

## Trev's Tidings

*"The United States is the greatest single achievement of European civilization."*

**Robert Balmain Mowat**

*The United States of America, 1938*

This week, our guest speaker is Darion Akins from the United States Consulate General, whose topic is "Across Cultures". He is an inspirational speaker and I look forward to hearing what he has to say.

Last week Robert Chittick showed us why the Bendigo bank group is so successful and how it fosters links with local communities. Indeed, Strathfield Rotary has had a long association with the Homebush Community Bank, which has supported many of our functions. It was also reassuring to know what they do with our money while they have it in their care!

At the meeting last week I also raised the subject of welfare in the Club. PP Keith Byrn has replaced Eve Dutton, and joins Anuradha Kamkolkar and Charles Pitt as our Welfare Officers. As Keith said to me, we spend so much time and effort helping others, we should also think of helping our members. If any member feels the need for a sympathetic ear or a helping hand, then I urge them to contact our Welfare Officers and let them know. Remember, we are all members of the family of Rotary.

We are now into the final quarter of my year and we still have several significant events ahead of us, including the ANZAC Day Breakfast, the Youth Achievement Awards presentation night, our Membership night, the Strathfield Rotary Golf Day, and the Trivia night, culminating in our Changeover at the end of June. Look out for early announcements of these events and put them in your diary.

PE Ray Wilson is now beginning to plan his year. I am sure he would welcome any suggestions you might have to make it a successful one.

*Remember*

*Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*