

Strathfield Rotary News



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

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September is New Generations Month

Kev's Conveyances

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

It was indeed sad news received on Sunday on the passing of Lilian Pickett, wife of PDG Harry Pickett of Burwood Club and mother of Janice Vince, Valda Bray, of Springwood Club, and Graham Pickett.

Lilian shared in many occasions at our club ever since Harry as District Governor in 1970-1971 chartered Strathfield and she was always forthright and charming in expressing her opinions. She leaves us with many memories that will be ours to cherish always, and our thoughts are with Harry, Janice and Roger, Valda, Graham and their families.

Doug Potter has advised that his daughter, Emma, was operated on Thursday for breast cancer in Brisbane and will start chemotherapy shortly. Our thoughts are with Doug, Olga and his family for a successful outcome.

At last week's meeting our Assistant Governor, Keith Roffey, enlightened us on what is happening in our district and the programs and goals of Rotary International President John Kenny and District Governor Paul Reid.

Keith assured us that there is always advice and support available at district level, and he encouraged members to consider attending the Rotary Leadership Institute Program, a course that provides Rotarians with potential for future club leadership with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills so important in voluntary organizations.

Tonight we welcome Dr Julie Greenhalgh, Principal Meriden College, speaking on a very important subject, "Raising Children in a Negative World."

Cheers, **President Kevin**

This Week's Meeting

Dr Julie Greenhalgh
Principal Meriden College

Introduced by **Bradley Ayres**
Thanked by **Roger Vince**

Last Week's Presentation

by Ian Johnson

Assistant District Governor's Visit

Our guest speaker was Keith Roffey an assistant district governor for our district.

Keith was introduced by Angelo Franco.

Keith commenced by reminding us of the Object of Rotary. He then advised us that all assistant governors undertake training as to what is expected of them in carrying out their roles.

There are six assistant district governors (ADG) in our district each of whom is allocated a number of Clubs. Keith is the ADG for our Club.

The role of the ADG is mainly administrative with the ADG acting as a conduit for the Club back to the district governor. The role is designed to address the impression of remoteness of the district governor and to assist with accessing available resources. Keith works with six clubs in our local area.

Keith advised us that he saw the structure of Rotary International as an

inverted triangle. At the top are the Clubs of which there are 33,000 worldwide.

President Kevin is the face of our Club. Then there are the district leadership teams. Then comes the district governors. Next are the zones of which there are 34 worldwide. Finally comes the Board of Rotary International and the President John Kenny who is the face of Rotary International.

Part of Keith's role is to access the expertise and ideas of local Clubs. He reminded us that the Shelter Box program and the Malaria program originated in local Clubs. In turn Keith can facilitate the application of Rotary International resources to local clubs.

Keith reminded us that DG Paul Reid



Keith Roffey and President Kevin

and his wife Julia will be visiting our Club on 16 September 2009. Keith advised us that Paul has a special interest in literacy for indigenous Australians.

Keith advised us that he found his attendance at the Rotary Leadership Institute invaluable and he highly recommended it to members particularly those with leadership aspirations.

In conclusion Keith commended the club on its strong involvement with youth programs. He expressed the hope that many of the young people that have contact with Rotary

through these programs would eventually become members themselves.

After answering some sticky questions on "knife and forks" Keith was thanked by President Kevin.

Last Week's Proceedings *Recorded by Roger Vince*

From President Kevin

Welcomed Assistant District Governor Keith Roffey to the Club meeting.

Announced Doug Potter's elder daughter Emma is to undergo breast cancer surgery on Friday in Brisbane – Doug has asked for LOA. The thoughts of the Club are with Doug and his family.

Request received from the Ashfield Infants Home to run a barbecue at Bunnings, Ashfield. The Club declined the request last year but the barbecue still proceeded. The barbecue and most requirements will be provided - they will need our labour on Saturday 7th November from 9am until 4pm. More information will be sought from the Infants Home and relayed back to the Club

Attended Citizenship Ceremony at Strathfield Town Hall for 120 people on 27th August.

From Janelle Watson RYPEN Chairman

Five Rotarians, Peter Smith, Harley Tarrant, Allan Teale, Eric Khu and Kevin Beltrame have volunteered to take students from various schools to the RYPEN

weekend at Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood on Friday morning 11th September. One more driver is still needed to transport girls from Meriden at 10am for the drive to Springwood.

From Club Service Director Rod McDougall

Reminded members that the survey forms need to be returned by the end of this week. The response to date has been moderate and there are many members who have still to return the completed survey in the prepaid envelope. He urged members to take the few minutes needed to fill in the form. The survey is needed by President Kevin and the Board to help make important decisions for the future of the Club.

He advised that next week our Guest Speaker is Julie Greenhalgh, the Principal of Meriden School. Several members have indicated they will be bringing guests. The Golf Club has advised we are in the small room because of the annual 21 Club function being held in the large room. He urged members to advise Eric Khu if they are bringing guests or apologising by next

Tuesday if possible. This is important to enable seating arrangements to be made in the smaller hall.

Advised that the Club has finally made the front page of the Strathfield Scene with a photo of the Police Officer of the year awardees night. This is great publicity for the Club.

Mentioned that Programme Chairman Neil Kennan is having difficulty arranging the introduction and thanking of Guest Speakers because some members are not responding to requests either way. To overcome this problem we may need a roster system for the year – an extreme suggestion but necessary if members do not respond to the request. This would not be necessary if members indicated promptly if they can or cannot! Arranging the programme each week is not an easy job and the cooperation of members to introduce and thank Guest Speakers makes the work easier. If for some reason you are unable to be at the meeting, please arrange for another member to fill in for you.

Rotary Revelation - Suzanne Freund

Suzanne presented a fascinating job talk and described her career in health services over many years.

Suzanne's educational qualifications are in adult education and group leadership.

She graduated from the University of Technology Sydney and the Institute of Group Leaders.

Initially, she worked at Sydney University in a research laboratory, and then at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Later she worked for a pathology company, in public relations.

Moving to Windsor she worked in both general practice and with a specialist dermatologist and then for over fifteen years worked in a community health centre designing group programs and providing community education.

Seeking more challenge she joined the General Practice organisation where she provided educational opportunities for

GPs in the community.

Today, Suzanne works for a small NGO (Non-Government Organisation) called



ARAFMI (Association for the Relatives and Friends of someone with a Mental Illness).

She finds this to be a neglected area of health care and in her current role is responsible for establishing carers support groups.

To date she has started five groups within the Northern Sydney area. She is also the community development officer and has successfully built partnerships with organisations to address community needs for education.

Suzanne is clearly passionate about community health education with extensive experience and expertise in the area and her talk was enjoyed by those present.

In closing, she reflected on her involvement in Rotary over a long period and, through Rotary, her good fortune to meet and marry President Kevin!

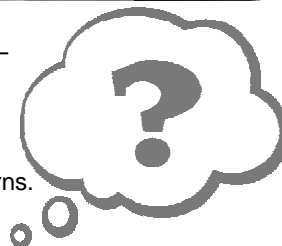
What are Rotarians Really thinking?

Our member ship team has begun analysis of the survey returns.

Not all members have participated at this stage and **submission of returns is now overdue.**

If you wish to have a say in how our club operates, please return the completed questionnaire as soon as possible.

Copies of the survey form may be obtained from Peter Smith or Ray Wilson – or download from our website at www.strathfieldrotary.org.au/survey.pdf



Rotary Grace

O, Lord and giver of all good,
We thank you for our daily food,
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve you all our days.

Dates for Your Diary

For catering purposes, please remember to send apologies or details of extra attendees by
 4.00pm Tuesdays to Eric Khu 9746 0397
 email: brontin@bigpond.com
 Late apologies by 5.00pm Wednesdays to Kevin Freund 0412 494 125

9th September (Wednesday)

Raising Positive Kids in a Negative World: Challenges for Schools and Parents

Dr Julie Greenhalgh
 Principal of Meriden College
 Introduced by Bradley Ayres Thanked by Roger Vince

16th September (Wednesday) Partners Night

Visit by District Governor Paul Reid

Introduced by Harley Tarrant Thanked by David Croft

23rd September (Wednesday)

Presentation by 2008-9 outbound GSE Team

Introduced by Steve Taylor Thanked by Janelle Watson

27th September (Sunday)

Strathfield Spring Fair

30th September (Wednesday)

From the Desert to the Beach, All in the Name of Education

Erin Greenhalgh
 Introduced by Peter Manenti Thanked by Bert Houston

7th October (Wednesday)

The Climate Change Issue Carbon Ready ... or Not?

Andrew Petersen
 Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers
 Introduced by Allan Petersen Thanked by Welwyn Petersen

14th October (Wednesday)

Travelling the Silk Road

Brian Lawrenson
 Past President, Breakfast Point Rotary Club

21st October (Wednesday)

Awareness: An effective way to beat Prostate Cancer

Hayes van der Meer

28th October (Wednesday) Partners Night

Pride of Workmanship Awards

10th November (Tuesday)

District Golf Day

18th November (Wednesday) Partners Night New

Wine Tasting Evening Hosted by Cabarita Cellars

9th December (Wednesday) Partners Night New

Strathfield Rotary Christmas Party

16th December (Wednesday) New

Children's Christmas Party

18th February 2010 (Thursday)

Transfer meeting from 17th February Trish MS Research Foundation Golf Day

19th to 21st March 2010

District 9690 Conference Forster NSW

The Rotary Club of Strathfield meets every Wednesday evening at Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Strathfield.
 Visitors welcome

Next week

District Governor's Visit

Paul Reid

16 September 2009 6:30 for 7:00 pm

Partners Night

DG Paul Reid will visit our club next week to report on plans for District 9690 this Rotary year.

Paul's wife, Julia, will accompany him and all partners are welcome.

Paul has been a keen supporter of community service for most of his life and in addition to his Rotary achievements is an Apex life member. He is a member and past president of Holroyd Rotary.

Paul has a special interest in literacy for indigenous Australians.

Feel free to invite your colleagues for what promises to be an interesting night as Paul outlines his vision and plans for our Rotary district. Paul will be introduced by Past District Governor Harley Tarrant.



Last Week's Statistics

Attendance

Rotarians 34

Visiting Rotarian: ADG Keith Roffey (Padstow)

Apologies: 10 Non Apologies: 17

The raffle raised \$186.00

Winners

Raymond McCluskie

Shirley Del Prado

Kevin Beltrame

Janelle Watson

The sergeants raised \$97.30

Congratulations

Birthdays

10th September Penny True

14th September George Helou

Wedding Anniversaries

None

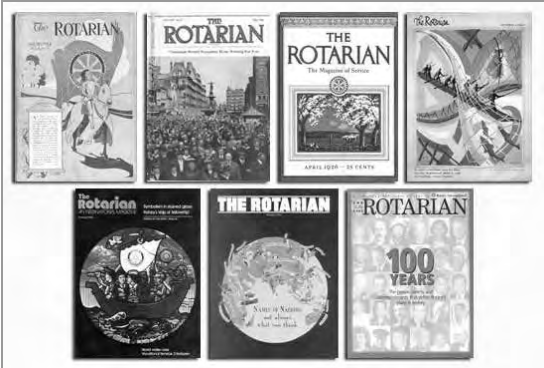
Rotary Anniversaries

10th September Kim Joseph

Rotary News

Now Online: 100 Hundred Years of The Rotarian Magazine

Rotary has now teamed up with Google to make nearly 100 years of The Rotarian available online.



From its humble beginnings in January 1911, The Rotarian has grown into an award-winning publication with a circulation of over 500,000.

Early on, the magazine focused on business ethics, character development, and membership growth. Throughout the years, well-known critics and authors and popular artists and photographers contributed their work to its covers and pages.

In the 1920s, a regional magazine in Australia became the predecessor of Rotary Down Under and the first regional publication to gain RI approval.

Rotary has now teamed up with Google to make all past issues of The Rotarian available online at no cost.

To see full-color, searchable scans of the magazine go to www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian and click "Past Issues"

The collaboration is part of an initiative to make Rotary's historical resources more accessible to Rotarians worldwide. "Google is doing all of the scanning and indexing to make the material searchable -- and at no cost to Rotary," says Stephanie Giordano, archivist for Rotary International.

More than 72,000 pages will be available once Google finishes scanning and uploading all 1,100 issues.

Some issues of interest include December 1979, which reported on Rotary's first polio immunization project; the February 2005 centennial issue; and issues from the 1980s discussing the admission of women into Rotary.

Fellowship Restaurant Dinner

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by a group of members and partners at the Golden Coronet Chinese Restaurant last Thursday evening.



Stephanie Rohan and Keith Stockall

Organised by Steve Taylor this was the club's first restaurant evening for the Rotary year and the high standard set for these evenings was maintained.

The evening included a delicious banquet and of course some great fellowship.

Many thanks to Steve Taylor.

The Last Laugh

Jacob, age 82, and Rebecca, age 79, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a pharmacy.

Jacob suggests they go in. Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the manager?" The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism and scoliosis?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist: "Of course."

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our bridal registry."

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