

THE ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD INC

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Meeting held **Wednesday 11 July 2012**

Members present Ray Wilson (Chair), Chris Virgona, Tony Lanzafame, Roger Vince, Ian Johnson, Romolo Adorno (Guest), Paul Giammarco, Rod Rimes, Anuradha Kamkolkar, Umesh Kamkolkar, Angelo Franco, George Hallworth, Peter Smith, Andrew Kowalski, Suzanne Freund, Kevin Freund, Emmanuel Vatalis, Peter Manenti, Keith Stockall, Ray McCluskie, Paul White, Godfrey Isouard, Trevor Duxbury, Keith Byrn, Terry Rohan, Grahame True, Allan Teale, David Martin, Niall King

Apologies Janelle Watson, Rod McDougall, Bradley Ayres, David Croft, Peter Revelos, Allan Petersen, Peter Foss, Connie Galletta, Ted Ingall

Items Discussed

1. **President Ray** opened the Assembly and invited participation.
2. **Secretary Joseph Saad** read a letter of resignation from Harley Tarrant.
3. **Treasurer Peter Smith** advised that the Club's bank is now Bendigo Community Bank Homebush and the Club has reverted to operating two separate bank accounts: a General Account and a Club Service Account which allows for more efficient accounting and disbursement of funds.
4. **Community Service Director Niall King** advised as follows:-
 - (a) Not all volunteers for the community service committees have been allocated
 - (b) He is looking for a volunteer to chair the Barbeques Sub-Committee
 - (c) Carols by Candlelight will occur as usual this year
 - (d) Tony Lanzafame is Raffles Chairman
 - (e) Bradley Ayres will be in charge of this year's Spring Fair.

5. **Vocational Service Director David Martin** advised as follows:-
 - (a) It is anticipated Vocational Service will run in a similar fashion to last year
 - (b) Police Officer of the Year Evening will occur in August
 - (c) Pride of Workmanship Evening will occur in October
 - (d) The Club has received three applicants for the National Youth Science Forum, which have been submitted to District.

6. **Next Generation's Director Allan Teale** advised that he is undertaking a special project with Peter Smith at Homebush Boys High and will advise further as discussions occur. Allan is looking forward to an enjoyable Rotary year and a higher degree of community engagement.

7. **Club Service Director Rod Rimes** advised as follows:-
 - (a) Thanked all volunteers in the Club Service Sub-Committee for their positive responses
 - (b) He is looking for a volunteer for Programs Director
 - (c) The current caterer will be finishing up at the end of the month and would welcome suggestions regarding meals
 - (d) It was suggested that the Club may invite the candidates standing for Strathfield Council Election to attend the Club on 5 September 2012 and this is open to suggestions
 - (e) Rod suggested that he may invite a graffiti consultant who has contacted him to address the Club.

8. **International Service Director Anuradha Kamkolkar** advised as follows:-
 - (a) Thanked the Club for the opportunity to serve and then named the members of the International Service Committee
 - (b) Hoped to continue work on projects including Shelter Block Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange Rotary Overseas Aid for Children and Youth Exchange Programs
 - (c) Hoped that we have a year of peace through service.

9. **President Ray** then made the following comments:-
 - (a) He would like the Club to focus on service to the local community and particularly to assist local residents who are in genuine need of help and will liaise with Strathfield Council to locate eligible candidates and may organise a roster of Rotarians willing to participate
 - (b) Peter Smith is working on the Graffiti Removal Project

- (c) Looking forward to good support for the V8 Supercars program selling on the weekend of 25 and 26 August 2012
 - (d) Similarly sell programs for the Muscle Cars Event at Eastern Creek on 2 September 2012
 - (e) He may wish us to continue fellowship evening at local restaurant and asked members to nominate a favourite "local"
 - (f) President Ray expects our local activities to occur during the year including Carols by Candlelight, barbeques, Pride of Workmanship and Police Officer of the Year
 - (g) A major race day is planned for Rosehill during the spring carnival
 - (h) Will keep the Club informed in relation to new catering arrangements after 1 August 2012.
10. **An open discussion** amongst Club members then took place.
 11. Grahame True advised that the Muscle Cars Event at Eastern Creek on 2 September 2012 is a golden opportunity to raise funds for the Club by selling programs and encouraged wide participation.
 12. Tony Lanzafame asked for volunteers to donate raffle prizes.
 13. Andrew Kowalski suggested a formal letter of thanks be sent to Harley Tarrant for his long and dedicated service to Rotary.
 14. Kevin Freund asked all Club members to support the District Governor's visit on 25 July 2012 and asked for partners to attend.
 15. Raymond McCluskie advised the Club of the upcoming debate which should be an exciting and innovative event.
 16. Anuradha Kamkolkar suggests that the public image of Rotary might be a good topic for debate.
 17. David Martin raised the idea of seeking to broaden the Club's sponsorship base for the Pride of Workmanship and Police Officer of the Year events. David suggested that we may create a database of local businesses to provide financial support by way of sponsorship to these very important events which are very significant and are well known in the wider community.
 18. Suzanne Freund commented that fundraising should be based on building relationships between the Club and various stakeholders and Suzanne's very valuable contribution is summarised in the copy of email attached.
 19. President Ray thanked the Directors and Rotarians for their contribution and looked forward to an enjoyable year of Rotary service.