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THE SPOKE

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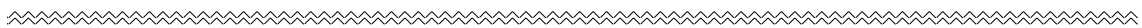
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of Feb	Rotary	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
Weeks of Feb	United Nations	World Interfaith Harmony Week (1st – 7th Feb)
Days of Feb	United Nations	World Cancer Day (4th Feb)
	United Nations	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (6th Feb)



Steve's Snippets

Thanks Truey. Your little tirade with the microphone last week inadvertently resulted in the most enjoyable, informative and useful club Assembly I've attended in years.

With no microphone available I took a leaf out of Rick Vosila's playbook and sat down in the middle of everybody. I am most thankful that this casual method worked and we had a very engaging session that lasted over an hour (just after 8.30pm in fact).

Obviously membership was the big issue and Peter van der Sleen was kind enough to take notes, which will be published elsewhere in the Spoke.

Already Paolo Giammarco has come to me with a great idea for a membership evening in May, which will be discussed positively by the Board shortly, and we of course may run another evening with John Manenti (with less formality) discussing Rugby.

As I noted in the Spoke last week we have a lot happening between now and June, but I promise you I am up for it. Obviously the Stroller Derby is my baby, a community walk and Fun Run that I hope and pray will be very successful.

I will have banners available this evening to distribute, and I need assistance in having them LEGALLY put up in some prominent locations.

I will also go over the Stroller Derby entry portal on the net, including how you donate to a team, and a look at our new Stroller Derby Facebook page, which will be administered by Ray McCluskie.

On more mundane matters, everyone has agreed that following the “using up” of our \$25 meal vouchers, we will move to a \$30 dinner fee, and Keith Byrn will be tasked to liaise with the kitchen regarding meal quality and try and introduce some more BBQ’s into the selection.

Certainly the board will be reviewing the meal charge “add on” with our dues, and also looking (with District)

to where some costs of membership may be reduced.

There was a lot to take in from this assembly, and I thank EVERYONE present for positively contributing. One thing was very obvious to me, you all love Rotary and what individual Rotarians achieve and believe in, particularly in our club. I don’t think we are ready to close our doors just yet.

Thank you from your optimistic President Steve

President Steve



Last Week’s Guest Speakers: Club Assembly

The club assembly is a meeting that all members should attend to discuss club programs and activities. The assembly allow members to:

- “1) Brainstorm ideas for projects and activities
- 2) Set goals and develop action plans using the Club Leadership Plan
- 3) Coordinate committee activities
- 4) Review the club’s strengths, opportunities, and weaknesses

5) Learn more about Rotary and its programs”

Members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield that were present offered some great perspectives on the Club and where it is heading. We went overtime, but it was time well spent. Further details to follow.

Ref: <http://www.rotaryclubgreatersfv.org/programs/14-may-2012-club-assembly/>



This Week’s Speaker: Vocational talks by Andrew Aravanis and Peter Manenti

We will be treated tonight to talks from one of our newest members,

Andrew Aravanis, and one of our most experienced, Peter Manenti.



Next Week's Speakers: Elizabeth Pooley & Sue Anne Randazzo

Elizabeth and Sue Anne from the Catherine Sullivan Centre will speak about the work their organisation performs in early intervention for

babies and young children with hearing loss.



Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 8 th Feb 2017	Vocational talks by Andrew Aravanis and Peter Manenti
Saturday 11 th Feb 2017	Presidents Elect Training (PETS)
Wednesday 15 th Feb 2017	Elizabeth Pooley & Sue Anne Randazzo: Early intervention centre for babies and young children with hearing loss, and their families.
Wednesday 22 nd Feb 2017	Jamal Lazar: You have Something Special
Wednesday 1 st Mar 2017	RYLA Awardees
Wednesday 8 th Mar 2017	No meeting
Fri 10 th to Sun 12 th March 17	District Conference - Wollongong

<i>Birthdays</i>	
5 th February	Danielle Aravanis
7 th February	Prabhat Sinha

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
8 th February	Ray and Ann McCluskie



Rotary Celebrities and Projects

Gamal Abdel Nasser, the [second President of Egypt](#), served from 1956 until his death in 1970. Nasser's popularity in Egypt and the Arab world skyrocketed after his nationalisation of the [Suez Canal](#) and

his political victory in the subsequent [Suez Crisis](#).

Nasser remains an iconic figure in the Arab world, particularly for his strides towards [social justice](#) and Arab unity, modernisation policies,

and [anti-imperialist](#) efforts. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Cairo.

February on the Rotary calendar is World Understanding Month.

The fourth object of Rotary is "to encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service." The

month identifies and celebrates the notion that world understanding crosses all political, religious, and geographical boundaries. Rotarians have spread this message around the world through acts of kindness, compassion, fellowship, and "Service Above Self"

David Croft



The statistics

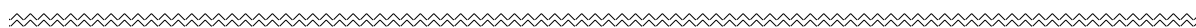
Attendance last week	17
Leave of absence	4
Apologies	5
No apology	8
Club membership	34
Partners	0
Guests	1
Members Rotary activities	40 [hours]

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$ 135.00
'Heads and tails'	\$17.50
Sergeants session	\$71.55

Your Committee 2016-2017

President	Stephen Taylor	Secretary	Peter van der Sleen
President Elect	Rick Vosila	Sergeant	Grahame True
Immediate Past President	Allan Petersen	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Youth	Arie Pappas	Community	Andrew Aravanis
International	Rick Vosila	Vocational	Not filled
		Club Services	Bradley Ayres

Bulletin Editor	Bradley Ayres	Web master	Raymond McCluskie
Bulletin Printer	Selectprint	Apologies	Gulian Vaccari



Fines Sessions Roster

President Steve along with Sergeant Grahame have come up with the idea that our members take turns delivering the fines session each week. This should make for a fun and entertaining evening.

Here is the list of names and dates for you to record. If you are unable to deliver the fine session on your designated night could you please organise a replacement and let me know.

Sergeant Grahame

15 th February	Keith Byrn
22 nd February	David Croft
1 st March	Ed Dunlop
8 th March	No meeting
15 th March	Paolo Giammarco
22 nd March	Anuradha Kamkolkar
29 th March	Peter Manenti
5 th April	Ray McCluskie
12 th April	Arie Pappas
19 th April	Charles Pitt
26 th April	Richard Horwood
3 rd May	Joe Saad
10 th May	Peter Smith
17 th May	Gulian Vaccari
24 th May	Peter van der Sleesen
31 st May	Rick Vosila
7 th June	Janelle Watson
14 th June	Andrew Aravanis
21 st June	Usha Garg

