



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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JULY IS NEW ROTARY OFFICERS' MONTH

PRESIDENT'S ELECTRIC LINES

Well here we are - a new Rotary year has begun. I know it will be a busy year and I hope I am up to the challenge.

Penny and I had a wonderful night at the Changeover and I hope everyone else did as well. It was good to reflect on PP Brian's year and jog our memories on our achievements.

The funds from the raffle on the night went to purchase a Shelterbox, however there was a small shortfall - a quick auction by John Leftwich of a bottle of Port enabled us to reach our goal (Rotary Port Bottle No.100 donated by PP Brian and purchased by PP Doug Potter).

PP Brian handed over the \$1200 cheque to Phil Smith immediately.

In "Making Dreams Real" our major beneficiary will be Vision Australia at Enfield (Youth Programme) as well as the Trish Foundation, Charmers Road School Bus, Rotary Foundation and Rotary Health.

Our Club was represented at the District Changeover on Saturday night by PDG David Croft and Margaret, PP Brian Johnson and Janet, PE Kevin Freund and Suzanne, myself and Penny.

The new District Board is very enthusiastic and our DG Paul Erickson spoke on his passion in meeting the basic needs of children both overseas and in our own backyard. PP Brian received a Presidential Citation on the night for meeting the 2007-2008 RI President's targets.

Tonight is Club Assembly which allows the Board to outline the year.

Remember

Fun and fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Club Assembly

The first Club Meeting for President Grahame True



CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

4/07/2008 ***Sue Byrn***

Wedding Anniversaries

2/07/2008 ***Eric & Pauline Khu***

Rotary Anniversaries

NIL

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was Dr Stuart Turville, a Research Fellow at the Westmead Millennium Institute (WMI) located at the Westmead Hospital campus. Stuart was accompanied by his wife Fabienne.

His subject was 'HIV – The Continuing Epidemic' Stuart was introduced by PP Joe Saad.

Stuart has recently returned to the WMI after working overseas in medical research institutes – the last 3 years at the Rockefeller University in New York.

Stuart started with a summary of AIDS in 2007 –

Living with AIDS	33.2 million
Newly infected	2.5 million
AIDS deaths	2.1 million

According to the World Health Organisation 22.5 million of those living with AIDS are situated in Sub Saharan Africa with a further 4 million in S.E. Asia. The figure for Oceania is 75000 of which around 16000 are in Australia. It is estimated that around 7000 people are infected daily with the majority occurring in lower to middle class socio economic families. The figures for Australia in 2007 was less than 3000 people which represents 0.01% of the population whereas in Africa the figure is 1.7 million which equates to 5% of the population. It should also be noted that indigenous Australians are 18 times more likely to acquire HIV. In our nearest neighbour – Papua New Guinea – the number currently infected is 64000. By 2025 this figure is estimated to be around 500000. This means that 12.5% of the adult work force will be lost to Aids and 70% of hospital beds will be needed for Aids sufferers. Stuart then spoke of the research he is undertaking at the WMI which revolves around an understanding of how the virus is transferred to the human dendritic cells. Part of the research involves creating effective microcides that can block the transfer of the disease.

Stuart also spoke of the level of funding which is available to Australian researchers compared with the multi million dollar budgets in the United States. He thanked Rotary, amongst other organisations, which are assisting with fund raising.

After a series of questions Stuart was thanked by Dr Umesh Kamkolkar.

Last Meeting's Statistics

Visitors: - Fabienne Turville, Laura Fleurquin, Janet Johnson, Welwyn Petersen, Nanette Duxbury, Penny True.
Attendance: 37 **LOA:** - 2 **Apol:** 14
Non-Apol: 18
 The Sergeant raised \$86.⁰⁰

Last Meeting's Raffle

(Prizes donated by Domenico Alvaro, Steve Taylor & Arthur Crossan)

The Raffle raised \$178.⁰⁰.

1 st Prize Changeover Voucher	Niall King
2 nd Prize Changeover Voucher	George Hallworth
3 rd Prize Rosemont Shiraz	Welwyn Petersen
4 th McWilliams Merlot	Warren Abbott
5 th Prize Jacobs Creek Grenache	Brian (BAR)
6 th Prize Baily&Baily Sticky Wine	Penny True
7 th Prize Tempus Verdelho	Les Hockley
8 th Prize Stonehaven Chardonnay	Carino (BAR)
9 th Prize Complete Golf Book	Allan Petersen

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commitment Sheets

- "Rugger Day" Saturday 21st June 2008
- Club Change-Over Friday 27th June 2008

From President Brian Johnson

- DG advises of \$2,060,000 donations to Shelter Boxes this year
- Our Club to donate a further \$1,200 to Shelterbox
- Reminder of the District Change Over on 28th June at Panthers Penrith. 6:30 for 7pm. \$45 pp
- Last Meeting for Laura, best wishes to her, her family & her sponsoring Club
- Special Card to Laura signed by the Club together with small Australian Rotary Mementos
- Bon Voyage Cake for Laura

From President-Elect Grahame True

- Social Evening organised by Niall King at Buddah Raska for Tuesday 29th July. \$40.00 pp

From Secretary Allan Petersen

- Finalising Numbers for the Club Change Over

From Director Niall King

- Mega Swim at Aquatic Centre on Sat 14/06/08 to Sun 15/06/08 was first time event held by MS Society in Sydney.
- Seven Teams each swam 500 Kms raising \$67,000
- The MS Society presented the Club with a Certificate of Appreciation

From Laura Fleurquin

- Thanked the Club for her stay in Sydney
- Enjoyed her 3 week trip but seemed to spend most time traveling in the bus
- Home to France on Tuesday 24th June.

From Rod McDougall

- Eve Dutton is now listed Australia's "Who's Who"

From Ted Ingall

- Seeking Expressions of Interest for the 2009 District Conference at CYPRESS LAKES RESORT IN THE HUNTER VALLEY

Drive to End Polio Gets Huge Boost from World Health Organisation

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan told Rotarians at the recent RI Convention: "I am making polio eradication the organisation's top operational priority on a most urgent, if not an emergency, basis."

The drive to eradicate polio will have the full operational power of the World Health Organisation behind it.

COMING EVENTS

15th – 19th July 2008.

World Youth Day – Sydney

Home stays and Sausage Sizzle involvement by Rotary

29th July 2008. (Tuesday)

Social Evening @ Buddah Raska.

\$40 pp. Contact Niall King

27th August 2008.

Police Officer of the Year Awards

6:30 for 7:00pm

Partners Night

3rd September 2008

District Governor's Visit

23rd October 2008. (Thursday)

District Championship Golf Day

Strathfield Golf Club

6th – 8th March 2009.

District Conference

Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley

DISTRICT 9690 CONFERENCE 2009

**VENUE: CYPRESS LAKES RESORT
HUNTER VALLEY**

**DATE: FRIDAY 6TH MARCH TO
SUNDAY 8TH MARCH**

**MEMBERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS
CONFERENCE PLEASE GIVE YOUR EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST TO:-**

- ⊕ **TREVOR DUXBURY,**
- ⊕ **LES HOCKLEY,**
- ⊕ **PETER SMITH**
- ⊕ **TED INGALL.**

**THIS WILL ENABLE THE CLUB TO ORGANISE
THE PRE-BOOKING OF ACCOMMODATION.
ACCOMMODATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT A LATER DATE.**

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

9th July 2008

Universities Meet the Police

Matthew Campbell

Introduced by Niall King

Thanked by Joe Saad

16th July 2008

Life in a Shearing Shed

Don Burvall

Introduced by Janelle Watson

Thanked by Roger Vince

23rd July 2008

A "Whistle" stop tour with an International Rugby Referee

George Ayoub

Introduced by Peter Manenti

Thanked by Doug Potter

30th July 2008

The Exodus Foundation

Brian Odgers

Introduced by Roger Vince

Thanked by Steve Taylor

6th August 2008

Group Study Exchange Team (GSE)

Introduced by Paul Giammarco

13th August 2008

The Literature Extension Program

Gabrielle Corry, Strathfield Girls High School

Introduced by Peter Van der Sleen

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

Introduced by Peter Smith

3rd September 2008

District Governor's Visit

John Kenny elected as 2009-2010

RI President

John Kenny has been elected as the 2009-10 RI President. He told Rotarians that it was special honour to be the first Rotarian from Scotland to be president in the history of Rotary.

Kenny reminded the audience that Rotary's connections with Scotland go back to the start, noting that Rotary founder Paul Harris's wife, Jean, was from Edinburgh, which in 1921 was also the location of the first Rotary convention to be held outside North America.

"I am here today because someone invited me to become a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, a club whose membership I have enjoyed for 37 years," he said. "Indeed, one of the things I shall miss these next two years is attending the meetings of my club each Thursday at lunchtime."

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

AFL or NRL Bad Behaviour From Grahame True

- 36 have been accused of spousal abuse
- 7 have been arrested for fraud
- 19 have been accused of writing bad cheques
- 117 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
- 3 have done time for assault
- 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- 21 currently are defendants in lawsuits and
- 84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year

Can you guess which organization this is?

AFL? **NRL?**

Neither, it's the **535** members of the
**AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT IN
CANBERRA**

Amazingly Simple Home Remedies From Peter Smith

1. If you're choking on an ice cube, simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat. presto! the blockage will instantly remove itself.
2. Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
3. Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the bathroom hand-basin.
4. For high blood pressure sufferers ~ simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to use a timer!!!
5. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. then you'll be afraid to cough.
7. You only need two tools in life - WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
8. Remember - everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
9. If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

Food Creation

From Allan Petersen

In the beginning God covered the earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, with green, yellow and red vegetables of all kinds so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

Then using God's bountiful gifts, Satan created Dairy Ice Cream and Magnums. And Satan said, 'You want hot fudge with that? And Man said, 'Yes!' And Woman said, 'I'll have one too with chocolate chips'. And so they gained 10 pounds.

And God created the healthy yoghurt that woman might keep the figure that man found so fair.

And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 12 to size 14.

So God said, 'Try my fresh green salad'. And Satan presented Blue Cheese dressing and garlic croutons on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

God then said 'I have sent you healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them'.

And Satan brought forth deep fried coconut king prawns, butter-dipped lobster chunks and chicken fried steak, so big it needed its own platter and Man's cholesterol went through the roof.

Then God brought forth the potato; naturally low in fat and brimming with potassium and good nutrition.

Then Satan peeled off the healthy skin and sliced the starchy centre into chips and deep-fried them in animal fats adding copious quantities of salt. And Man put on more pounds. God then brought forth running shoes so that his Children might lose those extra pounds.

And Satan came forth with a cable TV with remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering light and started wearing stretch jogging suits.

Then God gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite.

And Satan created McDonalds and the 99p double cheeseburger. Then Satan said 'You want fries with that?' and Man replied, 'Yes, and super size 'em'. And Satan said, 'It is good.' And Man and Woman went into cardiac arrest. God sighed and created quadruple by-pass surgery. And then Satan chuckled and created the National Health Service.