

STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

This week saw the beginning of August, not only horses birthday, but membership extension month. Ray Wilson has already put his hand up again to organise a membership drive. It has been decided to go ahead with this later in the Rotary year, however, don't let this stop anyone from inviting prospective members to our meetings.

Don't forget we have our Police Officer of the Year awards on 27th August. Peter Smith is working hard to make this an enjoyable night for Police, Rotarians and partners – so don't forget to support this night.

Tuesday of last week a group of us and partners enjoyed a delicious meal at the Buddha Raksa Thai restaurant. Tep welcomed us making his restaurant available at a reasonable price allowing approximately \$500 to be added to our bank balance – thanks to Niall for organising a wonderful night. If you are thinking of dining out locally please support the Buddha Raksa.

I hope you have all read the current R.D.U. magazine. If you have, bananas will be top of your shopping list, if you have not, add them post haste. Eat them and you will be helped with depression, anaemia, blood pressure, brain power, hang overs and the list goes on – I hope R.D.U. is right!!!!

Whilst on the subject of the R.D.U. magazine it is good to see a photo of our own "off spring" club – Breakfast Point on their charter night complete with Centenary Bell.

Last week Brian Odgers from the Exodus Foundation let us know that Exodus does not only stand for "loaves and fishes", but has many other arms, and interesting speakers.

This week we welcome slightly belatedly our G.S.E. team – looking forward to hearing from them.

I must congratulate Peter Douglas' All Blacks on Saturday night's annihilation of the Wallabies, – don't worry we will be back.

Remember - Fun and fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Group Study Exchange Team (GSE)

Introduced by Paul Giammarco

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

12/08/2008

Sal Tosto

Marley Harries

Wedding Anniversaries

NIL

Rotary Anniversaries

NIL

CONDOLENCES

Maureen Taylor, wife of Bob Taylor, passed away last week. Bob Taylor was a former Member & President of Strathfield Rotary as well as a former District Governor. Bob died about two years ago.

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was Brian Odgers who has worked as a volunteer for the Exodus Foundation for 10 years. He was introduced by PP Peter Foss.

The Exodus Foundation was founded by the Rev Bill Crews in 1986 and has grown to become one of Sydney's most important charities, meeting the needs of tens of thousands every year.

The 'Loaves and Fishes' facility located at Ashfield serves in excess of 400 meals to the needy and homeless 6 days a week. The entire function is staffed by a team of dedicated volunteers. Recently the Foundation was the recipient of all the excess non perishable food that had been provided for World Youth Day.

In addition there is a team of dedicated Doctors, Dentists, Lawyers, Accountants and Social Workers who give of their valuable time to assist the marginalised people of Sydney.

The success story of the Exodus Foundation is their Youth program. Over 130 children are mentored and counselled each year by dedicated volunteer teachers in an intensive program where the ratio of pupils to teachers is 6 to 1. In

addition to learning there is a culture of raising the self esteem of the pupils. The base of the program originated at Macquarie University and is called the 3P program – Pause – Prompt – Praise. Parents are encouraged to attend the lessons.

We at Strathfield Rotary have a long standing relationship with the Exodus Foundation and Rev Bill has been at our Club on numerous occasions although not in recent times.

After questions from the floor Brian was thanked by PP Steve Taylor.

Last Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 37 Apologies: 10 Non-Apologies: 19
LOA: Silma Ihram, Arjun Jeganathan, Allan Petersen

Last Meeting's Raffle

1 st Prize Bar Glassware	Les Hockley
2 nd Prize Lindemans Red Wine	Richard Horwood
3 rd Prize Theatre Tickets	Paul Giammarco
4 th Prize Dinner Next Week	Ray Wilson

Date	Raffle Income	Sergeant's Income
09/07/08	\$200	\$156
16/07/08	\$250	\$104
23/07/08	\$295	\$145
30/07/08	\$215	\$105 ⁷⁵

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- National Tree Day at Hudson Park went well and raised \$500 for the Club
- Social Night at the Budda Raska went well and raised \$400 for the Club
- The Rotaract Club of Springwood is closing with a farewell dinner on Sat. 9th Aug at 7:30pm at the Faulconbridge Restaurant. (See Grahame for details)
- Volunteers needed for RYDA at Regatta Centre, Penrith on Tues. 12th Aug., 9am to 2pm for Santa Sabina Girls. (See Peter Van der Sleen)
- Commitment sheet for Police Officer of the Year Dinner

From Director Peter Smith

- The Police Officer of the Year Awards Night will have Commander Mark Noakes as guest speaker. Commitment sheet now circulating.
- Reminder of deposits for accommodation for the District Conference 2009

From Sergeant At Arms Doug Potter

- District Directories now available

From Treasurer Charles Pitt

- Approx. 80% of dues paid to Shirley.

From Paolo Giammarco

- Team members needed for outbound GSE to Brazil. An advertisement placed in Strathfield Scene

DISTRICT 9690 CONFERENCE 2009

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th March

To secure central and comfortable accommodation we have booked 28 rooms at the “*Grand Mercure Hunter Valley*” (formerly known as the *Tallawanta Lodge*) at Pokolbin.

To secure your accommodation you will need to indicate your intention to attend - and to commit to the accommodation cost of \$324⁰⁰ per night.

To simplify payment you are being asked to pay as follows:

- \$157 – as soon as possible
- \$157 - by 30 January 2009
- \$314 on arrival at conference

But why not pay the combined August and January instalments, of \$314, to save the bookwork!.

We have also negotiated an early bird booking concession - for the first 18 to book; the Grande Mercure will give double bookings a complimentary upgrade to their Superior Rooms (which are normally worth an extra \$40 per night. This is subject to availability on receipt of a confirmed room request.

The Grand Mercure Hunter Valley Gardens comprises 72 guestrooms, a selection of 4 1/2 star studio, gardens studio, spa, family rooms and suites designed to allow our guests to enjoy the ambience of relaxed luxury.

Each room is beautifully appointed and opens out to a private balcony or courtyard, taking in the wonderful Valley views and magnificent gardens surrounding the property. Guests can avail themselves of our tennis courts, resort-style swimming pool, sauna, spa, the Lodge library and many other facilities including the Hunter Valley Gardens Village and the recently launched display gardens.

All rooms have reverse cycle air conditioning, refrigerator, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, remote controlled television, in-house videos, iron & ironing board, hair dryer and international direct-dial telephones. Disabled facilities are available in some of our deluxe rooms.

Ted Ingal, District Conference Coordinator

COMING EVENTS

27th August 2008.

Police Officer of the Year Awards

6:30 for 7:00pm

Partners Night

3rd September 2008

District Governor's Visit

25th September 2008

Samuel Morris Foundation Race Day and Auction
Hawkesbury Race Course.

22nd October 2008

Pride of Workmanship Awards,

Partners Night

23rd October 2008. (Thursday)

District Championship Golf Day

Strathfield Golf Club

6th – 8th March 2009.

District Conference

Cypress Lakes Resort, **Hunter Valley**

Strathfield Rotary Golf Day

Ray Wilson organised another of his great Rotary social golf days last Thursday at Strathfield Golf Course. Sixteen aspiring Greg Normans enjoyed a sandwich lunch, 18 holes and some socialising at the nineteenth after the game.

Peter and Marjorie Foss hosted a foursome from Breakfast Point Rotary and Bob Templeman made the trip from the mountains. Keith Stockall cleared his busy executive diary for the afternoon, but could not resist the temptation to approve a few deals by mobile phone (see photo).

The weather was perfect, and the course excellent, although a little damp in parts after recent rains. The back nine is a delight to play and a real oasis in our crowded city.

No winner was declared, it being clear that not all players had counted all their strokes. And some players used non-standard balls (which mysteriously find their way out, unassisted, from behind trees!). The Cooks River was once again the destination for many errant balls from players insisting on attempting to play well beyond their ability.

Thanks again for organising this great Rotary day, Ray. We all look forward to the next one.

Rod McDougall



Golfer playing to his Handicap



Evening at the Budda Raska

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

13th August 2008

The Literature Extension Program

Gabrielle Corry, Strathfield Girls High School

Introduced by Peter Van der Sleenen

20th August 2008

Clemente Australia,

“Opportunities for the Disadvantaged”

Associate Professor Peter Howard

Introduced by Keith Stockall Thanked by Tony Lanzafame

27th August 2008

Police Officer of the Year Awards

PARTNERS' NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm

Detective Superintendent Mark Noakes

MC Joe Saad Thanked by Peter Smith

3rd September 2008

District Governor's Visit

Introduced by Harley Tarrant

10th September 2008

Loyal Staff and Loyal Customers

Two Problems with One Solution

Matt Balogh (McNair Ingenuity)

Introduced by Neil Kennan Thanked by Raymond McCluskie

17th September 2008

Kids, the ultimate community responsibility

Craig Davis (Youth off the Street) Sydney Swans

Introduced by Peter Smith Thanked by Bert Houston

24th September 2008

Job talks (TBA)

1st October 2008

Operation Atlas, ICAC Wollongong

Lewis Rangott

PARTNERS' NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm

Introduced by Neil Kennan Thanked by Rod McDougall

8th October 2008

Careflight

Don Kemble

Introduced by Trevor Duxbury Thanked by Bradley Ayres

15th October 2008

Ronald McDonald House

Adrienne Pearson, General Manager,

Ronald McDonald House

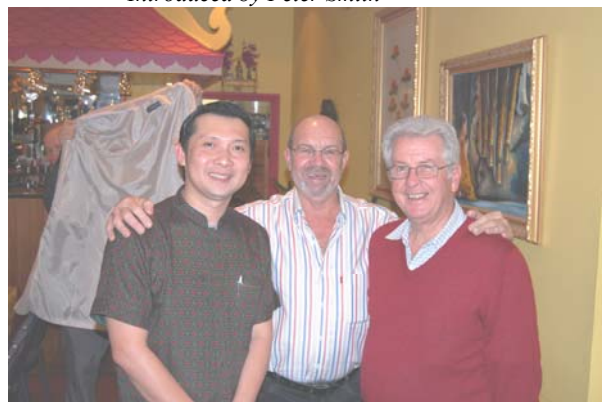
Introduced by Keith Byrn Thanked by Angelo Franco

22nd October 2008

Pride of Workmanship Awards,

PARTNERS' NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm

Introduced by Peter Smith



The Pres. & Niall with TEP at the Budda Raska

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

For Lexophiles

From Peter Smith

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
A will is a dead giveaway.
Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
A backward poet writes inverse.
In a democracy, it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
If you don't pay your exorcist, you can get repossessed.
With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.
You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.
He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
A calendar's days are numbered.
A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.
A boiled egg is hard to beat.
He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
A plateau is a high form of flattery.
The short fortune teller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large.
Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
When you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.
If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine...
When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
Acupuncture: a jab well done.
Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.
And might I add...It is better to have loved a short woman than never to have loved a tall.

The Living Will

From Grahame True

Last night, my friend and I were sitting in the living room and I said to her, 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.' So she got up, unplugged the TV, and threw out my wine.....She's such a bitch.

The Bell Ringer of Notre Dame

From Grahame True

A man with no arms was eagerly applying for the vacant position of bell ringer at Notre Dame.
The bishop was incredulous. 'You have no arms!' 'No matter,' said the man. 'Observe!'
And he began striking the bells with his face, producing a beautiful melody on the carillon. The bishop listened in astonishment; convinced he had finally found a replacement for Quasimodo.
But suddenly, rushing forward to strike a bell, the armless man tripped and plunged headlong out of the belfry window to his death in the street below.
The stunned bishop rushed to his side. When he reached the street, a crowd had gathered around the fallen figure, drawn by the beautiful music they had heard only moments before. As they silently parted to let the bishop through, one of them asked, 'Bishop, who was this man?' 'I don't know his name,' the Bishop sadly replied, 'but his face rings a bell.'

The following day, despite the sadness that weighed heavily on his heart due to the unfortunate death of the armless campanologist, the bishop continued his interviews for the bell ringer of Notre Dame.
The first man to approach him said, 'Your Excellency, I am the twin brother of the poor armless wretch that fell to his death from this very belfry yesterday. I pray that you honour his life by allowing me to replace him in this noble duty.'

The bishop agreed to give the man an audition, and, as the armless man's brother stooped to pick up a mallet to strike the first bell, he groaned, clutched at his chest, twirled around, and died on the spot.

Two monks, hearing the bishop's cries of grief at this second tragedy, rushed up the stairs to his side. 'What has happened? Who is this man?' the first monk asked breathlessly.

'I don't know his name,' sighed the distraught bishop buthe's a dead ringer for his brother. "

The Final Word on Nutrition

From Allan Petersen

After an exhaustive review of the research literature, here's the final word on nutrition and health.:
Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
Germans drink beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
The French eat foie-gras, full fat cheese and drink red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us
CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like.
Speaking English is apparently what kills you.