

Lend a Hand

2003-2004

President – Keith Stockall

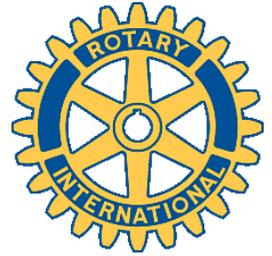
Secretary – Kevin Freund

Treasurer – Allan Petersen

District Governor – Warwick Tester

RI. President - Jonathan Majivagbe

(Nigeria)



In his report to the club Keith stated that he hoped to achieve three main objectives during his time as President. Firstly to maintain the club's good standing in the community, then to continue the club's tradition of fun and fellowship and thirdly to support The Northcott Society and Frontier Services as well as local community projects.

Kevin Freund as Secretary supported Keith, Allan Petersen was the Treasurer and Sal Tosto ran the weekly raffle. Tony Lanzafame was the Sergeant. Raymond McCluskie continued to develop the Club's website demonstrating his usual enthusiasm. Bob Templeman was the Bulletin editor and Grahame True organised the programs.

A special highlight of the year was the awarding of Paul Harris Fellowships to Rod McDougall and Niall King.

Bert Houston reported that the Trish Golf day raised \$19,425. Rod McDougall and Steve Taylor mustered 629 riders to "Bike the Park" (a 60% increase on the previous year's attendance) MORE THAN \$22,000.00 WAS RAISED.) The Northcott Society was the happy recipient of the money.

Barbeques at Dan Murphy's Store were a different story. Bert reported "unfortunately, the purchasers of alcohol were surprisingly single minded and resistant to the aroma of barbequed sausages and onions, so what seemed to be a good idea at the time had to be abandoned owing to a lack of patronage."

International Service was confined to GSE with the club hosting a team from Houston Texas.

The first 'Police Officer of the Year' event was held for the Flemington and Burwood Commands. The Minister of Police, John Watkins was the guest speaker.

Kevin Beltrame added some zip and zing to our involvement with our young people. Forty young people received a total of \$3,200 in grants. MUNA, RYPEN AND RYLA all had representatives from this club. Kevin made an important comment about INTERACT, 'The presence of a Rotary member is deemed to be the greatest single factor in the maintenance of the clubs. Conversely absence of this presence is understood to be the greatest cause of their demise.'

Keith's year as President of Strathfield Rotary may have been equalled but never bettered.