



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

Last weeks meeting was our club assembly. All the directors gave a brief run down on what has happened and what they propose will happen. Their reports were well received and left little need for question. Thank you to my board it is great to have a strong team.

On the subject of strong boards I would like to belatedly congratulate Kevin Freund's elected board. I am sure they will all enjoy the year.

On my request Peter Manenti addressed the Club with the proposal of a 'fun-raiser' evening on the 9th May and as to its viability. Peter was and is happy to organise the evening but we needed to know if we had the clubs support, enthusiasm and keenness for involvement – we decided it was a goer- thank you.

I would like to thank Steve Taylor for coming to our aid and printing last week's bulletin (Select Print was still on holidays).

A Christmas festivity I omitted to mention in last weeks bulletin was Cape Cabarita's Carols evening which Penny and I were invited to attend. The community had a 'reverse Christmas tree' with the donated gifts going to the victims of the drought. These gifts were given via our club to Peter Ridley the Salvation Army's Rural Chaplin North NSW for distribution. Thank you Steve Taylor and Peter Smith for their involvement in this.

Dinner at the Duxbury's – fill out the commitment sheet tonight or contact Trevor and Nannette – wonderful to have a Rotarian open their home for fun and celebration, I am looking forward to wooing my Valentine on the 14th!

One Aussie left in the tennis – worth watching.

Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S MEETING

**Bushcare and Other Community
Environmental Issues**
*Jeanie Muspratt, Environmental Projects Officer,
Strathfield Council*

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

4/02/2009 *Peter Foss*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

30/01/2009 *Anne & Peter Manenti*
Patricia & Paul Giammarco
1/02/2009 *Peter & Marlene Smith*

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

31-Jan *David McGlynn*
1 Feb *Peter Foss*
1 Feb *Tony Lanzafame*
1 Feb *Rod McDougall*
1 Feb *Charles Pitt*

LAST WEEK'S CLUB ASSEMBLY

VISITOR: - Darryl Slater (Campbelltown Rotary)

International Director Janelle Watson

- Matching Grant to Trade Winds for \$24,000 for a water pump in Timor was too high for our Club and the reciprocal Club to support.
- GSE Team from Brazil arrives on 7th Feb. Presentation at Penrith Panther's on 11th Feb
- The Board is to decide on ongoing support to World Vision
- The Club's Shelter-boxes have been sent to Sudan, Pakistan, Lebanon and Java
- The Club is supporting Polio Plus with \$1,000 for three years
- The Centurion Program is gaining support in the Club
- \$1,000 to Rotarians against Malaria (RAM) program for Bed-nets
- Support for Royal Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) donations
- Support for Qantas Literacy Program

Vocational Director Peter Smith

- Two Major Vocational Events are Police Officer of the Year (POY) and the Pride of Workmanship Awards (POW). Both were successfully held this Rotary Year
- The POY should start earlier with a six week period for sorting the results and organising the night
- The National Youth Science Forum had one attendee from the Club with support of \$920
- A transfer meeting is being planned for the 15th April to the OTEN at Strathfield
- OTEN have asked the Club to provide an Independent for their Interview Panels as required

Youth Director Peter Van der Sleesen

- \$50 Book prizes given to 16 local schools
- Two candidates to RYLA; they will address the Club on 25th March
- Youth Awards on 29th April in association with Strathfield Council.

Club Service Director Trevor Duxbury

- Thank you to Committee Leaders for all Club functions including Bulletin, Welcome, Publicity, etc.
- Special thank you to Neil Kennan and Paul White for the very good Speakers Program this year
- Ray Wilson will hold another membership Drive in April.
- A transfer meeting is being planned for the 8th April to Elizabeth Farm Cottage at Parramatta

Community Service Director Niall King

- Completion of Bathroom renovations at Balmain and Garden Works at the MS Centre Lidcombe
- Special thanks to Bert Houston for the Trivia Night
- Spring Fair and Carols in the Park went well
- District Golf Day went well without much input from District
- The Trish Golf Day, Dinner & Raffle now underway for 19th February
- Junior Golf Day and Bowel Scan Program still to come

President-Elect Kevin Freund

- Congratulations to the new Board for 2009/2010
- The next Club Secretary is Charles Pitt
- The next Club Treasurer is Keith Stockall
- The next duo as Club Sergeant at Arms is Tony Lanzafame/Allan Petersen

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- Reminder of Dinner at the Duxbury's 14th February
- Chocolates on tables from Laura Fleurquin
- Congratulations to Kevin Freund and the new Board

From Secretary Allan Petersen

- Thank you letter from Strathfield Meals on Wheels for \$500Xmas donation
- Thank you letter from Strathfield Council for assistance with Carols in the Park
- Pacific Regional Directories are available

From Treasurer Charles Pitt

- Half Yearly Dues of \$200 now payable to Shirley Del Prado

From Peter Manenti

- Proposing a Bush Dance at Strathfield Town Hall on Saturday 9th May. The Club has given support for the event

Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 40 **Apol:** 6 **Non-Apol:** 17
Exempt Members: - 2

The Sergeant raised \$113.⁵⁵

Last Week's Raffle by Warren Abbott

(The raffle raised \$245.⁰⁰)

1 st Prize	Trevor Duxbury
2 nd Prize	Bradley Ayres
3 rd Prize	Peter Smith
4 th Prize	Paul White
5 th Prize	Ray Wilson

Rotary International President and Theme 2009- 2010



FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

- 4th February 2009**
Men's Shed
Peter Sergeant
- 11th February 2009**
Embrace Life and Get Results
Margit Kent
- 18th February 2009**
NO MEETING
Transferred to Trish Golf Day 19/2/09
- 25th February 2009**
Weird and Strange Weapons
Paul Martin
- 4th March 2009**
NO MEETING
Transferred to District Conference
- 11th March 2009**
Polio Plus Program
Valda Bray
- 18th March 2009**
Sergeant's Dinner
Doug Potter

END POLIO NOW

RI and the Gates Foundation have boosted the end-polio commitment to US\$555 million. Rotary International announced that its partnership for polio eradication with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has increased its contribution to US\$555 million.

Rotary will raise \$100 million in matching funds. In November 2007, RI received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary committed to match by raising \$100 million.

The two challenge grants now total \$355 million. Rotary has committed to raising a combined total of \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012. The \$255 million grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest received by Rotary in its 103-year history. Rotary will spend the grant in direct support of immunisation activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by RI and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF. Rotary Club and Rotarian participation in Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is crucial to its success. To date, Rotarians have already raised more than US\$60 million toward the original US\$100 million Gates challenge grant awarded in November 2007. In October, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved special Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for contributions to Rotary's challenge, featuring a certificate with the "End Polio Now" graphic. The recognition is effective from 1 July 2009 through 30 June 2012. Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, with nearly US\$800 million contributed to the effort. Although the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has slashed the number of polio cases by 99 percent, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

"This partnership of Rotary and the Gates Foundation offers a historic opportunity to rid the world of a disease that robs children of their futures," said RI President Dong Kurn Lee. "It is a significant boost toward making real our dream of a polio-free world."

COMING EVENTS

- 11th February 2009. (Wednesday)**
Rotary Foundation Alumni Dinner
Panthers World of Entertainment. Mulgoa Road, Penrith.
Welcome the GSE Team from D4710 Brazil, & farewell the team going to Brazil Cost: \$30.00 per head. E-mail your RSVP by 30 January 2009 to: -events@penrithvalleyrotary.org
- 14th February 2009 (Sat.) VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER**
Dining at the Duxbury's. \$35pp. Swimming/Tennis optional
82 Abbotsford Road Homebush @ 5:00pm
- 19th February 2009. (Thursday)**
Trish Charity Golf Day & Dinner
Strathfield Golf Club
- 6th – 8th March 2009.**
District Conference
Cypress Lakes Resort, **Hunter Valley**
- 18th March 2009.**
"Sergeant's Dinner"
Dinner with a military theme
- 21st March to 10th October 2009.**
"Great Aust. Bike Ride" Nine Stages from Melbourne Around Australia
Stage One & Two (Melb-Hobart-Melb 21-29 Mar)
Stage Three (Melbourne to Sydney 21st Mar) and
Stage Four (Sydney to Brisbane 19th April).
Register as a rider or sponsor at
www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au
- 17th 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

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Comments From 1955

From Shirley Del Prado

'I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00.

'Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2, 000.⁰⁰ will only buy a used one.

'If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. 25 cents a pack is ridiculous.

'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 10 cents just to mail a letter?

'If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.

'When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

'I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it.

'I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.

'Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.

'I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.

'It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.

'It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.

'I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

'Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.

'The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

'There is no sense going on short trips anymore for a weekend, it costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel.

'No one can afford to be sick anymore, at \$35.00 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.'

'If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it.'

The Irish Golfer

From Peter Smith

An 80-year old Irish man goes to the doctor for a checkup. The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and asks, 'How do you stay in such great physical condition?' 'I'm Irish and I am a golfer,' says the old guy, 'and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways. Have a glass of whiskey and all is well'

"Well," says the doctor, "I'm sure that helps but there's got to be more to it. How old was your Dad when he died?"

"Who said my Dad's dead?"

The doctor is amazed, "You mean you're 80 years old and you Dad's still alive. How old is he?"

"He's 100 years old", says the Old Irish golfer.

"In fact he played golf with me this morning, and then we went to the beach for a walk, that's why he's still alive ... he's Irish and he's a golfer, too."

"Well," t he doctor says, "that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your Dad's Dad?"

How old was he when he died?"

"Who said my Grandpa's dead?"

Stunned, the doctor asks, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living? Incredible, how old is he?"

"He's 118 years old", says the Old Irish golfer.

The doctor is getting frustrated at this point, "So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?"

"No. Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he's getting married today."

At this point the doctor is close to losing it. "Getting married? Why would a 118 year-old guy want to get married?"

The 80 year old Irish golfer responds "Who said he wanted to?"

Body Statistics

From Kevin Beltrame

It takes your food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.

One human hair can support 3 kg (6 lb).

The average man's penis is three times the length of his thumb.

Human thigh-bones are stronger than concrete.

A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.

There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.

Women blink twice as often as men.

The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain.

Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still.

If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.

Women reading this will be finished now.

Men who read this are probably still busy checking their thumbs.