



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

It was sad to hear the passing of Allan Kell, a prominent Strathfield identity and a member of Burwood Rotary Club. There will be a memorial service at the Burwood Uniting Church on 10th October at 10am.

Last Wednesday Kathryn Giammarco spoke along with Sajeeb Roy and Tom Gullage on their experiences - if these three young people are an example of our youth our future is in good shape. I know it is early chaps but please make a diary entry for the 14th November, we will be needing some 'man power' to assist with the R.Y.D.A programme to be held at Penrith (Meriden girls are participating). The interact club of Meriden have elected their leaders for 2009, we congratulate President Clarissa Fasanella, Vince President Zelal Celik, Treasurer Miriam Haddad, Secretary Morgan Milton - they will be having their change over dinner early next year. I omitted mentioning in my 'last lines' the board meeting held on September 16. There was discussion on our directors making use of each person on their committee, so you haven't been asked by your director for assistance don't be shy, step forward, at this meeting we also spoke of the need to appoint a risk management officer for the club, this is now underway.

The Spring Fare at Strathfield Park last Sunday had a good community feel. The positioning of our BBQ and the great roll up of Rotarians bought "tears to my eyes" - or was it the onions! Seriously though excellent attendance, ambiance and Rotary exposure made the day worthwhile plus a profit of approximately \$1600.

Tonight we welcome our partners and friends to hear Lewis Rangott from ICAC. speak on the "Wollongong Council Affair".

Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Operation Atlas, ICAC Wollongong

Lewis Rangott

Introduced by Neil Kennan Thanked by Rod McDougall

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

4/10/2008 **Fiona Johnson**
5/10/2008 **Grahame True**
7/10/2008 **David McGlynn**
8/10/2008 **Kevin Beltrame**

Wedding Anniversaries

5/10/2008 **Ted & Mary Ingall**
7/10/2008 **David & Chin McGlynn**

Rotary Anniversaries

NIL

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our first speaker was Catherine Giammarco, daughter of Rotarian Paul. Catherine was introduced by Suzanne Freund and thanked by Ian Johnson...

Catherine is a Year 11 student at Santa Sabina and in April along with 7 other students, 2 teachers and the husband of 1 spent 2 weeks in South Africa undergoing what is described an 'immersion' experience where they became immersed in a new culture with indigenous South Africans.

Kopanang (which means 'gathering together') Community Trust is a woman's community driven initiative, run by the Dominican Sisters, addressing the impact of HIV/AIDS in a native township just south of Johannesburg. The project provides critical care to a wide range of needs including a drop-in day care centre, an after school programme for aids orphans, an organic food garden training programme and a daily feeding scheme for 500 orphans within the immediate townships. This program highlights the dramatic effect on children as a result of the devastation caused by the HIV/AIDS epidemic amongst native Africans.

Part of the work of the Trust is involved in cultural skills training which enables women to produce articles of embroidery, quilting, beadwork and screen printing which

on one hand maintains the old traditions and on the other produces a cash flow to assist in the ongoing work of the Trust.

Catherine had with her an exquisite piece of the articles produced which was widely admired by all.



Our second speakers were students from Homebush Boys High School who were the runners up in the regional MUNA Debate and as such went to the finals in Canberra where they received a Highly Commended award.

MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly is a great Rotary program which encourages senior school students to become involved in public speaking and develop an interest in world politics.

The students were introduced by Paul White and thanked by Ian Johnson.

Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Visitors: - Patricia Giammarco and her mother.

Attendance: 30

Apologies: 18

Non-Apologies: 19

LOA: Silma Ihram, Trevor Duxbury, David Croft, Peter Harries, Tony Lanzafame till 29/10, Janelle Watson till 08/10, Connie Galetta till 10/10

Exempt Members: - 3

The Sergeant raised \$130.00

Last Club Meeting's Raffle

(The Raffle raised \$190)

1st Prize Serving Plate
2nd Prize Bottle of Wine
3rd Prize Dinner Next Week

Peter Smith
Domenic Alvaro
Guru Singh

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- Commitment Sheet for Strathfield Fair on 28 September 2008. Need more people to help with barbecue. There will be a collection bucket for a Shelter Box with brochures available relating to Shelter Boxes.
- Commitment Sheet for ICAC partners night on 1 October 2008. Need more people to attend.
- Commitment Sheet for Pride of Workmanship night on 29 October 2008.
- Roger Vince has advised that Meriden Interact has elected its office bearers.
- Advised members that Allan Kell from Burwood Club had passed away. A memorial service is to be held on 10 October 2008 at 10am.

From Stephen Taylor

- Thanked those that attended the dinner at the Golden Coronet. Will be planning another social evening.

From Suzanne Freund

- There will be a performance of AIDA at Parramatta Riverside Theatre on 23 October 2008 with the proceeds going to Australian Rotary Health. Tickets are \$30 each.

From Paul Giammarco

- Seeking expressions of interest for hosting the incoming GSE team from Brazil. Relevant dates are 2 February 2009 to 9 March 2009.

From Anuradha Kamkolkar

- - Would like to know if members are interested in having a dinner arranged at an Indian restaurant in Glebe preferably on a Saturday night so that Umesh may attend.

From Warren Abbott

- Commitment Sheet for Christmas Puddings.



CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS, WHISKEY FRUIT CAKES & CHRISTMAS SHORTBREAD BISCUITS

One way of saying "Thank You" to your staff or valued customers (or family/friends) at Christmas is to provide them with a small gift of appreciation, a gift that will not set you back a fortune while supporting Rotary – and one that your staff or customer will also enjoy.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

8th October 2008

Careflight

John Ebbott, Community Relations Officer
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

Performance Improvement, Becoming More Productive and Getting Better Results

Neel Raman
Introduced by Ted Ingall Thanked by Kevin Beltrame

29th October 2008

Pride of Workmanship Awards, PARTNERS' NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm

Introduced by Peter Smith

5th November 2008

Experiences with Vision Australia

Nick Gleeson & Jo Anne Reeves
Introduced by Ian Johnson Thanked by Roger Vince

12th November 2008

Judicial Reminiscences

Justice Terry Sheahan
Introduced by Paul White Thanked by Bert Houston

19th November 2008

The Centurion Program

PDG Warwick Tester PP Lyn Tester
Introduced by Harley Tarrant Thanked by Janelle Watson

Rotaract

Aaron Sivasothy
Introduced by Bradley Ayres Thanked by Godfrey Isouard

26th November 2008

Muslim Culture and Australian Integration

Silma Ihram
Introduced by Rod McDougall Thanked by Kevin Freund

3rd December 2008

AGM and Elections

10th December 2008

Christmas Party (Rotarians)

17th December 2008

Christmas Party (Children)

24th December 2008

NO MEETING

31st December 2008

NO MEETING

7th January 2009

Restaurant Social Evening (Venue TBA)

14th January 2009

Bowls Social Evening

South Strathfield Bowling Club, Augusta Street

21st January 2009

Club Assembly

COMING EVENTS

10th October 2008. (Friday)

“WAKE” for Rotary Club of Silverwater Homebush Bay

Waterview-Dooleys at Silverwater

(Cnr Silverwater Rd and Clyde St).

7:00 for 7:30pm. \$60pp. 80 guests only.

Tel: 9890 3333 Fax: 9890 7433

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23rd October 2008. (Thursday)

District Championship Golf Day

Strathfield Golf Club. \$70pp including BBQ

23rd October 2008.

Performance of AIDA

Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.

Proceeds to Australian Rotary Health. . \$30pp

28th November 2008.

Trivia Night

14th February 2009.

Dinner at the Duxbury's

An evening of Victorian Elegance

6th – 8th March 2009.

District Conference

Cypress Lakes Resort, **Hunter Valley**

MERIDEN INTERACT OFFICERS 2009

The Interact leadership elected for 2009 are:-

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| President - | <i>Clarissa Fasanella</i> |
| Vice-President - | <i>Zelal Celik</i> |
| Treasurer - | <i>Miriam Haddad</i> |
| Secretary - | <i>Morgan Milton</i> |

These Board Officers will be announced and given their badges by Mollie Teale and the other 2008 leaders at the Assembly next week.

The Changeover dinner has been postponed to next term due to scheduling difficulties.

HOME HOSTING FOR ROTARY LEADERSHIP WEEKEND AT RDU PARRAMATTA

Home hosting is needed for some folks attending The Rotary Leadership Institute Training in RDU at Parramatta on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 11 & 12 October. The hosting will need to be in reasonable proximity to the Parramatta area.

There are four Rotarians from Tamworth and PDG's Cathy Roth and Frank Wargo.

Could Club's please ask if anyone is available to home host and have the Rotarians who volunteer or who might want more information get back to me by email as soon as possible?

Regards, Ian Scott, District 9690 Trainer

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HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Golf Humour

From Grahame True

At dawn, the telephone rings. "Hello, Señor Humphrey? This is Ernesto the caretaker at your country house."

"Ah yes, Ernesto. What can I do for you? Is there a problem?"

"Um, I am just calling to advise you, sir, that your parrot died."

"My parrot? Dead? The one that won the International Competition?"

"Si, that's the one."

"That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from?"

"From eating rotten meat."

"Rotten meat? Who fed him rotten meat?"

"Nobody, Señor. He ate the meat of one of the dead horses."

"Dead horse? What dead horse?"

"The thoroughbred, Mr. Lucky. He died from all that work pulling the water cart."

"Are you insane? What water cart?"

"The one we used to put out the fire."

"Good Lord! What fire are you talking about, man?"

"The one at your house! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire."

"What the...?!! But there's electricity at the house!!! What was the candle for?"

"For the funeral."

"WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL?!"

"Your mother's. She showed up one night out of the blue and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new Tiger Woods Nike Driver.".....*Silence*.....

"Ernesto, if you broke that driver, you're fired!"

All Puns Intended

From Peter Smith

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
4. A dyslexic man walked into a bra.
5. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."
6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"
7. "Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home."
"That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."
"Is it common?"
"Well, It's Not Unusual."
8. Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning."
"I don't believe you," says Dolly.
"It's true; no bull!" exclaims Daisy.
9. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
10. Déjà Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

11. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.
12. A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know, I amputated your arms!"
13. I went to a seafood disco last week and pulled a mussel.
14. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
15. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"
16. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Not surprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
17. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said. "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."
18. A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt, and is named 'Ahmal.' The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him 'Juan.' Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."
19. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.
20. A dwarf, who was a mystic, escaped from jail. The call went out that there was a small medium at large.
21. And finally, there was the person who sent twenty different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least ten of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

Bad Jobs

From Shirley Del Prado

On your way home from work, stop at your pharmacy and go to the thermometer section and purchase a rectal thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson; Be very sure you get this brand. When you get home, lock your doors, draw the curtains and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed.

Change into very comfortable clothing and sit in your favourite chair. Open the package and remove the thermometer. Now, carefully place it on a table or a surface so that it will not become chipped or broken. Take out the literature from the box and read it carefully. You will notice that in small print there is a statement: 'Every Rectal Thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson is personally tested and then sanitized.'

Now, close your eyes and repeat out loud five times, 'I am so glad I do not work in the thermometer quality control department at Johnson & Johnson.'