

Trev's Tidings

"The best number for a dinner party is two – myself and a damn good head waiter."

Nubar Gulbenkian
Quoted in the *Observer*, HBO, 1965

This week is a little different - a restaurant night on Tuesday instead of our normal Wednesday meeting. It will make a welcome change from the rather busy time last week.

Last Tuesday, the Board met and it was decided that, in future, Partners Nights will commence at the normal meeting time of 6.30pm. A start time of 7.00pm will be used only for our special events.

Wasn't Wednesday a wonderful night? PP Keith Byrn did a brilliant job of running the show and keeping it on time. My thanks to Dave Martin, Allan Teale and Keith for organising such a memorable event, and to my wife, Nanette, for getting up and out early to the flower markets for the table decorations. The Pride of Workmanship awards are our way of acknowledging men and women for their achievements and commitment, who consistently perform to the highest standards in their work. I congratulate the awardees, Dr Sarah Goldsmid, Darren McNaught, Therese Saad, Karina Thornley, Evelyn Myer, and especially May Ortiz, who was presented with the Ray Sherry Award for 2011. It was also my pleasure to present Nancy Sherry with a Rotary International Family and Community Service Award in recognition of her fundraising efforts for cancer research.

On Thursday, the District 9690 Golf Championship was held at Strathfield Golf Club in perfect conditions. It was a close run affair with the Rotary Club of Breakfast Point declared the eventual winners of the John Taylor Memorial Shield by a margin of two points over Strathfield RC. My thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the day, and to DG David Cook for his support. I particularly thank PE Ray Wilson, who organised everything, including me, and donated the prizes. The day raised \$2000 for The Rotary Foundation.

On Friday night, Ian Johnson and I attended the Presidents' Meeting at Penrith Panthers. One request that we need to consider is whether our club wants to be involved with the incoming GSE team from D1410 Finland next year. They are expected to arrive on 5th March and depart 4th April. Anyone who is interested in hosting team members and/or organising vocational visits should contact Ian. Unlike previous years, the District GSE Committee will be helping clubs to organise the vocational visits to ensure that there are enough of them and that they are appropriate. As yet we do not have details of the vocations of the team members.

Saturday saw several Rotarians run a barbecue in support of The Infants' Home at Ashfield. Once again Bradley Ayres did a magnificent job of liaising with the Home and organising the day. Bradley and I would like to thank Kevin and Suzanne Freund, Ian Johnson, Niall King, Rod McDougall, Peter Smith, Keith Stockall, Stephen and Denise Taylor, and Janelle Watson. The team helped raise over \$1,100.

Next week we have a transfer meeting at Burwood RSL, on Monday 31st October, for the Melbourne Cup meeting of Burwood RC. It is a Partners Night, starting at 6.30pm, costing \$30, and I encourage everyone to come along. PP Raymond McCluskie is coordinating the night for Strathfield and he has emailed an outline of the night's proceedings. An e-commitment sheet will circulate shortly.

Remember

"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"