



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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KEV'S CONVEYANCES

What a splendid Club Changeover, with good fellowship, fine food and a comprehensive review of Past President Grahame's very successful year.

It was a pleasure to see so many in attendance, including former members, their partners and a vibrant group from the Breakfast Point Club.

The attendance of Mayor Keith Kwon, State Member Virginia Judge and Federal Member John Murphy, added a distinguished charm to the evening.

It was also an honour to have District Governor Elect Paul Reid and Julia, share in the spirit of the evening.

The goodwill and warmth generated from the evening was expressed by the marvellous contribution of over \$1300.00 being achieved from the raffle and sergeant.

Highlights of the evening were the investiture of former Rotary member and community service identity, Tim Wynn Jones, with a Paul Harris Fellow and the awarding to Niall King of the Strathfield Rotary Service Above Self Award for 2008-2009.

PDG David Croft and Margaret, PDG Harley Tarrant, PP Roger Vince and Janice, Suzanne & myself are looking forward to representing our club at the District Changeover, this Saturday, July 4, when the reins will be passed from DG Paul Erickson to DGE Paul Reid.

The 2009-2010 theme is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands", and members of the club have already responded to the challenge, with Connie Galletta, Peter Smith, Ray McCluskie and Godfrey Isouard conducting an interview with an applicant for the 2010 NYSF.

Niall King is seeking volunteers to assist with barbeque duties during the 24 hour Mega Swim at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre, this Saturday July 4, from 10am to Sunday 10am. We will be sharing duties with members from the Sydney, Concord & Breakfast Point Clubs.

Finally, may I extend my thanks to everyone who has expressed their good wishes for the coming year, I feel greatly encouraged by your support.

President Kevin

THIS WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Child Protection and Sexual Harassment
Frank Portelli

Introduced by Niall King Thanked by Kevin Beltrame

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays **Rotary Anniversaries**
1 July Les Hockley 1 July Grahame True
4 July Sue Byrn
Wedding Anniversaries
2 July Eric and Pauline Khu

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CLUB CHANGEOVER

Over 120 people, among them District Governor Elect Paul Reid, our local MPs, the mayor and many other special guests, shared an enjoyable evening at the club changeover last Friday and saw President Kevin Freund inducted by now Past President Grahame True.

John Leftwich was in fine form as MC and ensured a relaxed, fun night which ran (relatively!) smoothly and allowed great fellowship.

Grahame's final duties as president included the presentation of a cheque for \$8,000 to Vision Australia, the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellowship to popular local resident and community volunteer, Tim Wynn Jones, and the presentation of the Strathfield Rotary Service Above Self Award for 2008-2009 to Niall King.

New President Kevin accepted the chain of office and announced plans for his year. Reflecting on his introduction to Rotary by the late Euan Watson, he thanked Leedy Watson for attending. He announced that Lifehouse At RPA would be a major fundraising beneficiary and that planning would start for the club's fortieth anniversary in 2011. The new board was introduced by Kevin and inducted by DG Elect Paul.

As the evening drew to a close, John Leftwich was heard to remark that Grahame seemed just a little taller with the lifting of the burden of office!

Report by Rod McDougall



Bulletin Under New Management

After a total of five years at the helm Angelo Franco is retiring as editor of our club bulletin.

On behalf of all members, partners and other readers, many thanks for a great job, Angelo. The bulletin performs a vital function in keeping us all up to date and we are grateful for your efforts over such a significant period. It is appreciated that this is not the first occasion on which you have been promised a break - please be assured that, this time, you can count on it!

Members will be aware that Trevor Duxbury has kindly agreed to take on the role of editor for 2009-10 - in addition to his role as the club's international director.

The existing format of the bulletin has been in place for some time and Trevor plans to take a step back and review the document. We should see the fruits of his work soon. Comments about content, structure and format are welcome and should be passed to Trevor. Alternatively they may be given slightly more visibility and sent to Trevor for inclusion in a Letters to the Editor section that he is considering.

Rod McDougall
Director, Club Service

GUEST SPEAKER REPORT

Richard Dabinett - 17 June 2009

Our guest speaker was Richard Dabinett whose subject was 'What Life Dishes Out'.

Richard was introduced by PP Keith Stockall.

Richard has become an author of books especially written for children. This in itself is a magnificent achievement in that up to 4 years ago he was both illiterate and a sufferer of dyslexia.

Richard was working as a roustabout/cleaner when he became unemployed. Taking advantage of federal government initiatives he went on to the 'New Start' programme and then enrolled in TAFE where he was the oldest student. He learnt to both read and write and started writing fictional essays aimed at the younger brigade. Along the way he learnt to use a computer.

With his first books, which he arranged his own printing and publishing, he approached his local book store who reluctantly agreed to take a minimal quantity to gauge the market. Initial sales were rather slow so somehow Richard was able to convince Alan Jones of the worth of these initial books. There was an immediate response and demand grew dramatically and more books are now in the pipeline.

Richard makes the point that if you really want something and a prepared to give it your all then you can do it.

Richard also noted that he had won a Rotary award for the most outstanding literary person in NSW at TAFE.

After questions Richard was thanked by (TAFE Librarian) Janelle Watson.

Report by Peter Douglas

PREVIOUS MEETING – 17 JUNE 2009

Guests

Bob Jury (Terry Rohan)

Attendance

Members 40 Apologies 10 Non-apologies 5

Leave of Absence

Paul White Until 22 July 2009
Stephen Taylor Until 22 July 2009

The Sergeants

The fines session raised \$173.00

Raffle

The raffle raised \$245.00

1st Prize	Heater	David Martin
2nd Prize	Wine	Peter Harries
3rd Prize	Wine	Ray Wilson

From President Grahame True

- Combined meeting of old and new Board to ensure a smooth changeover.
- Thanked those who attended garden dedication at MS Centre Lidcombe on 17th June.
- Final circulation of commitment sheet for Club changeover.
- Expressed his appreciation for the year's achievements by RC of Strathfield and again welcomed new members inducted during year.

From Director Niall King

Thanked Ray Wilson, Les Hockley and Peter Douglas for helping to tidy garden at MS Centre, Lidcombe on 16th June.

From Treasurer Charles Pitt

Encouraged Rotarians to attend meetings regularly to ensure Club income is spread evenly among members with raffle and fine session.

From Secretary Allan Petersen

Read letter from Dr Julie Greenhalgh expressing her appreciation for the \$500 to help with the living expenses of two indigenous girls from a remote area in the Northern Territory who are living in Strathfield with a carer and attending Meriden as students.

Address by Vic Smith Captain of Strathfield Golf Club.

Vic expressed the appreciation of Strathfield Golf Club for the \$11,000 raised for junior golf at Strathfield Golf Club.

He especially thanked Ray Wilson and his team for organising the special golf day, the raffle and especially the support of the members of the RC Strathfield.

Short talk by Bob Jury Former member of RC of Enfield

He spoke about his new life in Newcastle and his vain search for a house in that area.

The rules that apply in the Sydney real estate scene do not seem to apply in Newcastle. He thanked the Club for allowing him to speak to us.

Report by Roger Vince

Club Assembly 15 July 2009

Have Your Say!

President Kevin will lead what will hopefully be a lively and productive session about the operation of *our* club. All members are encouraged to attend and to contribute ideas.

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COMING EVENTS

4 July 2009 (Saturday)

District Changeover

6:30 for 7:00pm Penrith Panthers \$30 pp

3 September 2009 (Thursday)

Tagalong Outback Experience 2009

Irvell Rotary Club 14 day Caravan Tour. \$1,000 per vehicle plus \$20pp for evening meals. \$30 subsidy for non-vanners.

Phone 02 6722 4488 or Mobile 0428 221004

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

8 July 2009

Barnardos Children's Family Centre

Rosemary Hamill

15 July 2009

Club Assembly

22 July 2009

Member Talks

Doug Potter, Suzanne Freund, Godfrey Isouard

29 July 2009

House With No Steps

Dennis O'Reilly,

General Manager Fund Raising and Community Relations

5 August 2009 (Wednesday) **Partners Night**

The Police Officer Of The Year Awards

Commissioner Andrew Scipione APM

6:30 for 7:00 pm

12 August 2009

Sydney Water

Speaker to be advised

19 August 2009

Strathfield Girls High Literary Extension

26 August 2009

RYDA

Greg Rappo

Director of Program Development

2 September 2009

Assistant District Governor Visit

ADG Keith Roffey

9 September 2009

Raising Positive Kids in a Negative World:

Challenges for Schools and Parents

Dr Julie Greenhalgh

Principal Meriden College

BREAKFAST POINT CHANGEOVER

A contingent of Strathfield Rotarians and partners led by President Grahame and Penny True were among the 70 people who attended the Breakfast Point changeover on 19 June to see the 2008/09 president, Brian Lawrenson, hand over the chain of office to the club's second president, Margery Foss.



New president, Margery Foss, is congratulated by husband Peter Foss

Other clubs represented were Burwood, Concord, Holroyd, Cabramatta and Parramatta Inner Wheel. President Brian presented an entertaining PowerPoint review of the young club's achievements over the past year.

The club distributed \$18,000 of service funds including \$10,000 to the Concord Hospital ICU, \$3,500 for teacher training in Dili, East Timor, \$1,000 to Nepal, \$200 for Stewart House and also provided funds for one Shelter Box. The club also sponsored students to RYLA and RYPEN and participated in RYDA.

During the year five new Rotarians were inducted and the club has grown to 27 members.

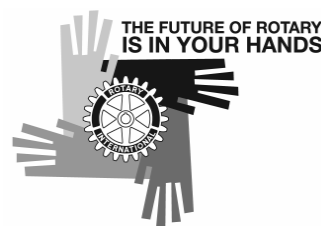
Under President Margery, the club's main fundraiser will be an art show in September.

Strathfield can be proud of its daughter club.

Report by Harley Tarrant

2009-2010 Rotary International Theme

The RI theme for the Rotary year 2009-2010 acknowledges the very important role individual Rotary clubs must play in shaping the future of Rotary.



In announcing the theme, RI President John Kenny said "The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters - it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club, because it is for each of us - as Rotarians - to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong".

Kenny emphasized that every Rotary club is and must be autonomous stating that "Everything begins and ends with our clubs".

He acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

School Buses

From Keith Stockall

School Bus in Japan



School Bus in Pakistan



Kids Are Quick

From Peter Harries

- Teacher** Maria, go to the map and find North America.
 Maria Here it is.
Teacher Correct. Now class, who discovered America?
 Class Maria.
Teacher John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?
 John You told me to do it without using tables.
Teacher Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?
 Glenn K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'
Teacher No, that's wrong
 Glenn Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
Teacher Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

- Donald H I J K L M N O.
Teacher What are you talking about?
 Donald Yesterday you said it's H to O.
Teacher Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.
 Winnie Me!
Teacher Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'
 Millie I is..
Teacher No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'
 Millie All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'
Teacher George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?
 Louis Because George still had the axe in his hand.
Teacher Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?
 Simon No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.
Teacher Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
 Clyde No, sir. It's the same dog.
Teacher Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
 Harold A teacher

Life Insurance

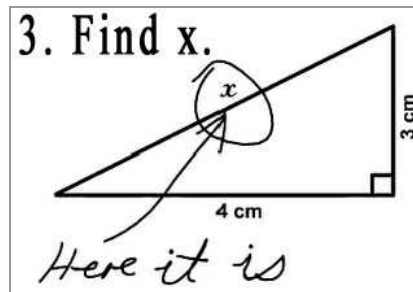
Mary was discussing the various aspects and possible outcome of the insurance policy with the clerk at the Insurance Agency.

During the discussion, she asked. "Suppose I take the life insurance for my husband today for a million dollars, and tomorrow he dies? What will I get?"

The clerk eyed her suspiciously and replied, "Probably a life sentence."

Failing Exams with Dignity!

From Kevin Beltrame



Generosity

At a Rotary meeting in Manchester, a visiting Rotarian, who happened to be a wealthy American, announced that he had lost his wallet containing £10,000 and would give a reward of £100 to the person who finds it.

From the back of the hall a Scottish voice shouted, "I'll give £150!"