

1999-2000**President - Peter Kilkeary.****Secretary – Angelo Franco****Treasurer – Keith Stockall****District Governor – Harford C Halliday****RI President - Carlo Ravizza (Italy)****RI Theme - Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity.**

In his president's report, Peter is the first president to mention the falling attendance at regular Rotary Meetings. He cites 'pressure of work commitment' as one of the culprits but expressed the importance of keeping in touch with those who are experiencing a difficult patch.

Highlights of the year included the Gala Evening, at La Montage attended by 250 people. Connie Galletta was the organiser and the event raised \$20000, with the happy recipients being Lifeline and the Exodus Foundation.

Members requested additional partners' nights and at 2 such nights Murray Flannigan told us the Tyrrell's Story with samples, and the Germains told us of their time with The Australian Opera.

All regular events took place with Carols in the Park hosted by John Leftwich, and Charles Freckman organised Australia Day Celebrations. The Fun Run attracted 230 runners and Rick Collins and Allan Petersen oversaw this event.

The District Conference had 70 registrations from Strathfield. Ted Ingall showed how persistence wins out in the end, even if he drives the members insane.

The inbound Youth Exchange student was Gunji Maiko with Meriden providing the education experience. The outgoing student was Laura Grace who went to Finland.

Euan Watson led a GSE Team to Washington State and Vancouver Island. The inbound team came from Wyoming Colorado and Nebraska.

A Pride of Workmanship Evening took place on the 20th October.

Finally the Youth Service Committee with Allan Petersen at the helm had a very busy year. The range of activities was most impressive, reflecting Allan's thoroughness in all things.