next two transfer meetings – Elizabeth Farm 8<sup>th</sup> April; OTEN 15<sup>th</sup> April. However both these venues will be well worth the effort and I thank Neil and Peter for arranging them.

Don't forget to give some thought to our 'Service above Self Award', David Croft will be asking the club members for a worthwhile recipient, please give him your ideas. Tony Lanzafame is again this year heading up our Youth Achievement Awards along with Strathfield Council. Tony has spent much time liaising with local youth groups, schools and council to decide on the appropriate choices, a difficult task. This will be a night to reward young people and should be enjoyed by Rotarians and partners.

Tonight we welcome Sister Josephine to talk on St Mary's House and its welfare work.

**Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary**

**President Grahame**

### TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

**St Mary's House**

Sister Josephine Brimo

Introduced by Janelle Watson

Thanked by Roger Vince

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

1/04/2009	<i>Peter Van Der Sleesen</i>
2/04/2009	<i>Andrew Kowalski</i>
7/04/2009	<i>Chin McGlynn</i>
	<i>Allan Teale</i>
	<i>Kevin Freund</i>
12/04/2009	<i>Ron Thugar</i>
17/04/2009	<i>Joe Campisi</i>
19/04/2009	<i>Maryanne Franco</i>
	<i>Charter Night 1971</i>

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/04/2009	<i>Angelo &amp; Maryanne Franco</i>
11/04/2009	<i>Ross &amp; Joan Brown</i>

#### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

16 Apr *Shirley Del Prado*

### LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speakers were Maria and Vanessa who spoke to us about their attendance at RYLA. Maria and Vanessa were introduced by Peter Van der Sleesen.

Both of our guest speakers had graduated from the Australian Catholic University with a Bachelor of Exercise Science degree. They are both currently studying for a Graduate Diploma of Education and a Graduate Certificate of Religious Education.

Maria advised us of some of the information she had included in her application form. Maria has a part time job as Sweet Pea the clown and performs at parties, weddings and for children's charities. Maria had also travelled to the USA to assist at a summer camp for children with emotional, behavioural and learning difficulties.

Vanessa's application set out details of the year she had spent as a volunteer working with the Catholic Church in its youth ministry. During that year she travelled around various universities promoting faith

on campus. She also had a leadership role in relation to the World Youth Day. Following on from this she travelled to the Vatican in December 2008 to deliver an icon (which was university specific) and met with the Pope and received a papal blessing.

The speakers then described their experiences at the RYLA week. In general they found the opportunity to interact with the sixty participants very beneficial and the whole experience life changing.

Upon arrival each attendee is allocated to a group which becomes their support network. Some attendees with disabilities were able to achieve things well beyond their expectations with the support of their group.

During the week both speakers formed bonds and relationships with other participants which they believe will continue well into the future.

Maria and Vanessa also found the presentations on topics such as 'money matters' and 'public speaking' very informative.

Both speakers were very positive and enthusiastic in reporting to members on their RYLA experience and in conclusion thanked the club for sponsoring them. Maria and Vanessa were thanked by Bradley Ayres.

### Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 35      Apol: 15      Non-Apol: 9

LOA:

*Peter Harries:*                      till 15 April, 2009.

*Les Hockley:*                        till 22 April, 2009

*Brian Driver:*                      till 30 April, 2009

*Terry Rohan:*                        till 1 May, 2009

*Suzanne Freund:*                till 31 May, 2009

The Sergeant raised \$101<sup>05</sup>

### Last Week's Raffle

*(The raffle raised \$180.<sup>00</sup>)*

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Umbrella	Niall King
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	DVD's	Trevor Duxbury
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Wine	Ray Wilson
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Wine	CS Yoon
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Dinner next week	Neil Kennan

## LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *From President Grahame True*

- Thank you to Doug Potter and Terry Rohan for arranging the Sergeant's Dinner
- Thank you to attendees at last weekend's Car Rally to the Leftwich's at Kiama.
- Special thank you to Sue and John Leftwich for opening up their home and donating the funds from the BBQ/Rally back to the Club (\$640 raised)
- Commitment Sheets for:-
  - Elizabeth Farm – 8<sup>th</sup> April
  - OTEN – 15<sup>th</sup> April. \$25pp
  - Anzac Day Breakfast
- Reminder of raffle tickets for the Junior Golf Day

### *From Director Trevor Duxbury*

- Reminder to complete the Commitment sheets for the OTEN visit and the Elizabeth Farm visit
- Details of the Elizabeth Farm visit will be in next week's bulletin, including \$25 per person with NO ALCOHOL allowed on the site
- A key was found on the driveway after the Open house

### *From Secretary Allan Petersen*

- The Club has been invited to meet the Riders in the Great Aust. Bike Ride on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at the Parramatta Workers Club at 6 for 6:30pm. \$35 per person.
- Homebush RSL March on Anzac Day. Meet at Inveress Park at 9:45am for march to local memorial. RSVP to Allan by 10<sup>th</sup> April

### *From Peter Manenti*

- Remember the BUSH DANCE at Strathfield Town Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. \$25 pp
- Bring your own basket with tea & coffee provided.
- Music by Sydney Cove

### *From Tony Lanzafame*

- Youth Night Awards now being decided for 29<sup>th</sup> April

### *From Ray Wilson*

- Numbers needed for Rotary Info Night on 22<sup>nd</sup> April

### *From Anuradha Kamkolkar*

- Highly recommends next week's speaker, Sister Josephine Brimo. Her work is outstanding

## COMING EVENTS

**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009. (Friday Evening)**

**MERIDEN-INTERACT DANCE 6:00pm to 10:30pm**

WALLIS HALL AT MERIDEN. *Rotarian Helpers needed*

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2009. (Thursday Evening)**

**GREAT AUST. BIKE RIDERS 6:00pm for 6:30pm**

Parramatta Workers Club. *Contact Secretary Allan*

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009. (Thursday)**

**JUNIOR GOLF CLUB FUND RAISER**

Strathfield Golf Club

Organised by Ray Wilson

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009. (Saturday)**

**ROTARY RACE DAY AT ROSEHILL**

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2009. (Saturday)**

**ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST AT CAPE CABARITA,**

8:00am Start

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

**BUSH DANCE AT STRATHFIELD TOWN HALL**

\$25 pp, bring your own basket

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

**DISTRICT 9690 FAMILY OF ROTARY PICNIC DAY**

**"Casuarina" Picnic Ground.** Nurragingy Reserve,

Doonside. 10:30am-3:30pm. Contact Marilyn Mercer,

[hawkesbury@rotarnet.com.au](mailto:hawkesbury@rotarnet.com.au)

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2009. (Saturday)**

**DISTRICT CHANGEOVER 6:30pm for 7:00pm**

Penrith Panthers. \$30pp

### SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

Rotarians give service to their club and to the community in many different ways. Some serve actively in high profile roles such as officers of the club, chairs of committees or event organisers while many others give outstanding service, support and assistance in less obvious and unobtrusive ways. Last year the Rotary Club of Strathfield introduced a "Service Above Self Award" to be presented annually to the club member who is judged to;

- *put the Rotary Ethic ahead of their own personal considerations*
- *always put in that extra effort for Rotary in serving the community*
- *go beyond the norm in representing Rotary to the community.*

The recipient of this award is chosen by secret ballot of all members of the club; not by the President or the Board which makes the award all the more meritorious because the winner is recognised and rewarded by his/her peers. The first recipient of the Service Above Self Award was Ray Wilson who was presented with his award at the Club Changeover.

In April we will be calling for nominations for this year's award. So start thinking now about who you will nominate for this very special recognition

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**6:30pm START**

**Elizabeth Farm Visit PARTNERS' NIGHT**

Elizabeth Farm is at 70 Alice St, Rosehill. By car there is ample street parking on Alice Street and also on Alfred Street (cross road). There is parallel parking on the road opposite Elizabeth Farm or angle parking in front of the Elizabeth Farm reserve, just beyond the boundaries of the museum property. By public transport Harris Park station is about a 10 minute walk and Parramatta station is about 20 min walk away. The Veolia 909 bus stops at Our Lady of Lebanon School and Church which is only 2 minutes walk from Elizabeth Farm. COST \$25 pp.

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**PARTNERS' NIGHT**

**TRANSFER MEETING TO OTEN COLLEGE**

**51 Wentworth Road, Burwood**

The management and staff at OTEN will be providing *two speakers* on the night together with a *brief tour* of the facility.

We will be having a *nice hot and cold buffet dinner* (\$25) on site at Café O (which is licensed and table wine will be available). The Café is independently operated by Fred Kaleel.

*On site parking* (southern car-park) has been arranged.

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009**

**Rotary Information Night**

Membership Promotion by Ray Wilson

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**Youth Achievements Awards Night**

Tony Lanzafame & Strathfield Council

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Cochlear Awareness Network**

Faye Yarroll

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Deborah Ng and Eve Dutton**

Peter Smith

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**"Ranfurly Library Services"**

Peter Bourke

**27<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**"Using Acupuncture to Treat Depression"**

Kirk Wilson

Introduced by Ray Wilson Thanked by -----

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009**

**Wheelchair Sports**

To Be Confirmed

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Lost Words**

Gunilla Denton Cook

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

TBA

**24<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**NO MEETING TRANSFERRED TO CHANGE OVER**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Friday)**

**Change Over Night**

Strathfield Golf Club

# HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

## ITALIAN BUSINESS SCHOOL

From Peter Smith

Luigi (father): 'I want you to marry a girl of my choice.'

Son: 'I will choose my own bride!!!'

Luigi: 'But the girl is Bill Gates' daughter.'

Son: 'Well, in that case... OK'

Next Luigi approaches Bill Gates.

Luigi: 'I have a husband for your daughter...'

Bill Gates: 'But my daughter is too young to marry!!!!'

Luigi: 'But this young man is a vice-president of the World Bank'

Bill Gates: 'Ah, in that case... OK'

Finally Luigi goes to see the president of the World Bank.

Luigi: 'I have a young man to be recommended as a vice-president.'

President: 'But I already have more vice-presidents than I need!'

Luigi: 'But this young man is Bill Gates' son-in-law.'

President: 'Ah, in that case... OK'

And that, my friends, is how Italians do business

## NEW ZEALAND TRANSLATIONS

From Shirley Del Prado

Milbun	Capital of Victoria
Peck	To fill a suitcase
Pigs	For hanging out washing
Nin tin dough	Computer game
McKenoek	Person who fixes cars
Dusk	computer device for storing information
Disk	A place to sit at work
Kiri Pecker	Famous Australian businessman
Jungle Bills	Christmas Carol
Betting	Betting gloves are worn by betsmen in cricket
Brist	Part of human anatomy between nick and billy
Dimmer Kretz	Those who believe in democracy
Error Buck	Language spoken in countries like Surria, E. Jupp and Libbernon.
Duck Hid	term of abuse directed mainly at men.
Inner me	Enemy
Guess	Vapour
Fear hear	Blonde
Ear roebucks	Exercise at gym
Duffy cult	Not easy
Bug hut	Popular recording
Sucks peck	Half a dozen beers
One doze	Well known computer program
Beggage chucken	Place to leave your luggage at the earport
Funny Ek sent	Which is what New Zealanders probably think us Australians have!

## RECESSION HUMOUR

From Peter Smith

Q: With the current market turmoil, what's the easiest way to make a small fortune?

A: Start off with a large one.

A concerned customer asked his stock broker if the recent market decline and volatility worried him. The broker told him that he has been sleeping like a baby.

"Really?!?" replied the customer.

"Absolutely," said the broker,

"I sleep for about an hour, wake up, and then cry for about an hour."

Ali Baba and the forty thieves are now Ali Baba and thirty thieves. Ten were laid off!

A director decided to award a prize of \$1,000 for the best idea for saving the company money during the recession. It was won by a young executive who suggested reducing the prize money to \$100.

Women finally marrying for love! And not money!

Q: What's the difference between an investment banker and a large pizza?

A: A large pizza can feed a family of four.

Q: Why have Dubai real estate agents stopped looking out of the window in the morning?

A: Because otherwise they'd have nothing to do in the afternoon.

Q: What's the difference between an American and a Zimbabwean?

A: In a few weeks.....nothing.

Q What's the difference between a bond and a bond trader?

A. A bond matures.

Q. Did you hear Goldman Sachs has a new cafeteria?

A. It is called the Warren Buffet.

Q: What is the Capital of Iceland?

A: About 70 cents.

Update on the Japanese Banking Crisis: According to our inside contacts, the Japanese banking crisis shows no signs of ameliorating. If anything, it is getting worse.

Following last week's news that Origami Bank had folded, we are hearing that Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank plans to cut back some of its branches. Karaoke Bank is up for sale and is going for a song. Meanwhile, shares in Kamikaze Bank have nose-dived and 500 employees at Karate Bank got chopped. Analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank and some staff there fear they may get a raw deal.

Recession Bumper Sticker:

The recession is worse than a divorce. You lose half your fortune and still have your wife.

The Difference between Communism & Capitalism. In communism we nationalise the banks and then push them to bankruptcy. In capitalism we push the banks to bankruptcy and then nationalise them.

Money talks. Trouble is, it knows only one word: goodbye!!