



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

What a wonderful organisation Care Flight is as presented to us so informatively last Wednesday. John Ebbott in his presentation omitted to let us know that he had paraphernalia for sale. There were various bears, a book etc which will be available to us at a very good price if you wish to place an order – please see me. I purchased the book entitled “Helicopter Rescue” which my son Josh is reading at the moment. The thrill of aero-medical and intensive care retrieval has kept his interest making it hard to put down; Books - \$20, Crew Bear - \$45. Little Care Flight Bear - \$20.

Once again it was disappointing when we have such a good guest speaker as we had last week not to have better numbers, let's try to lift our game. Following last weeks successful ‘Tim Tam feast’ for Breast Cancer awareness (all were consumed) – perhaps you could all put an extra \$1 into the sergeants fines!

The district t golf day on the 23rd October is fast approaching with a strong team from Strathfield organised by Ray and Niall, I am sure it will be a successful day.

Don't forget our Pride of Workmanship evening on the 29th October which is designed to encourage and recognise vocational excellence. Pride of Workmanship as a Rotary sponsored project has been widely acclaimed and adopted throughout Australia emphasising the commitment of employees to a job well done – do it once do it well build a better Australia.

Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Ronald McDonald House

Adrienne Pearson, General Manager,
Ronald McDonald House

Introduced by Keith Byrn Thanked by Angelo Franco

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

15/10/2008

Peter Manenti

18/10/2008

Pauline Khu

Wedding Anniversaries

21/10/2008

Bill & Mira Carney

Rotary Anniversaries

17 Oct

Arthur Crossan

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was John Ebbott who is the Community Relations Officer with Careflight. John was introduced by Brian Johnson.

John advised us that Careflight was started in 1986 with the purpose of bringing hospital standard intensive care to the patient at the accident site. Careflight is a registered charity. Careflight has three main functions which are:- medical transport, rescue, retrieval.

The NSW Ambulance Service put the provision of helicopter services out for tender two years ago and Careflight's tender was unsuccessful. However Careflight was granted the contract to provide the required doctors. Careflight does maintain a fleet of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. The best helicopter it has is the “Augusta” which is faster to warm up, flies more quickly and the rotors stop more quickly than the other helicopters. This helicopter is used for rapid response call outs to major paediatric trauma cases or head injury cases. Head injury cases require rapid treatment as brain swelling may result in loss of oxygen to the brain which can cause secondary problems. There are usually four people on board – a pilot, a crewman, a doctor and a paramedic. They aim to stabilise the patient and then transport the patient to hospital as quickly as possible.

Careflight has been responsible for two major innovations. The first is the “Stretcher Bridge” which allows continuous

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TREASURER PETER SPARKES IS 4758 8154.**

treatment and monitoring of a patient from the accident site to the hospital. It is now in use around the world. The second is the "Retrieval Pack" which contains all the tools and other items a rescuer may need. It can be carried by one person.

Careflight also does international medical retrievals for insurance companies and for the defence forces. If a tourist is injured overseas he or she is often flown back to Australia as the required care may not be available in the other country and people usually recover faster if they are near their family and friends.

John advised us that most of the seventy doctors involved with the service are in the final years of their specialist training. Careflight is the only accredited non-hospital body in which they can carry out their training. These doctors are used to treating patients in a sterile hospital setting and considerable adjustment is required for Careflight's roadside patients. Initial training of these doctors is carried out using life-like mannequins which cost \$50,000 each. If the mannequin stops moaning it can be a good thing or a bad thing. Part of the training involves treating patients in confined spaces simulating car or train crashes.

Another important function of Careflight is to maintain a "Medical Disaster Cache" of drugs, medical machinery and other items for use in field hospitals in the event of a large scale disaster at home or overseas.

Careflight also conducts search and rescue missions. John advised us that night-vision goggles are about to be introduced which will have a significant impact as searching at night time will become a viable option.

John advised us that the average cost of a mission is \$5,500. This cost is partially covered by sponsors such as NRMA and the Motor Accidents Authority and partially from income from contracts with government departments and other bodies. Another source of income is from the sale of "Careflight Bears". Careflight is also dependent upon support from community events and donations.

John was thanked by Bradley Ayres.

Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Visitors: - NIL

Attendance: 35

Apologies: N/A

Non-Apologies: N/A

LOA: Tony Lanzafame till 29/10

Exempt Members: - 3

The Sergeant raised \$130

Last Club Meeting's Raffle

(The Raffle raised \$190)

1 st Prize	Tray	Warren Abbott
2 nd Prize	Red Wine	Neil Kennan
3 rd Prize	Dinner next week	Gary Pearce

FAMILY OF ROTARY XMAS PANTOMIME

Sun 2nd November 2008

CLUB MARCONI. Marconi Plaza,

Prairie Vale Road, Bossley Park

2:00pm to 5:00pm. Cost: \$5pp or \$20 family of 5

Rotary Club of HAWKESBURY

RSVP Before: 24 October 2008

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- Eve Dutton has broken her leg and is in Alwin Hospital for Re-hab.
- Eve will be away from the Club for 8 weeks+
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Commitment Sheet for Pride of Workmanship Awards Night is circulating.

From Secretary Allan Petersen

- This month's issue of Rotary Down Under (RDU) Magazine marks the 500th Edition.
- The October edition of the Rotarian is available
- This issue has an article from K D Lee about Rotary In Korea.

From Ray Wilson

- -Reminder of District Golf Day on 22nd October
- Wants our Club to win the trophy this year

From Steve Taylor

- -Sought interest from the Club to attend "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" or "David Campbell"
- Little interest expressed from Club members

From Ray McCluskie

- -Reminder to members that all Club Information is available on our website www.strathfieldrotary.org.au

From Brian Johnson

- -Moving to Orange next week

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST AT THE CHARITY CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY

Venue: Sydney Showgrounds, Olympic Park, Halls 3 & 4
Off Riverina Ave

Monday December 8th; 9am – 5pm; Requesting 20-25
Volunteers For Setting up Toy-room

Tuesday December 9th; 9am – 5pm; Requesting: 20-25
Volunteers For Setting up the Halls

Wednesday December 10th; 8am – 5pm; Requesting: 50-60
Volunteers for EVERYTHING!!

We request that you be here no later than 8.00am on the day of the event in order to ensure you are familiarised with the site and the duties allocated. We suggest you have a good breakfast even though refreshments will be available to you throughout the day. Comfortable shoes like 'runners' are recommended, as you will be walking on a concrete floor. All volunteers will be issued with a volunteer badge upon arrival of which you may write your name on.

Duties will range from setting up the Toy-Room and Venue through to taking children through the toy room on the day.

The aim of the day is to put a smile on the face of every child attending. Whilst this can be a very emotional day, it is a rare opportunity to share mutually with the children the joy and the love given out unconditionally.

Email Marilyn Mercer at mmm@myisp.net.au

COMING EVENTS

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

31st October 2008.

Breakfast Point Rotary Dinner Dance

Email:- tadams3@tpg.com.au for further details

2nd November 2008.

FAMILY OF ROTARY CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

CLUB MARCONI, Marconi Plaza, Prairie Vale Road,
Bossley Park. 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

\$5pp or \$20 family of 5. Phone: 45 779504

3rd November 2008 (Monday)

Burwood Rotary Melbourne Cup Night

Burwood RSL at 6:30pm. \$25pp

10th December 2008. (Wednesday)

Charity Children's Christmas Party

Sydney Showgrounds, Olympic Park, Halls 3 & 4,

Volunteers needed on Mon, Tues & Weds

14th February 2009.

Dinner at the Duxbury's

An evening of Victorian Elegance

19th February 2009. (Thursday)

Trish Charity Golf Day & Dinner

Strathfield Golf Club

6th – 8th March 2009.

District Conference

Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley



INVITATION TO STRATHFIELD ROTARY

Strathfield Rotary Club members and partners are invited to join with Burwood Club on Monday, 3rd November for their traditional Melbourne Cup eve event. There'll be food, fun, frivolity, fashion in the field and fast horse-trading (well, raffles and a Calcutta) as well as good old Rotary inter-club fellowship.

The starter's bell will sound at 6.30pm with a buffet dinner (at a piffling cost of only \$25) and we expect the night's card to be completed by about 8.30pm-9pm. As usual, the big night is in the meeting rooms just to the left and behind the small bar on the first floor of Burwood RSL Club,

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Looking After Grandma

Tony Lanzafame

The family wheeled Grandma out on the lawn, in wheelchair, where the activities for her 100th birthday were taking place. Grandma couldn't speak very well, but she would write notes when she needed to communicate.

After a short time out on the lawn, Grandma started leaning off to the right, so some family members grabbed her, straightened her up, and stuffed pillows on her right.

A short time later, she started leaning off to her left, so again the family grabbed her and stuffed pillows on her left.

Soon she started leaning forward, so the family members again grabbed her, and then tied a pillowcase around her waist to hold her up.

A nephew who arrived late came up to Grandma and said, 'Hi, Grandma, you're looking good! How are they treating you?'

Grandma took out her little notepad and slowly wrote a note to the nephew 'Bastards won't let me fart.'

Banking Crisis

From Peter Smith

Following the huge financial problems rocking the very foundations of the U.S. economy and the run on Northern Rock and Bradford & Bingley in the UK, and the spectacular failures of Fortis and Hypo in Europe, uncertainty has now hit Japan hard.

In the last 7 days Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday, it was announced that Karaoke Bank is up for sale and will likely go for a song, while today shares in Kamikaze Bank were suspended after they nose-dived. While Samurai Bank is soldiering on following sharp cutbacks, Ninja Bank is reported to have taken a hit, but they remain in the black.

Furthermore, 500 staff at Karate Bank got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal.

Business Sense

From Shirley Del Prado

Young Chuck moved to Texas and bought a Donkey from a farmer for \$100.⁰⁰. The farmer agreed to deliver the Donkey the next day. The next day he drove up and said, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the donkey died.'

Chuck replied, 'Well, then just give me my money back.'

The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I went and spent it already.'

Chuck said, 'Ok, then, just bring me the dead donkey.'

The farmer asked, 'What ya gonna do with him?'

Chuck said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.'

The farmer said, 'You can't raffle off a dead donkey!'

Chuck said, 'Sure I can, Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.'

A month later, the farmer met up with Chuck and asked, 'What happened with that dead donkey?'

Chuck said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars a piece and made a profit of \$898.00.'

The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?'

Chuck said, 'Just the guy who won. So I gave him his two dollars back.'

Chuck now works for the government.

At The Hairdresser

From Tony Lanzafame

A woman was at her hairdresser getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded:

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking Continental, was the reply." "We got a great rate!"

"Continental?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump, the worst hotel in the city! The rooms are small, the service is surly, and they're overpriced. So, whatcha' doing when you get there?"

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and we hope to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant, Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of Continental's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot.

And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodelling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me.

Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me."

"Oh, really! What'd he say?"

He said: "Where'd you get the shitty Hairdo?"