



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

A very special Strathfield Rotary welcome to our guests this evening for this our fourth Police Officer of the Year Awards. We are particularly pleased that Commissioner Ken Moroney is again able to be with us and to present awards. The awards are our way of saying "thank you" to the officers serving in this area and we hope you and your family and friends enjoy the night. Thanks to Kevin Beltrame and his team for organising a great evening.

Maurie Moroney would have been smiling from on high at last week's meeting. The Years 9 and 10 girls from Strathfield Girls High certainly did themselves proud as they presented their literature reviews.

There can be no doubt that many of our young people retain a strong love of books and appreciation of good writing despite an ever widening range of modern distractions. Thanks to those members fortunate enough to be present for providing an attentive audience. Congratulations to Bradley Ayres for organising what we we hope will become an annual event.

Euan is doing well and is very positive about the course of the illness that is keeping him sidelined. Please see his letter later in the bulletin.

Thanks to George Hallworth who has kindly offered to assist Eve Dutton with a project to erect Strathfield Rotary signs in the community. We are talking to Burwood Rotary about the possibility of a joint meeting. And Burwood have invited us to their annual Melbourne Cup night which from all accounts is a fun night. More details soon. It was great to see Brian Johnson back in the cycling saddle after some months. We will be considering, however, whether his new knee gives him an unfair advantage.

Bulletin Editor Angelo Franco's extended tour of duty is almost at an end. Please contact Brian Johnson or me if you would like to take on the role, even if only for a few months. Only basic computer skills are required. Angelo's last bulletin will be in two weeks.

Enjoy Rotary by **getting involved!**

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S MEETING

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS
Guest Speaker Commissioner Ken Moroney

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

18/08/2006 **Allan Petersen**
22/08/2006 **Ann McCluskie**

Wedding Anniversaries

NIL

Rotary Anniversaries

21/08/2006 **Angelo Franco**

LAST WEEK'S GUESTS

The Students, Teachers, Parents and Friends of Strathfield Girls High School in support of the Literature Extension Program.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

At our meeting last week the Inaugural Strathfield Girls High Year 9 and 10 Literature Extension Program Children's Book Award Ceremony was held. This will become an annual event thanks to the efforts of Bradley Ayres and Debbie Irwin. The Program for the presentations was chaired by Yvonne So who introduced each of the speakers for the evening.

Sandra Haddad gave an introduction to the Literature Extension Program and "Why reading is wonderful".

Sinem Tulpar explained the judging process, giving the criteria as:-

- The cover of the book
- The attention 'grabbing' effect
- The start and end of the plot
- Originality of plot and approach

Each book was given a score out of 100.

The six candidate books were then reviewed by one of the students.

Kisha David gave a run down on 'The Story of Tom Brennan'.

Julia Ford explained the story of 'Double Exposure'.

Dana Liu gave her impressions of 'No Worries'.

Dorothy Tran looked behind 'Chasing Charlie Duskin'.

Abira Sriganeshan spoke about 'It's Not All About You, Calma!'.

Cynthuja Thilakanathan identified 'Lost Property'.

All of the books were judged by the group and Alexandra Cooper announced the winning book as "DOUBLE EXPOSURE" by Brian Casswell.

Giselle Rodrigues acknowledged all the effort that went into the program, especially from Debbie Irwin and Bradley Ayres.

LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Rod McDougall:-

- ✪ Certificate of Appreciation for the Club's donation of a 'Shelter-Box' to Rotary Disaster Relief
- ✪ Secretary Roger on Leave.

From Director Paul Giammarco:-

- ✪ Leader and Team members now being selected for GSE Team to North Carolina next year. Applications close 15th Aug.
- ✪ Team members need to be 25-40 years old.
- ✪ The Club will sponsor an outbound student, Yolanda Estrada, for Youth Exchange next year to France.
- ✪ Club asked to consider an inbound student.

From Steve Taylor:-

- ✪ Theatre Party to 'Boy from OZ' last Sunday was a wonderful evening
- ✪ Second visit to the event is proposed for the 14th September.

From George Hallworth:-

- ✪ George is the Welfare Officer this year and asked for any information on the health, etc., of absent members to be passed to him

From Grahame True:-

- ✪ Spoke with John Watkins who is recovering from his third bout of pneumonia. He hopes to return to the Club soon..

From Keith Byrn:-

- ✪ The RYDA program has moved to the next stage with the selection of Sydney Olympic Park – Armoury Site as the possible venue
- ✪ Allan Teale is continuing the selection and organisation with Keith.

LETTER FROM EUAN WATSON

I've now "endured" 13 weeks of quarantine. I have survived the "isolation" largely because of the wonderful people - including many of you guys who have e-mailed, phoned, or visited me.

In 6 weeks time, I hope it will all be over and I will be in good shape, back out in the real world.

One of the things I have really missed has been the Rotary meetings. You know fellows, we often do not realise how much things mean to us, until we lose them - the change over, the new president, the camaraderie and wine at dinner - all these things I have really missed.

I really do want to thank you very much. Now do not stop, do not think you have done your bit. I still need your help. You are welcome to visit any time provided you do not have a cold or cough.

Now let me run on a bit. I do have plenty of time to think now. And I do wonder whether we just take our Rotary Club for granted. I believe many of us do. Sadly, it is only when it is taken away from just that we realise how little we contributed to our club.

We do have something special. But it will only stay special if we all APRECIATE it and be involved enthusiastically. Put YOUR BIT IN, say what you think, and do what you're asked with gusto, and see how much more you GET OUT OF IT. Remember how GOOD YOU USED TO BE, AND HOW GOOD YOU THOUGHT ROTARY WAS.

That is all I want to say. Please think about it.

EUAN W. WATSON

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins
Ted Ingall
Arjun Jeganathan
Tony Lanzafame
Euan Watson

Statistics

Present:- 33 Members

Raffle Winners

The raffle raised \$198.85

1 st Prize Bellezza Hair Care	Guest
2 nd Prize Books	Guest
3 rd Prize Bottle of Wine	Guest
4 th Prize Dinner in two weeks	Niall King

SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS WEEK

Fundraising Extravaganza 2006

Spina Bifida Awareness Week September 1-7, 2006 promises to be an exciting, entertaining, informative, and educational week. The highlight of the NSW campaign will be **Koncert 4 Northcott** on Saturday 2 September, 2006 at *St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Marist Pl, Parramatta*.

The audience of **Koncert 4 Northcott** will be delighted with an afternoon of fantastic performances at 2pm, by such talents as the Mo and ACE award winning vocal group **The Robertson Brothers**, the multi award winning **Circular Keys Chorus**, singer/songwriter **Ryan Coughlin** with songs from his latest CD, the very talented cabaret vocalist **Luke Redmond**, the divine allure of the flute and guitar duo of **Diana McIntosh** and **Jason Hill**, Northcott's own easy listening vocalist **Robert D'Costa** and the enchanting dances of **Amanda and Naomi Nowak**. **Dr Carolyn West**, Head of the Spina Bifida Unit at **Westmead Children's Hospital** will be also be making an appearance. A corresponding compilation **CD launch** and **Art Union raffle** launch will be made available on the day.

The master of ceremonies will be none other than FM 103.2's lovely **Joanne Traeger** and. The Spina Bifida Group of NSW's mascot **Spinasuarus** will be making his appearance for the littlies in the audience. **The Honorable Tanya Gadiel**, State Member for Parramatta will be present. Also expressing their support for this event are **Prime Minister John Howard** and **NSW Premier Morris Iemma**.

A **Mini Disability & Ageing Daily Living Expo** will also take place on the day. The expo will run from 12:30-6:00pm and feature displays by organisations such as **Australian Support Dogs, Cellopaper, Freedom Motors, Northcott Disability Services**, as well as **Northcott's Computer Assistive Technology Service, Spinal Cord Injuries Australia, Problem Management Engineering, Technical Aid to the Disabled and The Independent Living Centre**.

The Inner Wheel Club of Parramatta and the Lions Club of Parramatta will be assisting on the day.

Tickets to **Koncert 4 Northcott** can be purchased through Northcott Disability Services on **(02) 9890 0147**. Adults: \$25.00, Child/Concession: \$15.00, Family: \$70.00.

All proceeds from **Koncert 4 Northcott** will go directly to support Northcott Disability Services, an organisation that provides services and support to more than 4000 people with a disability, including spina bifida and their families across NSW.

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

23rd August 2006

"Travelling Rotarian" Presentation
South to Antarctica! by Jan & Bob Templeman
Optional partners night

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

30th August 2006

Wine Tasting – presented by Cellarbrations
Optional partners night

6th September 2006

Tim Wynn-Jones
History and Restoration of the Model T Ford

20th September 2006

Bob Sendt – NSW Auditor-General

COMING EVENTS

Koncert 4 Northcott

Saturday 2 September, 2006 at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Marist Pl, Parramatta.

Dinner at The Woolwich Pier Hotel

Monday 11th September 2006. 7:00 pm.

Priscilla Queen of the Desert

Thursday 10th October 2006. Lyric Theatre.
8:00 pm. \$70-\$80

Pride of Workmanship Awards

Wednesday 18 October 2006. Partners night.
6.30 for 7.00.

District Golf Championship

26th October at Strathfield Golf Club

Titanic The Musical

Tuesday 7th November 2006. Theatre Royal.
8:00 pm. \$70-\$80

Trish Foundation Golf Day

Thursday 15th February 2007

Strathfield Golf Club. 12 midday followed by Evening Dinner & Presentations

District 9690 Conference

16-18 March 2007 at Newcastle City Hall.

Strathfield Rotarians need to be there from Thursday, 15th March 2007.

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Members of a Rotary club are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs and to promote peace and understanding throughout the world. If you would like to know more or to be considered for membership of a local Rotary club, phone **02 9746 2424**.

Objective of Rotary

The Objective of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:-

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

Rotary Vision

The key to a Strategic Plan is the ability to look out into the future and imagine what our organization will look like in the future. Following is Rotary's vision statement:

- Rotary will be recognized for its leadership and success in the eradication of polio.
- Rotary will have a strong and visible presence worldwide.
- Rotary will achieve enhanced capacity for friendship and service through a strong organization with increased and diverse membership.
- Rotary will advance its ideals of high ethical standards, international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a membership united in service.

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Typical KIWI

From Shirley Del Prado

Wiremu, a New Zealander, was in Australia to watch the upcoming Bledisloe Cup and was not feeling well, so he decided to see a doctor.

"Hey doc, I dun't feel so good, ey" said Wiremu. The doctor gave him a thorough examination and informed Wiremu that he had long existing and advanced prostate problems and that the only cure was testicular removal. "No way doc" replied Wiremu "I'm gitting a sicond opinion ey!"

The second Aussie doctor gave Wiremu the same diagnosis and also advised him that testicular removal was the only cure. Not surprisingly, Wiremu refused the treatment. Wiremu was devastated, but with the Rugby World Cup just around the corner he found an expat Kiwi doctor and decided to get one last opinion from someone he could trust. The Kiwi doctor examined him and said: "Wiremu Cuzzy Bro, you huv prostate suckness ey" "What's the cure thin doc ?" asked Wiremu hoping for a different answer.

"Wull, Wiremu", said the Kiwi doctor "Wi're gonna huv to cut off your balls."

"Phew, thunk god for thut!" said Wiremu, "those Aussie bastards wanted to take my test tickets off me!"

Heart Surgeon's Funeral

From Shirley Del Prado

One of the city's top cardiac specialists died. At his funeral, his coffin was placed in front of a huge replica of a heart made of red roses.

When the pastor finished the sermon and everyone said their good-byes, the large heart opened up, the coffin rolled inside, and the heart closed again. It was a majestic tribute to the much loved cardiologist.

Suddenly, one of the mourners burst into a fit of laughter. Irritated by his insensitivity, the man sitting next to him asked, "Why are you laughing?"

"I was just thinking about my own funeral," the man replied. "I'm a gynaecologist"...