

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 the last board meeting on the 21st some final decisions were made for this Rotary year – all is on track. Our information night held last Wednesday was a great success thanks to Ray and his group of knowledgeable speakers. Our guests and current Rotarians left the meeting well informed and hopefully we gain new Rotarians. Thursday I attended the fund raiser for junior golf – I am pleased to say that Ray and his golf buddies raised in excess of \$11,000 – what a great effort.

A big thank you to PDG David Croft and the Cape Cabarita crew for a moving ANZAC day commemoration. Reflections from Margery Foss, readings by Les Norman and David Brimfield's stirring rendition on the trumpet all topped off with a wonderful breakfast. Fellowship between Strathfield Club, Breakfast Point Club and Cape Cabarita community made for an excellent morning. On a lighter note I trust that Jackie Ruston and Peter Foss have recovered from their little dip!

Tonight's Youth Achievement Awards in conjunction with Strathfield Council, will see our youth being recognised for their accomplishments; it is good to be able to highlight the positive aspects of our young people – we have many of them in our community.

It is the last night for you to return your nomination form for our Service Above Self Awards, if you have forgotten to bring it this evening see Secretary Allan for a form. In the mail this week the club received information from the Rotary Club of Berry – Gerringong about the Celtic Festival on Saturday 23rd May. The proceeds of this day will go to the Shoalhaven Linear Accelerator Appeal. This cause is close to our family as my sister in law has had to travel from the Shoalhaven to Wollongong for radiation therapy – a machine is much needed in this area. My final note: I am so disappointed with the lack of response to date for our Bush Dance. When this idea was first muted the indication from club members was quite positive so PP Peter has spent much time and energy organising a great night – small costs, lots of fun to be had. If the response has not improved by the end of tonight's meeting the Bush Dance will be cancelled and the club will be out of pocket for the cost of the band.

Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary President Grahame

TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

Youth Achievement Awards.

Tony Lanzafame & Strathfield Council

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

2/05/2009 Ian Johnson 4/05/2009 Fred Haddon Sal & Rita Tosto 6/05/2009

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John & Sue Leftwich

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Haddon, Frederick 1 May 1 May Khu, Eric 1 May Taylor, Alan 1 May Vince, Roger 4 May Driver, Brian

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Last meeting was a Rotary Information Night. Six members spoke at the meeting to inform prospective members of aspects of Rotary and to provide information on our Club, Speakers were:-

Paul White Being a Rotarian **David Croft** Rotary International Rod McDougall Youth & Vocational Service

Bert Houston Club History

Peter Manenti Why I am a Rotarian Ray McCluskie Community Service

Paul White noted that members of the club covered a wide range of occupations and a wide range of interests. Paul had found that fellowship is a significant aspect of being a Rotarian. He also enjoys the guest speakers at the weekly meetings. Paul noted that Rotary is an international organisation. Whilst in Nashville Paul had attended a local club meeting and had been made most welcome. Paul noted that at every Rotary function there is a raffle to assist with fund raising. Paul said that the key to his Rotary experience was "community engagement" with schools, youth and industry. In conclusion Paul stated that he was happy to contribute what he could to the club and noted that what people got out of Rotary was closely related to what they were prepared to put into it.

David Croft spoke about "Rotary International". He noted that Rotary was the first service club. Rotary had grown

from humble beginnings in 1905 with four members to now having 1.2 million members in 200 countries and geographical regions. Rotary has 534 districts with our district being District 9690. David spoke about the four way test that Rotarians should apply in their business and professional lives:

- Is it the truth?
- Will it build goodwill?
- Is it fair to all?
- Is it beneficial to all?

David spoke about the programs run by the Rotary Foundation in developing countries the largest of which is the Polio Plus program. David also referred to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund which has raised \$25 million. In conclusion David noted that Rotary gives ordinary people the opportunity to do extraordinary things.

Our third speaker was Rod McDougall who spoke on "Youth and Vocation Service". Rod advised us that between 200 and 300 young people benefit from our club's activities each year. These include participants in:

- leadership camps
- Meriden INTERACT
- driving skills courses
- Australian Business Week

In Rotary a strong emphasis is placed on high vocational standards. This places Rotary in an ideal position to give recognition to the vocational achievements of others through:

- The Pride of Workmanship Awards
- The Police Officer of the Year Awards.

These award nights are attended by leaders in the community and are given substantial publicity in the local press.

Our next speaker was Ray McCluskie who spoke about "Community Service". Ray noted that "service is our business". For example we help out in the community by providing a barbecue at Carols by Candlelight and at other community events. We also assist with the Red Shield appeal and assist other charities. We organise social events to raise funds to assist in providing these services. We also provide direct assistance to:

- the School for Seniors
- the local Probus Clubs
- local community projects.

Whilst providing these services we also have fellowship and fun.

Our next speaker was Bert Houston who spoke on "Club History". Our club was chartered on 19 April 1971 when we were sponsored as a new club by Burwood Club. There were 25 original members one of which was Peter Foss who is still an active member of the club. The original club meeting place was the Strathfield Recreation Club. In 1991 the rules were changed to allow female members and the club admitted its first female member in 1992. In 2008 our club sponsored the new Breakfast Point Rotary Club which was a significant achievement in the history of our club. Over the years our membership has included seven mayors and numerous councillors. Strathfield is now the biggest of the 36 clubs in District 9690. In conclusion Bert noted that the club had many members of long standing and expressed the hope that the strength, vitality and worth of the club would appeal to prospective members.

Our final speaker was Peter Manenti who spoke on "Why I am a Rotarian". Peter advised us that he has been a Rotarian since 1971 when his name was put forward by his then employer. After 30 years Peter is still a Rotarian. Peter advised us that his family and his business have priority over his Rotary commitments. Peter has made some good friends through the fellowship offered by Rotary. In conclusion Peter noted that he felt that he owed the community something in return for the success he has enjoyed in his business life and through Rotary his small contribution becomes significant.

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- Commitment Sheets for:-
 - Bush Dance 9th May
 - Restaurant Night 30th April. \$35pp
 - Red Shield Appeal Sun 24th May
 - Youth Achievement Awards 29th April
- ➤ Reminder of raffle tickets for the Junior Golf Day drawn tomorrow
- ➤ Thank you to Rod McDougall and Kevin Beltrame for attending the Great Australian Bike Riders on Thursday 16th April at the Parramatta Workers Club

From Secretary Allan Petersen (via President Electric)

- ➤ Thank you letter to Club for donation to Rotary Bush Fire Appeal for Victoria.
- ➤ Invitation to Club for Art Exhibition at The Catholic University
- > Letter from World Vision regarding possible future sponsorship of child
- Reminder letter of ARHRF Race Day on 2nd May 2009
- Invitation from Breakfast Point Club for Dinner Dance at Breakfast Point Country Club on 1st May 2009.
- Letter from South Strathfield Bowling Club for ANZAC Meeting at 1pm in Augusta Street.

Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 39 Apol: 06

LOA: 4

Les Hockley:till 22 April, 2009Brian Driver:till 30 April, 2009Terry Rohan:till 1 May, 2009Suzanne Freund:till 31 May, 2009

The Sergeant raised \$130⁻²⁰

<u>Last Meeting's Raffle</u> (Prizes from Ray WILSON)

(The raffle raised \$320. 00)

1 st Prize	Leather Golf Bag	Ray McCluskie
2 nd Prize	Golf Jumper	Warren Abbott
3 rd Prize	Umbrella	George Hallworth
4 th Prize	Golf Shirt	Paul Giammarco
5 th Prize	Golf Shirt	Doug Potter

COMING EVENTS

30th April 2009. (Thursday)

RESTAURANT NIGHT.

Korean BBQ Restaurant,

George Street, North Strathfield. (Old Arnott's Site)

2nd May 2009. (Saturday) ROTARY RACE DAY (ARHRF) 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

24th May 2009. (Sunday)

RED SHIELD APPEAL

Strathfield Town Hall

26th June 2009 (Friday)

CHANGE OVER NIGHT

Strathfield Golf Club

4th July 2009. (Saturday)

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Penrith Panthers. \$30pp

TO THE LADIES OF ROTARY

INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT **HEATHER WILSON, INNER** WHEEL CLUB OF PARRAMATTA INC.

You are cordially invited to our meeting on Monday, 4th May. Morning tea will be provided at The Workers' Club, George Street, Parramatta (entrance Purchase Street) 10.30 for 11am. \$10 per person.

Our guest speaker is from 'Miracle Babies'.

RSVP 30.4.09 Please contact Caroline Flynn on 0410 476 211 if you would like to attend.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

6th May 2009

Cochlear Awareness Network

Fave Yarroll

Introduced by Bradley Ayres Thanked by Joe Saad

13th May 2009

Deborah Ng and Eve Dutton
Introduced by Peter Smith Thanked by Keith Stockall

20th May 2009

"Ranfurly Library Services"

Peter Bourke

Introduced by Janelle Watson Thanked by Paul White

27th May 2009

"Using Acupuncture to Treat Depression"

Kirk Wilson

Introduced by Ray Wilson Thanked by Suzanne Freund

3rd June 2009

Wheelchair Sports

Kylie Gauci

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

15th July 2009

Office of Fair Trading

Joe Puntillo

22nd July 2009

Job Talks.

Doug Potter, Suzanne Freund, Godfrey Isouard

29th July 2009

House With No Steps

Dennis O'Reilly,

General Manager Fund Raising & Community

Relations

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT

My flight was being served by an obviously gay flight attendant, who seemed to put everyone in a good mood as he served us food and drinks.

As the plane prepared to descend, he came swishing down the aisle and told us that 'Cantain Maryey has

down the aisle and told us that 'Captain Marvey has asked me to announce that he'll be landing the big scary plane shortly, so lovely people, if you could just put your trays up, that would be super.'

On his trip back up the aisle, he noticed this well-dressed and rather Middle-Eastern looking woman hadn't moved a muscle. 'Perhaps you didn't hear me over those big brute engines but I asked you to raise your trazy-poo, so the main man can pitty-pat us on the ground.'

She calmly turned her head and said, 'In my country, I am called a Princess and I take orders from no one.' To which the flight attendant replied, without missing a beat, 'Well, sweet-cheeks, in my country I'm called a Queen, so I outrank you. Tray-up, Bitch'

WHO IS SMART

From Peter Smith

Wall Street hedge fund managers, derivatives traders and mortgage loan officers could have learned something from this kid! Sometimes less really is more!!!

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, 'This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you.' The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, 'Which do you want, son?'

The boy takes the quarters and leaves the dollar. 'What did I tell you?' said the barber. 'That kid never learns!'

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store &says; 'Hey, son! May I ask you a question?

Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?'

The boy licked his cone and replied, 'Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!'

WRONG DAY From Peter Smith

Paddy met Mick in the street and Mick said, 'Paddy will you draw your bedroom curtains before making love to your wife in future?'

'Why?' Paddy asked.

'Because', said Mick 'all the street was laughing when they saw you making love yesterday.'

Mick said, 'Silly buggers - the laugh's on them. I wasn't home yesterday!!'

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS?? From Peter Smith

- 1. Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- 2. Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- 3. Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?
- 4. Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- 5. Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- 6. Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?
- 7. What is the speed of darkness?
- 8. Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?
- 9. Are there specially reserved parking spaces for 'normal' people at the Special Olympics?
- 10. If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?
- 11. How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- 12. Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- 13. Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- 14. Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- 15. Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bum when they ask where the bathroom is?
- 16. Why does your Obstetrician, Gynecologist leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?
- 17. Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
- 18. If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
- 19. If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
- 20. If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
- 21. Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
- 22. Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
- 23. Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
- 24. Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?