



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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KEV'S CONVEYANCES

The pace to the new Rotary year is starting to quicken, with all of your Directors active in their roles.

They are all looking forward to presenting their reports at the Club Assembly next week, and I encourage all members to attend and contribute their ideas. The club can only be stronger if we all participate.

Last week's guest speaker Frank Portelli, brought to our attention the responsibilities we as Rotarians must consider in the area of Child Protection and Sexual Harassment, and be aware of at all times.

On Saturday evening our club was well represented at the District Changeover, when the chains of office were passed from PDG (P1) Paul Erickson to DG (P2) Paul Reid.

It was a most enjoyable evening, with the opportunity to enjoy good fellowship with many members from throughout the district.

On Saturday and Sunday, Connie Galletta, Brad, Cheryl & Madeline Ayres, Sal Tosto, Angelo Franco, Ian Johnson, Peter Smith, Niall King & myself had a great time sharing barbeque duties during the 24 hour Mega Swim, to help raise funds for the MS "Go for Gold Project".

Once again it was a good opportunity to share with members from the Breakfast Point, Concord and Sydney Rotary Clubs and involve ourselves with a fast growing community fundraising project.

In conclusion I would like to remind members that our half-yearly membership fees are now due and payable, Treasurer Keith Stockall will be issuing invoices next week.

President Kevin

THIS WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Barnardos Children's Family Centre

Rosemary Hamill

Introduced by Tony Lanzafame

Thanked by Trevor Duxbury

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

14 July Olga Potter

Rotary Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

GUEST SPEAKER REPORT

Frank Portelli – 1 July 2009

"Child Protection and Sexual Harassment"

Our guest speaker was Rotarian Frank Portelli. Frank,



who is the Chairman of District 9690 Child Protection/ Harassment Awareness Committee and as such is the District 9690 Child Protection Officer, was introduced by Niall King.

The object of the District Child protection Officer is to bring to the attention of all Rotarians in our district what is the definition of Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment. This awareness is done on a District basis although the policy directive is an integral part of Rotary International's goals and objectives of creating an environment where all members and participants in Rotary associated activities have the right to be treated fairly and with respect as well as to participate in a safe and harmonious environment.

What is sexual harassment? Sexual harassment is any unwanted, unreciprocated, and unsolicited sexual advance or conduct of sexual nature which makes a person feel offended, humiliated or intimidated. It can take many forms and can include physical contact, verbal comments, jokes, propositions, display of

offensive materials and any other behaviour which creates a sexually or emotionally hostile environment. It may be intentional or unintentional and can be a single incident or a series of incidents. Examples of sexual harassment can be uninvited or unwanted physical contact such as touching, kissing, patting or even brushing up against a person. It can be sexually oriented jokes or comments. It can be displays of pornographic or sexually oriented material, obscene telephone calls or emails or persistent unwelcome social invitations.

All Rotarians who have any involvement with youth in any Rotary project are asked to sign a 'Prohibited Employment Declaration'. Any member who for any reason declines to complete this declaration is not permitted to be in a one on one situation with any youth under the age of eighteen in any youth project such as Youth Exchange, RYLA, MUNA or RYPEN.

Our club Child Protection Officer is Peter van der Sleen.

After many questions from members Frank was thanked by Kevin Beltrame.

Some of the contents of this report were sourced from the District 9690 website
www.rotary9690.org.au/administration.

Report by Peter Douglas

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.

Rod McDougall
Director, Club Service

Much responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the song leader; it is not infrequently within his power to make or break a meeting.

Paul Harris
Founder of Rotary

PREVIOUS MEETING – 1 JULY 2009

Visiting Rotarian

Frank Portelli (Nepean)

Guests

Pat Giammarco

George Portelli

Attendance

Members 41 Apologies 7 Non-apologies 8

Leave of Absence

Paul White Until 22 July 2009

Stephen Taylor Until 22 July 2009

The Sergeants

The fines session raised \$152.95

Raffle

The raffle raised \$242.00

Announcements

From President Kevin

Thanked all who extended good wishes for his year.

Asked members to attend Police Officer of the year awards on August 5.

From Director Connie Galletta

Thanked Raymond McCluskie, Peter Smith and Godfrey Isouard who helped Connie interview the National Youth Science Forum candidate this week.

From Director Kevin Beltrame

Reported he had attended an Interact meeting at Meriden where the Interactors led by their President Clarissa Fasanella presented a cheque for \$2000 to RAM national representative Richmond Manyweathers (RC Caringbah).

The donation is for mosquito nets for a village in PNG.

Roger Vince was also presented with a cheque for \$1200 to be passed on to District 9690 Shelterbox representative Phil Smith.

From Director Janelle Watson

Following on from the donation by last year's board of \$500 to the Ranfurly Library Project Janelle delivered the newly purchased educational books to Peter Bourke to be sent to countries in the South Pacific area. Arthur Crossan also purchased pens, pencils, stationery and some fun things to the value of \$250 as a contribution to accompany the books.

Peter Bourke will be speaking at our Club in the future about Ranfurly.

From Director Niall King

Asking for volunteers to assist with barbecue at the 24 hour Mega Swim beginning Saturday 4th July at the Aquatic Centre.

From Secretary Charles Pitt

Letter from Shelterbox Australia thanking our Club for last years \$1200 donation.

From Webmaster Raymond McCluskie

Web page has been updated and members asked to check if details are correct.

Web page needs information from members to be accurate and up to date.

Members who makeup at other RCs or Rotary venues and projects should let the Attendance Chairman have details to help with our monthly attendance percentage.

From Anuradha Kamkolkar

Reported Past President Grahame and other Strathfield Rotarians feature with Sister Josephine Brimo from St Mary's Sisters of Mercy, Parramatta and Campsie in their current publication. She was a guest speaker in April 2009.

From Keith Stockall

Keith reported Steve Taylor had been in touch with him to report he was enjoying a trip on the Danube and had met several Australian Rotarians who had recently attended the Rotary International Conference in Birmingham.

Report by Roger Vince

ROTARY NEWS

Australian Wins The Rotary Foundation's Highest Alumni Honour

At the recent RI Convention in Birmingham, The Rotary Foundation awarded former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, food technologist, Alex Buchanan, the 2008-09 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. Buchanan was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1959-60 studying agriculture and science at Iowa State University.

He received the award for creating a high-protein milk biscuit and high-energy biscuit that are widely used in Australia's international food aid program. He also developed an affordable infant food from rice and soy flour that is commercially produced in Thailand.

Alex Buchanan is a member of Rotary Club of Melbourne and is a Member of the Order of Australia.

Report by Harley Tarrant

Club Assembly 15 July 2009

Have Your Say!

President Kevin will lead what hopefully will 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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IS IN YOUR HANDS**

COMING EVENTS

3 September 2009 (Thursday)

Tagalong Outback Experience 2009

Inverell 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

Rotary Revelations

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

16 September 2009

DG Visit to Strathfield Rotary

DG Paul Reid

23 September 2009

GSE Team Visit

30 September 2009

From the Desert to the Beach

All in the Name of Education

Erin Greenhalgh

Trinity Grammar School



CHANGE OVER DINNER



26 JUNE 2009



Photos
Bradley
Ayres

