

## Trev's Tidings

*"Cricket is a game which the British, not being a spiritual people, had to invent in order to have some concept of eternity."*

Lord Mancroft  
*Bees in Some Bonnets, 1979*

Last week we had our first meeting of the new year, a restaurant night at the New Golden Rickshaw Restaurant in Homebush. Although attended by only nine members and five partners, it was, to say the least, an interesting experience. It was the night of the power failure and the staff at the restaurant did an outstanding job, cooking by torchlight. For most of the evening we sat, ate, and conversed by candlelight - very romantic. At the end I think everyone had enjoyed the quality of the food and the conviviality of the night. I hope to see more of us coming to these nights in the coming months. I thank PP Rod McDougal for organising this one.

This week's quotation is about cricket. Appropriate, I think, given recent events. (To be honest, my book of quotations didn't have anything humorous about croquet.) However, this week we have our annual Croquet Night, when we are invited to join with the members of the Strathfield Croquet Club for a fun game or two of croquet. It looks like being another enjoyable and well attended event, weather permitting.

Last week I met with the presidents of Breakfast Point, Burwood and Concord Rotary Clubs and we decided that we would have a combined celebration of Rotary's birthday on 23<sup>rd</sup> February by selling "End Polio Now" pins at two shopping centres. The timing could not have been better. This week marks one year since the last recorded new case of polio in India and this has been widely reported. We will share duties with Burwood RC at Burwood Westfields, and Breakfast Point and Concord will share duties at the Rhodes shopping centre. We will be looking for volunteers to spend an hour and a half to sell pins, from 10.30am until 7.30pm, to highlight the polio eradication program, and to promote Rotary, in general, and Strathfield RC, in particular. You never know, we might be able to attract a few new members, once they know who we are and what we do.

Our first regular dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, when the after dinner topic will be "Debunking Economics", to be presented by Steve Keen from the University of Western Sydney.

February 1 sees our third Club Assembly of the year. Two of the topics I think we should discuss are Recruitment and Participation. If anyone has any other issues they would like raised please let secretary Rod or myself know so that we can structure the evening accordingly.

PDG Jennifer Scott has reminded us that the next Rotary Leadership Institute course will be held at Rotary Down Under in Parramatta on the weekend of 18/19 February. The cost, which includes the printed material and lunch, is \$25 per day or \$50 for the weekend. Both IPP Peter Smith and I both attended the course last year and found it extremely beneficial and I encourage everyone to give it a try. Further information can be obtained from the District RLI Team.

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*Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*