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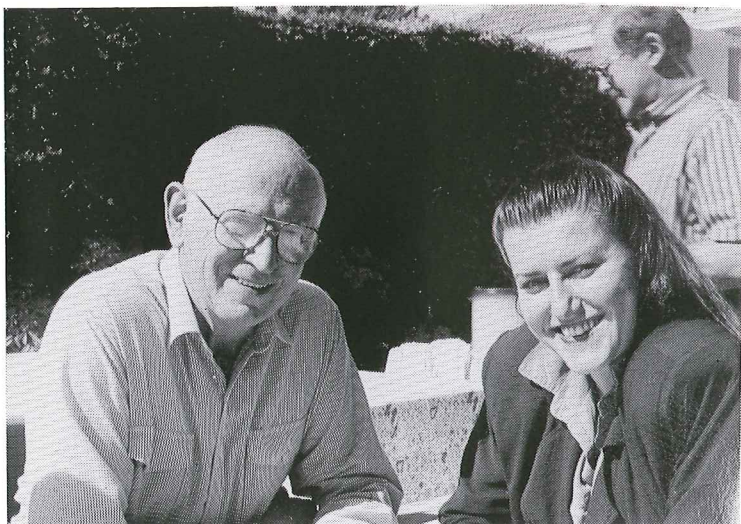
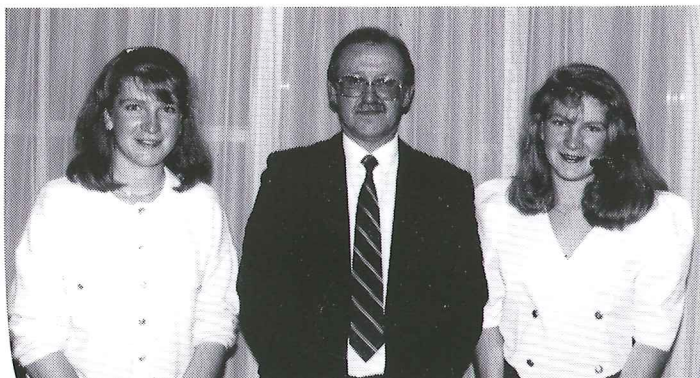
*Bert Houston is President,
P.P. Shane Smallwood Secretary and
Peter Lean District Governor.*

The year started with the Club all at sea aboard the luxurious Matilda IV for the changeover. The Club settled quickly into a new routine and the first pleasant news was that the Annual Dues were to remain unchanged.

The Rotary wives had a "get together" (a joint function with Strathfield Inner Wheel) early in the year at President Bert and Carol's house which proved to be a very worthwhile exercise in fellowship.

P.P.'s Max Douglas and Bob Templeman survived a friendship visit to Chna and told us all about it, many a dinner was bought with this trip.

The highlight of the year was by far and away the Gala Celebrity Night at the Regent Hotel. Organised by Rotarians Euan Watson, Peter Manenti and Joe Saad this night proved to be an outstanding success. The night raised over \$50,000 to fund a Life Education Van for the Strathfield area.



Vic Patrick certainly generated a lot of interest and a large audience when he spoke at the Club.

Youth Exchange flourished with Melissa Baker inbound from U.S.A. and Katia Arena outbound to the same place.

A disappointment during the year was the cancellation, due to inclement weather, of the Annual Carols by Candlelight. Rotarian Rob Hollings had put a lot of effort into the organisation but even the "submarine" candles would not work in the weather.

The District Governor's visit was a black tie affair and was a hit with both Rotarians and wives. As was the visit by Alderman Doug Sutherland and Santa's arrival at the Christmas Party for Chalmers Road children.

The Christmas Stocking was once again in the capable hands of George Hallworth and raised over \$5,000. Quite a feat (feet?) in these harsh economic times.

Strathfield Rotary was represented at two special functions during the year. One at South Sydney Rotary to hear M.A.T. Caparas and at the chartering of the Parramatta Day Break Club.