

Trev's Tidings

"The easiest job in the world has to be coroner. You perform surgery on dead people. What's the worst thing that could happen? If everything went wrong, maybe you'd get a pulse."

Dennis Miller
Comic Relief, HBO, 1991

This week we present the Pride of Workmanship Awards. Australia-wide, the awards have been ongoing since 1975 and are an important part of Rotary's Vocational Service program. Tonight is a highlight of the Strathfield Rotary year. The awards are our way of acknowledging men and women, nominated by their employers, peers or members of the community, for their achievements and commitment, who consistently perform to the highest standards in their work. When we make these awards we acknowledge the achievements of those in our workplace and community who "Do it once, Do it well".

Last week our speakers were Lisa Upton and Alison Rourke. Their presentation was extremely well received and included some interesting tales about their experiences in Pakistan and Afghanistan. They also told us something about their company, *Storylines*, which specialises in video family histories. We also had our first meeting under the new format. I think that the singing of the National Anthem provided a bright start to the meeting. Let's continue to be upbeat about our Club and try to become more involved in its activities.

There is a Tri-District Paul Harris Fellow Luncheon with guest speaker RIPE Sakuji Tanaka and RI Secretary John Hewko being held at *The Waterview*, Bicentennial Park, on 29th November, starting at 12 noon. All Rotarians, especially Paul Harris Fellows, are invited. Bookings at: <http://rotarydownunder.com.au/events/phflunch/index.asp>

Monday, 24th October, is World Polio Day. Consequently, during the week of 24th - 28th October, donors will receive 2-for-1 recognition for every online contribution of US\$100 or more made to PolioPlus on www.rotary.org/contribute. The promotion will begin on 6.00am, Central Standard Time (CST), on Monday, 24th October, and end at 12 noon sharp (CST), on Friday, 28th October. Donors must be registered with Rotary's Member Access prior to making an online contribution. To register, visit www.rotary.org/memberaccess.

The next few weeks are busy ones. We have the District Golf Championship on Thursday and we need volunteers to help with the BBQ at The Infants' Home at Ashfield on Saturday (contact Bradley Ayres to offer assistance). Next week we are having another restaurant night on Tuesday (25th) at the *Coffee Warehouse* at North Strathfield. Our scheduled meeting for that week has been cancelled. The following week we are going to visit Burwood RC for their Melbourne Cup Meeting on Monday, 31st October, and this will be a transfer meeting from Wednesday, 2nd November. We often complain that our neighbouring Rotary clubs do not support our functions. If we don't support theirs, why should they come to ours? This should be a fun night. PP Raymond McCluskie is organising the night for Strathfield.

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