



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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JULY IS NEW ROTARY OFFICERS' MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

Last week was club assembly- I would like to thank our Directors for presenting their outline for the year. This year, as you are aware, the PE, Kevin Freund, has no portfolio, this leaves Kevin free to help in all aspects of the Club. Previously the PE held the portfolio of Club Service Director – we hope this change is for the better.

Again this year we will be holding the 'Police Officer of the Year Awards'. Peter Smith has it well in hand so don't forget the 29th August. It is a partner's night and it would be great to have a good roll - up.

Don't forget to put your name on the commitment sheet for a night of excellent food and fellowship at the Buddha Raska on the 29th July. I can personally recommend the food. This will be a small fundraiser to start our 'coffers' for the year.

As a President's on-going concerns about attendance, I have been following up our Rotarians who have a poor attendance record to see what there intentions are. I will notify the club of the outcomes.

There was discussion from the floor last week as to publishing photos of our Rotarians without consent – if you don't want your photo published would you please let PP Rod know. I know Rod does a fantastic job with the photos but he does not want to upset anybody.

From the show of hands last week Neil and Paul are moving forward in organising a transfer meeting at the Care Flight Centre Westmead.

RI Present DK Lee has asked each Rotary Club to help take the final step in the eradication of polio. Our DG Paul has asked each club in his district to raise an additional \$1000 per year for the next three years to reach this goal. Belated congratulations to our local Santa Clause and most recent Paul Harris Fellow Tony Lanzafame----

Well deserved Tony!!

At our board meeting tomorrow night we will be discussing points raised at the club assembly (directors don't forget 7.30pm my place).

Remember

Fun and fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Universities Meet the Police

Matthew Campbell

Introduced by Niall King

Thanked by Joe Saad

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

11/07/2008

Neela Jeganathan

14/07/2008

Olga Potter

16/07/2008

Silma Ihram

Wedding Anniversaries

NIL

Rotary Anniversaries

NIL

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Club Assembly

Members of the new Board addressed the meeting.

President Elect- Kevin Freund

Will be assisting the President and other Directors across all portfolios so that he can become familiar with everything that happens in the Club.

Club Service- Trevor Duxbury

Requested that people making announcements at meetings hand a short note setting out any relevant details to Ian Johnson so that they may be accurately recorded in the Bulletin.

Circulation of the Membership List will be limited to members.

Neil Kennan and Paul White are arranging guest speakers.

Job talks not to be limited to new members.

Ray McCluskie and Rod McDougall would

welcome any input regarding the Club's web site.

Community Service- Niall King

Regular projects such as the Trivia Night to continue. Other projects are awaiting approval of the Board.

Volunteers needed for the barbecue as Shirley is unable to do this year.

Vocational Service- Peter Smith

Police Officer of the Year Award to be held on 27 August 2008.

Pride of Workmanship Awards to be held on 22 October 2008.

Also considering vocational talks, Honeywell Program and Siemens Awards.

International Service- Janelle Watson

Matching Grants- looking at Tradewinds project in East Timor which will provide farmers with seedlings to grow their own food and to sell any surplus for income. A water pump, sprinkler system and delivery vehicle are required.

RAWCS- contributions to be made to Rotarians Against Malaria and to Ranfurly Library Service. GSE STEP YEP

GSE team coming from Brazil. Continuing dialogue re short term exchange program. Also looking at further involvement in the youth exchange program. Other programs to be supported include Shelter Boxes, Polio Plus and the Centurion Program.

Youth Services- Peter Van der Sleses

To continue our involvement in the numerous Rotary youth programs including RYLA, RYPEN and MUNA.

Youth Achievement Awards in conjunction with Strathfield Council.

To continue our involvement with the Literature Extension program.

To continue our support for INTERACT and RYDA.

Treasurer- Charles Pitt

Dues fixed at \$200-00 for six months.

Farewell to Laura Fleurquin

From Paul Giammarco

Sunday 22nd an afternoon bon voyage farewell afternoon tea was had at PP Brian's home, attended by all host parents and families. We all quickly got the impression Laura didn't want to leave and that she would miss all very much.

She was to leave on the afternoon of the 24th, but Qantas rescheduled her flight to 8:30am on 24th, which meant getting to the airport about 6:00am.

Sue Byrn made sure of that, she had a little crowd at the airport by the time she boarded. The Giammarco family and Sue had breakfast coffee at departure Gate 11, about 7:30am her good friend Vera, another exchange student from Zurich, Gabriela, from SE Brazil, host parents from Blacktown, District Chairman David Raynor and Moreen came along as well.

When the time came to board I can report it was quite emotional for her and all the friends and families. There were photos but mainly on her camera. A last wave and good bye from the departure tunnel and she disappeared into the passengers crowd and gone.

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commitment Sheets

➤ Social Evening 29th July 2008 at Buddah Raska

From President Grahame True

- Stressed importance of everyone carrying out their allocated jobs during the upcoming year and noted that if everyone did this the load on any one person would not be too great.
- Our Club donated \$1,200 to Shelterbox from the Raffle on the night
- Strathfield Council has requested the Club run a BBQ at Hudson Park on Sun. 27th July, 10am to 1pm. Food to be given out
- Ambassadorial Scholarships for 2009/2010 now seeking applicants. Nominations close 25th July 2008.
- Thank you to Rod McDougall for excellent work on promoting the Club in the local Media

From Secretary Allan Petersen

- Letter of thanks received from Royal Far West Children's Scheme for donation of \$14,111.00 raised from the Gala Dinner on 9 May 2008.
- Letter of thanks received from the Chalmers Road School for the donation of \$2,500-00 for the running cost of the school bus for the next twelve months.
- Drew the attention of members to the article entitled "Let us Make Dreams Real" by the new president of Rotary International appearing in the current issue of Rotary Down Under.

From Ray Wilson

- Golf Day and Lunch on 31st July 2008
- Lunch with RI President D K Lee at Rosehill on 15th July 2008. \$60pp

From PP Brian Johnson

- Enjoyed District Change Over Night at Panthers, Penrith.

From Ray McCluskie

- Reminder to the Club that the Club Web Page is available to ALL members of the Club for Rotary information and notices.

Last Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 36 LOA: - 2 Apol: 14
Non-Apol: 16
The Sergeant raised \$111.⁶⁵

Last Meeting's Raffle

The Raffle raised \$240⁰⁰.

1st Prize Golf Shirt

2nd Prize Red Wine

3rd Prize Champagne

4th Rugby Union Tickets

Peter Douglas

Trevor Duxbury

Charles Pitt

Warren Abbott

Email from Laura Fleurquin

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to tell you that I'm home now and I had a safe trip. It was really long but I tried to sleep a little bit and when I got home, I had the occasion to see some friends so that was nice. In Melbourne, I almost had to pay because my carry on baggage was a lot more than 7kg, I had double actually ... he didn't want to let me go but I tried to do my best smile and a few minutes after I was ready to board, that was really lucky but then I was scared the whole trip but they didn't tell me anything!!!

All my planes were a bit late but I finally got to Toulouse and I found my suitcase so that was a big thing, they just lost my didgeridoo in all those connections....

It is really annoying because I cannot make a sentence without including a word of English or my French grammar is terrible and my friends are always laughing at me ... I already miss speaking English and just listen to your slang.

I slept pretty well for my first night back home so that was good and I've got a party already tonight and I am looking forward to it because most of my friends will be there and it's gonna be nice to catch up with them.

I'll tell you how everything is going in the next days, I'm missing you lots and lots so keep in touch,

Love

Laura



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Clothes to NZ

Last week Keith Byrnes gave me some outfits from the East Bankstown Soccer Club. With the help of the Salvation Army they are on their way to New Zealand as we speak.

National Youth Science Forum

We have 2 applicants that are waiting to be interviewed at a District Level. If they make it past District, the Rotary Club of Breakfast Point would like to sponsor one of the applicants.

SIEMENS Science Experience

Information packages and application forms were sent out to schools in May. No response yet. I will chase up next term.

Chairman Tony Lanzafame

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**

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

A Nun's Golf Story

From Angelo Franco

A nun walks into Mother Superior's office and plunks down into a chair. She lets out a sigh heavy with frustration.

"What troubles you, Sister?" asks the Mother Superior. "I thought this was the day you spent with your family."

"It was," sighed the Sister. "And I went to play golf with my brother. We try to play golf as often as we can. You know I was quite a talented golfer before I devoted my life to Christ."

"I seem to recall that," the Mother Superior agreed. "So I take it your day of recreation was not relaxing?" "Far from it," snorted the Sister. "In fact, I even took the Lord's name in vain today!"

"Goodness, Sister!" gasped the Mother Superior, astonished. "You must tell me all about it!"

"Well, we were on the fifth tee...and this hole is a monster, Mother ~540 yard Par 5, with a nasty dogleg left and a hidden green and I hit the drive of my life. I creamed it. The sweetest swing I ever made. And it's flying straight and true, right along the line I wanted...and it hits a bird in mid-flight not 100 yards off the tee!"

"Oh my!" commiserated the Mother. "How unfortunate! But surely that didn't make you blaspheme, Sister!"

"No, that wasn't it," admitted Sister. "While I was still trying to fathom what had happened, this squirrel runs out of the woods, grabs my ball and runs off down the fairway!"

"Oh, that would have made me blaspheme!" sympathised Mother.

"But I didn't, **Mother Superior!**" sobbed the Sister.

"And I was so proud of myself! And while I was pondering whether this was a sign from God, this hawk swoops out of the sky and grabs the squirrel and flies off, with my ball still clutched in his paws!"

"So that's when you cursed," said the Mother with a knowing smile.

"Nope, that wasn't it either," cried the Sister, anguished, "because as the hawk started to fly out of sight, the squirrel started struggling, and the hawk dropped him right there on the green, and the ball popped out of his paws and rolled to about 18 inches from the cup!"

Mother Superior sat back in her chair, folded her arms across her chest, fixed the Sister with a baleful stare and said...

"You missed the BLOODY putt, didn't you?"

Quotable Quotes

From Tony Lanzafame

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself "Lillian, you should have remained a virgin."

Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.

Mark Twain

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

Victor Borge

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

Socrates

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

Groucho Marx

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.

Zsa Zsa Gabor

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.

Alex Levine

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.

Rodney Dangerfield

Money can't buy you happiness; but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

Spike Milligan

I am opposed to millionaires; but it would be dangerous to offer me the position.

Mark Twain

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP.

Joe Namath

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon; .Then it's time for my nap.

Bob Hope

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.

W.C. Fields

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

Will Rogers

Don't worry about avoiding temptation; as you grow older, it will avoid you.

Winston Churchill

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty ... but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

Phyllis Diller

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

Billy Crystal