

Trev's Tidings

"Women hate revolutions and revolutionists. They like men who are docile, and well-regarded at the bank, and never late for meals."

H.L. Mencken
Prejudices, Fourth Series, 1924

This week, the after-dinner presentation is by one of our own, PDG Harley Tarrant, talking about "Australia's Revolution". In addition, there will be a short presentation by the Principal of Chalmers Road School, Wendy Milburn, and some of her staff. Chalmers Road School is one of the institutions that we support every year and we will be presenting a cheque to Wendy, being the proceeds of the *Carols in the Park* raffle.

Last week was our third Club Assembly for the year. I hope that my progress report showed that we are still an active club and that the second half of my year should be as enjoyable as the first. During the discussion of our main items, Recruitment and Participation, many members put forward a variety of suggestions. As with all ideas and constructive criticisms, the Board will consider whether to take them further when it next meets. Chairman of the Membership Committee, Chris Virgona, was happy to hear suggestions as to how this year's membership night might be structured. However, it still comes down to current members inviting potential new ones. I thank PP Rod McDougall for doing such a great job of recording such a busy meeting and the Minutes have been circulated to all members. One of the lengthier contributions was that of Paolo Giammarco. As usual he had plenty to say about the state of the club and what he thinks could be done to improve it. A transcript of his material has also been sent to all members for their consideration.

What a super night we had on Friday! On arrival at the ship we were warmly welcomed by the crew of HMAS *Sydney* and then had a great night of conversation, some speeches, tours of the ship (which everyone raved about) and, of course, the Rotary raffle, which raised nearly \$3000. Towards the end of the night, several caps from HMAS *Sydney* were put up for auction, even though an auction was not initially envisaged, which also raised a considerable amount of money. All in all, it was a very successful event, both socially and financially. In the end we managed to raise nearly \$17,000! As I mentioned last week, DG David Cook sends out his *Cookie's Communique* to all clubs. In it this week he said that *Sunset on the Sydney* was one of the most enjoyable events that he and Carolyn had attended. Well done PP Peter Manenti, PP Rod McDougall, PP Steve Taylor, PP Peter Smith, and of course, Nanette, for putting it all together.

Next week our after dinner speaker will be Robyn Hawes, who will urge us to visit Rookwood Cemetery, "The Place to See BEFORE You Die". This is another partners night and should be a fascinating insight into a very significant piece of local Sydney real estate.

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