



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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JULY IS NEW ROTARY OFFICERS' MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

I would like to thank the fellow Rotarians for giving of their time barbecuing at the Strathfield Council National tree planting day last Sunday – Peter Smith, Kevin Freund, Brian Johnson, Steve Taylor, Angelo Franco, David Croft, Les Hockley, Raymond McCluskie, Trevor Duxbury, Shirley Del Prado, Suzanne Freund and Peter Foss.

We had great weather, great fellowship; 'it's great to be a Rotarian' (PP Joe Saad). For our efforts \$500 into the coffers.

Saturday night saw the Wallabies trounce the All Blacks as predicted by last week's guest speaker George Ayoub – what a great game, what a good guest speaker.

July is new Rotary officers' month. Everybody has a job in Rotary, let us all work together with our directors and we will have a happy Rotary year.

Kevin Beltrame has volunteered to represent us at a service to commemorate Victory in the Pacific at the Kokoda track memorial walkway Concord West in August – thanks Kevin.

This week we have Brian Odgers from the Exodus Foundation talking to us. As a Rotary club we have an affiliation with Exodus having often been able to donate any left-overs from fund raising days to the foundation, as we did last Sunday. We welcome Brian.

Remember

Fun and fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S MEETING

The Exodus Foundation

Brian Odgers

Introduced by David Croft Thanked by Steve Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

1/08/2008

Pam Singh

2/08/2008

Wedding Anniversaries

NIL

Rotary Anniversaries

NIL

LAST MEETING'S GUEST

SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was George Ayoub, International Rugby Referee (recently retired), raconteur and recently diagnosed diabetic.

George was introduced by PP Peter Manenti.

In his youth George played for Wests Rugby and St Pats Old Boys and then progressed into the ranks of refereeing. In 1995 he refereed his first 1st grade game and in 1996 joined the Australian panel. Since then he has travelled the world being paid to do what he loved most. During that time he has mixed with identities at all levels. Some of the amongst 40 countries he has visited were highlights in Korea and Sri Lanka. He also refereed a game from the Sydney competition between Easts and Warringah which was played in Shanghai. Some of the memorable Australian personnel were Phil Kearns, John (knuckles) Connolly, John Welborn and Michael Cheika. In addition George was involved in the 2003 Rugby World Cup in Australia, the Women's Rugby Cup in Canada in 2006 and various sevens tournaments also 3 Super 12 matches.

George says refereeing as a form of masochism where at best you can only please 50% of the people – what if it is a draw!.

In 2007 George was diagnosed with Diabetes and was to give up the physical side of the game but still officiates as a television match official or video referee.

George commented how the game has changed since becoming a professional sport in 1995. The game is much faster and the players have an increased skills level.

George stated he has no regrets that his fantastic journey as a ground referee is now at an end and he looks forward as a spectator.

After a series of questions George was thanked by PP Doug Potter

Last Meeting's Statistics

VISITORS: Joseph Kim, Amber Wilson, Marlene Smith. CS Yoon's Daughter

Attendance: 43 Apologies: 11 Non-Apologies: 11

LOA: Silma Ihram, Arjun Jeganathan, Allan Petersen

Last Meeting's Raffle

1st Prize Multi Grinder Amber Wilson
 2nd Prize Theatre Tickets Joseph Kim
 3rd Prize DVD's Marlene Smith

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- Still need more assistants for barbecue on Sunday 27 July 2008 at Hudson Park for National Tree Day, 10am to 1pm.
- Looking for a member to represent the Club at Kokoda Track memorial ceremony.
- Commitment sheet for Buddah Raska. Need more to attend to make viable.

From Director Peter Van der Sleen

- Called for nominations for the RYPEN weekend.

From Director Janelle Watson

- Set of encyclopedias to be donated to library project.
- Club sponsorship for World Vision Child- to be allocated a replacement child from Uganda.
- Announced project to record available details relating to banners previously presented to the Club.

From Director Peter Smith

- Initial payments for conference accommodation required as venue requires booking confirmation payment by 31 July 2008.

From Ray Wilson

- Golf Day and lunch on 31 July 2008.
- District Championships on 23 October 2008. Golf plus sausage sizzle.

From Paolo Giammarco

- Team leader has been chosen for outbound GSE to Brazil. Applications to be a team member close on 30 August 2008. Applicants must be aged 25 to 40 and must be committed to the program before, during and after the exchange

POLIOPLUS

Tools and Resources

Rotary Clubs and Districts will find several tools and resources helpful in promoting support for global polio eradication. The tools can be ordered from Publications Order Services at RI World Headquarters (email: - shop.rotary@rotary.org), or the International Office at Paramatta.

Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge DVD provides an overview of Rotary's continuing efforts to eradicate polio and the three year fundraising initiative to match the Gates Foundation grant. Each 2008-2009 District Governor received five copies of the 12 minute DVD.

Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge Brochure 986-EN and Poster 987-EN (available free) describe Rotary's commitment to finish polio and encourages support for Rotary's challenge.

Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge PowerPoint Presentation can be readily presented by Rotarians who are not experts on polio eradication. The presentation can be ordered from the PolioPlus Division by email at polioplus@rotary.org.

You can watch polio eradication videos and public service announcements on the Rotary International channel of www.youtube.com

Polio Facts & Figures

Area	Number of Cases in 2008
<i>Afghanistan</i>	5
<i>India</i>	186
<i>Nigeria</i>	106
<i>Pakistan</i>	3
<i>Non-endemic countries</i>	13
TOTAL Worldwide	313

(Data as of 15 April 2008/World Health Organisation)

Find the latest on the number of polio cases, progress reports on polio-endemic countries, and other information at www.polioeradication.org.



Hired Helper on the Farm

COMING EVENTS

31st July 2008.

Golf Day and Lunch. Strathfield Golf Club
\$40 pp. Contact Niall King

31st July 2008.

District Conference Accommodation,
confirmation payment required.

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

7th – 9th March 2009.

District Conference
Cypress Lakes Resort, **Hunter Valley**



**The Farmer & his Wife plant a tree for
National Tree Day**

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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
PARTNERS' NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm
Introduced 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

Meriden Principal (To Be Confirmed)
Dr Julie Greenhalgh

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

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Interesting Facts

From Grahame True

- If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.
- If you farted consistently for 6 years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb.
- The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.
- A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes.
- A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death.
- Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
- The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off.
- The flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field.
- The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.
- Some lions mate over 50 times a day
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
- Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.
- Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.
- A cat's urine glows under a black light.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Starfish have no brains
- Polar bears are left-handed.
- Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.

The Right Rooster

From Grahame True

John was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers (hens), called 'pullets,' and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs. He kept records, and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced. This took a lot of time, so he bought some tiny bells and attached them to his roosters.

Each bell had a different tone, so he could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing.

Now, he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

John's favourite rooster, old Butch, was a very fine specimen, but this morning he noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all!

When he went to investigate, he saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets, hearing the roosters coming, could run for cover.

To John's amazement, old Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one.

John was so proud of old Butch, he entered him in the Renfrew County Fair and he became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The result was the judges not only awarded old Butch the No Bell Piece Prize but they also awarded him the Pulletsurprise as well.

The New Proverbs

From Tony Lanzafame

A grade one teacher collected well known proverbs. She gave each child in her class the first half of a proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by Grade One kids ("6" year-olds), because the last one is classic!

Better to be safe than.....punch a grade 7 boy.
Strike while the.....insect is close.
It's always darkest before.....Daylight Saving Time.
Never underestimate the power of.....ants.
You can lead a horse to water but.....how?
Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty.
No news is.....impossible.
A miss is as good as a.....Mr.
You can't teach an old dog new.....maths.
If you lie down with dogs, you'll.....stink in the morning.
Love all, trust.....me.
The pen is mightier than the.....pigs.
Where there's smoke there's.....pollution.
Happy the bride who.....gets all the presents.
A penny saved is.....not much.
Two's company, three's.....the Musketeers.
Don't put off till tomorrow what..... you put on to go to bed.
Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry.....
.and you have to blow your nose.
There are none so blind as.....Stevie Wonder.
Children should be seen and not... ..smacked or grounded.
If at first you don't succeed.....get new batteries.
You get out of something only what you.... ..see in the picture on the box.
When the blind leadeth the blind.....get out of the way.
Better late than..... pregnant!

The True Golfer

From Peter Smith

A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses from a heart attack! "Help me dear," she groans to her husband.
The husband calls 000 on his cell phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter, and lines up his putt.
His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him.
"I'm dying over here and you're putting?"
"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly,
"they found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you."
"Well, how long will it take for him to get here," she asks feebly?
"No time at all," says her husband. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."