

# Trev's Tidings

*"Meetings are indispensable when you don't want to do anything."*

J.K. Galbraith  
*Ambassador's Journal, 1969*

This week we have our second Club Assembly of the year. I encourage everyone to contribute to the discussions that will guide the Club in the way our future weekly meetings are to be conducted.

Last week our after-dinner topic was "*From Tattoos to Transplants - A Brief History of Plastic Surgery*", presented by Dr Geoffrey Lyons. What a fascinating and full presentation it was. We also had a visit from Missy and her carers, Geoffrey and Julie Satterley. It was unfortunate that they had to leave so soon after Geoffrey's thank-you speech but, as they were leaving, I'm sure I overheard one of our members say "That's what Rotary is really about". I couldn't agree more.

October is Vocational Service Month and it should be a very busy one for Strathfield Rotarians. In the coming weeks we have our Pride of Workmanship Awards (19<sup>th</sup>), the District Golf Championship (20<sup>th</sup>), and Ian Johnson, David (Westpac) Martin, and I have a Presidents' Meeting at Penrith (21<sup>st</sup>). We are going to join Burwood for their Melbourne Cup Meeting on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, and this will be a transfer meeting from Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. In addition, we will be having another restaurant night. We have also agreed to help out at The Infants' Home at Ashfield on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October. So, shoulders back, nose to the grindstone and all that, and put these events in your diaries.

Next week our speaker is Lisa Upton and her topic is "*Your Story*". Lisa is a journalist and film-maker who has worked for leading international broadcasters, including the BBC and the ABC. She and her business partner have made films across the world – from Moscow to Mongolia and London to Lahore – over two decades. Lisa's globe-trotting adventures have been curtailed in recent years because she now has a young family. However, she continues to indulge her passion for film-making and storytelling through her company, *Storylines*.

*Remember  
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*