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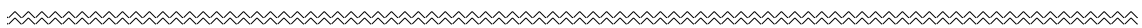
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of Feb	Rotary	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
Days of Feb	United Nations	International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11th Feb)
	United Nations	World Radio day (13th Feb)
	Australia	National Apology Day (13th Feb)



Steve's Snippets

Hi fellow Rotarians.

Well, we are off to a very busy start for the year. The invitations for the satellite club members are going out, there's a big party in the planning for June, some great membership development nights being developed, and we have our first entrant and donation for the stroller Derby. Oh!, and the conference is on in a few weeks.

I know our numbers are falling, but there is still a lot for us to do, so all I can ask of you is that you help out where you can and when you can.

A great example is Keith Byrn taking on the role of catering officer, and

Paolo Giammarco organising a membership development night on his own volition, (coming May 10th). The involvement of these stalwart and long serving members is greatly appreciated.

As I am writing this, our Global Grant approval is in some difficulty. Our Indian partners quite correctly in their application to the Foundation indicated our component was US\$3,000. We have in fact paid the money to the Foundation, but on advice from the Foundation office in Parramatta it was donated differently, and the District increased their level of funding to compensate. Apparently it's all legal and correct, but was not what was shown in the application; so we are stalled. The

answer seems to be that as Strathfield was going to make a donation to the Foundation in any case, then the money already donated will be our club's contribution for the year, and we now have to pay the Foundation the US\$3,000, which will go to the Global Grant, as was expected by India. Please don't worry though, because we have the money this time. More on this at the meeting

Congratulations go to Peter Smith who received a \$10,000 grant from Westconnex, which is for the purchase of a second hand ute for towing the graffiti removal truck. Well done Peter.

Finally, for the hour is late as I write this, sincere congratulations and

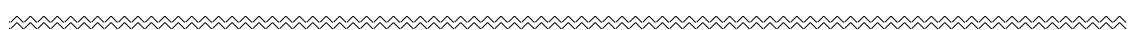
thanks to Peter Manenti for the absolutely amazing talk he gave on his life and his experiences, from his very detailed Italian ancestry, to the amazing different careers he has had. I think these talks are first rate, and in future we will only have one per evening.

I will try and give you all a simple lesson on our website registration and donation page for The Stroller derby if time permits.

That's all for this week.

All the best

President Steve



Last Week's Guest Speakers: Vocational talk by Peter Manenti

Our members never let us down with their talks. Last week was the turn of long-standing member, the erudite Peter Manenti. Peter is in the business of selling hotels, motels and liquor stores.

His talk took us back to the Venetian times of the 14th/15th century where the Manenti name can be traced. One notable Manenti, Peter's Great Grandfather fought in the war that led, in 1850, to the unification of modern Italy.

Peter's father, from a less affluent family, married a more 'well to do'

lady, against perhaps the norms of the time.

It was perhaps this attitude that, in 1928, led Peter's father to come to Australia. It was not the most opportune time due to the start of the great depression in 1929. Nevertheless, he made the best of things, spending time in North Queensland and purchasing his first hotel.

It was not until 1939, that his wife joined him in Australia. 1940 brought two upheavals. The first being Peter's birth and the second being the internment of Peter's father. In fact, it was a long four years

before Peter met his father outside the walls of the internment camp.

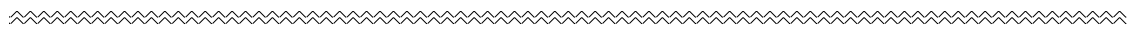
In 1950, Peter and his Italian-born brother travelled back to Italy with his father. A knock on the door one day from authorities seeking to have his brother drafted into the army meant a swift return to Australia.

This time around, the family settled in Albert Road Strathfield. Peter attended school in the area at St Patrick's College. Just as he was about to commence law at university, Peter's father passed away. An event that meant law was put aside as Peter managed the family's Hotel.

Marriage to Anne brought about a slight change in Peter's career. He

moved out of the hotel business and into owning the liquor store in Strathfield. As the 'big boys' started moving into the liquor trade, Peter made the move into the business he owns to this day.

Peter did experience discrimination as he was growing up in 'white Anglo Australia' of the 50s. Perhaps a timely reflection given today's environment, as the Manenti family, with three children and ten grand children have clearly given so much back the Australia through their business, the impressive sporting successes of their offspring, and the long standing contribution Peter has made as an active Rotarian.



This 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.



Next Week's Speaker: Jamal Lazar

Jamal will present to the club on the topic; "You have Something Special".



Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
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
Wednesday 15 th Mar 2017	Vocational talks

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15 th February	Dinesh Garg

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
17 th February	Edward and Kim Dunlop
18 th February	George and Afaf Helou



Rotary Celebrities and Projects

Sir William Deane AC, the 22nd Governor-General of Australia (1996-2001) was a member of the Rotary Club of Sydney. Sir William officially opened the Summer Olympics in Sydney in 2000. He was Patron or co-Patron of a large number of charitable organisations including Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets.

February is very special in the Rotary calendar, since it is designated **World Understanding Month**. The month also includes the anniversary of

the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

World Understanding Month is an opportunity to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service - Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world."

David Croft





The Statistics

Attendance last week	19
Leave of absence	4
Apologies	6
No apology	4
Club membership	33
Partners	0
Guests	4
Members Rotary activities	tba [hours]

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$200.00
'Heads and tails'	\$28.50
Sergeants session	\$109.20

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



Out and About

Guests at last week's meeting



Rotarian Jhun Pedralba and Rotarian Cynthia Pedralba from the Rotary Club of Tagbilaran (Philippines) District 3860 with President Stephen Taylor



Strathfield Rotarians with guests Jhun Pedralba, Janette Pedralba, Cynthia Pedralba and Kim Staff

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

