



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

What two excellent away meetings we have just had – for those that were unable to attend, the Elizabeth Farm experience was well presented by members of the Historic Houses Trust, a step back in time. I was glad the supper was not prepared in the scullery.

OTEN opened our eyes of the ease and the availability of education no matter where you are. The meal put on by OTEN on the evening was scrumptious. Our thanks go out to Ron Wright and his staff for such an informative evening. Well done Neil Kennan and Peter Smith – once again making “moi” look good.

I hope the Easter Bunny was good to all and the break has bought us back rested and ready to go. Penny and I had a fine get away, but now the credit card needs replenishing. On Friday Rod McDougall and Kevin Beltrame, our bikers extraordinaire, represented Strathfield Rotary in Burwood Park when the Rotary Health Bike Riders passed our way, they rode with the official riders from Burwood Park to Strathfield Park wishing them well on their way. These riders were being sponsored for their ride around Australia raising funds for the Rotary Health Foundation – mental health.

Thursday the 23rd is the Youth Golf Day, Ray and his crew have put in a great effort setting up this youth initiative. Whilst on youth, next week is our Youth Achievement Awards evening in conjunction with Strathfield Council. Tony Lanzafame has worked with the council in selecting the recipients of these awards, this will be an uplifting evening to show case our youth.

Anzac Day breakfast at Cape Cabarita this Saturday will commence at 8am. David and the Cape Cabarita crowd have organised the proceedings, it will be a time of remembrance and reflection.

Don't like to harp fellows – the Bush Dance on the 9th May – the commitment sheet is circulating so please fill it in for yourself and friends.

‘Service Above Self’ award forms are due back to Secretary Allan by next week. Please consider what fellow Rotarians you feel most deserving of this accolade.

Tonight we have guests looking forward to learning about Rotary and its workings; as Rotarians we need to advertise the ethos of Rotary and educate others in its programmes, tonight is a step in this direction.

Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

Rotary Information Night
Membership Promotion by Ray Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

24/04/2009 *Sue Leftwich*
23/04/2009 *Patricia Giammarco*
25/04/2009 *Olga Pitt*
Johanna Alvaro
Mira Carney

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

23/04/2009 *Neil & Mary Anne Kennan*
24/04/2009 *Chang & KW Soo Yoon*

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

NIL

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Sister Josephine Brimo was introduced by Janelle Watson, who gave a brief CV of sister's work.

Sister Josephine is a “Sisters of Mercy” nun who is responsible for St Mary's House in Campsie where a number of services are offered. When she started at St Mary's House they only had a very rundown old building which started as an outreach for women. The house also began to help those who had no English by starting classes for the great numbers who needed it. The Sisters financed as much as they could, but they needed help, which initially came from their order. They offer medium term accommodation to give the families an opportunity to get themselves sorted during the time allowed. The children benefit from qualified teachers with extensive experience. In the last five years they formed a partnership “Affordable Housing” so that five families can receive help.

St Mary's House was established in 1990 to provide services to the community and families in the Canterbury and Bankstown Local Government areas. Financial help is provided by local groups such as the Canterbury Leagues Club, a major supporter of the House. The House has recently moved into more

modern accommodation at 59-63 Evaline Street, Campsie.

The Housing Outreach Program offers women and their children who have escaped a domestic violence situation, or who are in special need of housing, up to two years of medium term crisis accommodation. Staff maintain contact with tenants and help resettlement into the community.

Other services from St Mary's House include counselling, referrals to welfare or legal aid agencies, advocacy and mediation centres, community housing and health centres, provision of information and education to appropriate community resources.

The St Mary's House Learning Team provide two afternoons per week to learn and practice English. Additional pre-school English classes are offered one morning per week.

The St Mary's House Children Services Team offer Playgroup for two hours on two days a week during school term

Sister Josephine Brimo was thanked by Roger Vince on behalf of the Club.

Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 24 Apol: 24 Non-Apol: 10

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

Joe Campisi has offered his resignation to the Board due to work and home commitments. Thank you Joe for your contribution to the Club and your active participation in Club events.

The Sergeant raised \$72.⁰⁵

Last Meeting's Raffle

(The raffle raised \$178.⁰⁰)

1 st Prize	Silver Jug	Trevor Duxbury
2 nd Prize	Wine & DVD	Ray Wilson
3 rd Prize	Books	Umesh Kamkolkar
4 th Prize	Wine	Joseph Kim
5 th Prize	DVD	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 – 8th April
 - OTEN – 15th 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 16th 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 10th April

From Peter Manenti

- Remember the BUSH DANCE at Strathfield Town Hall on Saturday 9th 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 29th April

From Ray Wilson

- Numbers needed for Rotary Info Night on 22nd April

From Anuradha Kamkolkar

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

SHELTER AID REACHS

ITALIAN QUAKE VICTIMS

Volunteers assemble a ShelterBox tent in Assergi, Italy, after the country's worst earthquake in decades left tens of thousands homeless on 6 April. Hours after a powerful earthquake struck central Italy on 6 April, killing nearly 300 people, a team of **ShelterBox** volunteers reached the affected areas to distribute 245 containers of relief supplies to hundreds of displaced families.

COMING EVENTS

23rd April 2009. (Thursday)
JUNIOR GOLF CLUB FUND RAISER
Strathfield Golf Club. Lunch 2pm
Organised by Ray Wilson

25th April 2009. (Saturday)
ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST AT CAPE CABARITA,
8:00am Start

30th April 2009. (Thursday)
RESTAURANT NIGHT,
Korean BBQ Restaurant,
George Street, North Strathfield. (Old Arnott's Site)

2nd May 2009. (Saturday)
ROTARY RACE DAY AT ROSEHILL

9th May 2009. (Saturday)
BUSH DANCE AT STRATHFIELD TOWN HALL
\$25 pp, bring your own basket

17th May 2009. (Sunday)
DISTRICT 9690 FAMILY OF ROTARY PICNIC DAY
"Casuarina" Picnic Ground. Nurragingy Reserve,
Doonside. 10:30am-3:30pm. Contact Marilyn Mercer,
hawkesbury@rotarnet.com.au

4th July 2009. (Saturday)
DISTRICT CHANGE OVER 6:30pm for 7:00pm
Penrith Panthers. \$30pp

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

ALL NOMINATION FORMS TO BE
RETURNED TO SECRETARY ALLAN BY
29TH APRIL 2009

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

29th April 2009
Youth Achievements Awards Night. \$25pp
Tony Lanzafame & Strathfield Council

6th May 2009
Cochlear Awareness Network
Faye Yarroll

13th May 2009
Deborah Ng and Eve Dutton
Peter Smith

20th May 2009
"Ranfurly Library Services"
Peter Bourke
Introduced by George Hallworth Thanked by Janelle Watson

27th May 2009
"Using Acupuncture to Treat Depression"
Kirk Wilson
Introduced by Ray Wilson Thanked by -----

3rd June 2009
Wheelchair Sports
To Be Confirmed

10th June 2009
Lost Words
Gunilla Denton Cook

17th June 2009
"What Life Dishes Out"
Richard Dabinett

24th June 2009
NO MEETING
TRANSFERRED TO CHANGE OVER

26th June 2009 (Friday)
Change Over Night
Strathfield Golf Club

1st July 2009
Child Protection and Sexual Harassment
Frank Portelli

8th July 2009
Barnardos Children's Family Centre
Rosemary Hamill

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

THREE QUOTES

From Steve Taylor

Three contractors are bidding to install some insulation on a new room at The Lodge.

One is from Brisbane, another is from Canberra, and the third is from Sydney.

All three go with an official from The Lodge to examine the building. The Brisbane contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900: \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Canberra contractor also does some measuring and figuring, and then says I can do this job for \$700: \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Sydney contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to The Lodge official and whispers, "\$2,700."

The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other blokes! How did you come up with such a high figure?"

The Sydney contractor whispers back, "\$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the local mug from Canberra to do the job."

"Done!" replies the government official.

ASK GRANDMA

From Tony Lanzafame

Little Tony was staying with his grandmother for a few days. He'd been playing outside with the other kids for a while when he came into the house and asked. "grandma, what's that called when two people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?"

She was a little taken aback, but she decided to just tell him the truth. 'it's called sexual intercourse, darling.'

Little Tony just said, 'oh, ok,' and went back outside to play with the other kids.

A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, "grandma, it isn't called sexual intercourse. it's called bunk beds. and Jimmy's mom wants to talk to you."

THE RURAL RECESSION

From Shirley Del Prado

The Rural Recession has been explained in simple terms by an old-time farmer:

It all started back in 1966 when we changed from pounds to dollars that doubled me bloody overdraft.

Then they brought in kilograms instead of pounds, so me bloody wool clip dropped by half.

After that, they changed rain to millimetres and we haven't had an inch of rain since.

If that wasn't enough, they brought on Celsius, and it never got over 40 degrees, no wonder me bloody wheat won't grow.

Then they changed acres to hectares, and I ended up with only half the land I had.

By this time I'd had enough and decided to sell out. I put the property in the agent's hand and then they changed miles to kilometres.

Now I'm too far out of town for anybody to buy the bloody place.

COST OF FISHING

From Tony Lanzafame

Four married guys go fishing. After an hour, the following conversation took place:

First guy: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out fishing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I will paint every room in the house next weekend."

Second guy: "That is nothing, I had to promise my wife that I will build her a new deck for the pool."

Third guy: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I will remodel the kitchen for her."

They continue to fish when they realized that the fourth guy has not said a word. So they asked him. "You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What's the deal?"

Fourth guy: "I just set my alarm for 5:30 am. When it went off, I shut off my alarm, gave the wife a nudge and said, "Fishing or Sex" ...and she said, "Wear sun-block."

THE WEALTH OF A NATION

From Grahame True

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the rich out of freedom.

What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

The government cannot give to anybody anything the government does not first take from somebody else.

When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply the wealth by dividing it."

- Dr. Adrian Rogers -

Strathfield Youth Leadership Awards

At a recent Strathfield Rotary meeting, ACU National education graduates Maria Boulatsakos and Vanessa Forcella were presented with Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

This followed their one-week leadership and interpersonal skills camp at Springwood in January.

The graduates also addressed the meeting, describing the challenges and rewards they faced at the camp and explained how their involvement has led to personal changes and new friendships.



Vanessa and Maria receiving their awards from Rotary President Grahame True.