



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.
District 9675, New South Wales, Australia



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"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves." Paul P. Harris

PRESIDENT PETERSEN'S PAGE

10th February, 2016

The Club had distributed a STRATEGIC PLAN that was due for evaluation by 2014. Not aware of this document having been evaluated at that time, or in fact during the course of its four year currency.

The current Rotary year, 2015-2016 was introduced to the STRATEGY 360 document with a launch to a meeting of Board members and their partners prior to the commencement of that year. The first Club Meeting in June 2015 introduced members to STRATEGY 360.

A Report covering the first six months of STRATEGY 360 has been circulated to Club Directors who each have a copy which can be distributed to any club member wishing to read the eight page evaluation. (A brief precis was printed in last week's Newsletter).

An Agenda Item appears on the Business Paper of the next Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 17th February, when a future Club Strategic Planning Committee will be devised. Should you see your way clear to be involved in supporting this procedure commencing in PE Stephen Taylor's term of office let him know.

Decisions taken at the Board Meeting held Wednesday 3rd February included:

- Changeover Date has been set at SATURDAY 25th June, 2016 to be held at the Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Road, commencing at 7pm
- Following the Club Meeting held earlier on Wednesday 10th the Board undertook to continue its investigation towards the formation of a local Rotaract Club with support of the District Rotaract Representative and Rotarians Ed and Usha
- Discussion follow-up pertaining to concerns remaining over the Lime Raffle of May 2015. Director Bradley Ayres will pursue this matter further regarding ticket sales of this closed competition
- The Board noted that RI had allocated \$2 753.12 in the name of Strathfield Rotary towards credits of the Rotary Foundation and Polio Eradication
- The Board agreed to the allocation of \$500 to District ROMAC for presentation to the Representative, Maria Moran, the speaker at tonight's Club Meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Salvation Army: Australia Eastern Territory

To our Wonderful Rotarian Supporters in Strathfield

Well where do we begin? ...We can only send our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your two very generous donations that we received in December and January. Receiving \$4,500 from your Rotary Club has been a God Send. We are overwhelmed by your generous spirit and your desire to assist those who are struggling in these times of drought and financial hardship in our rural areas.

Not sure what type of fundraising your club does to allow for such a generous donation, but we are so thankful for the hard work your club commits to, to help us, help others who are truly struggling. (\$4 500 is a lot of sausage sizzles!).

God Bless you all - B and R Moulder (Captains)

Strathfield School for Seniors

On behalf of the Strathfield School for Seniors I would like to thank the Strathfield Rotary Club for your very generous donation of \$500.

Due to a number of factors, our membership is dropping and the enrolment fees are not matching our expenses. However, your kind donation will enable us to commence 2016 with a lighter heart.

Thank you once again, Helen Boyce, Secretary

ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Birthday: Feb 4: Romalo Adoma
Feb 5: Ted Ingall

Wedding Anniversary: Feb 8: Ray and Ann McCluskie
Feb 9: Andrew and Maria Kowalski

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER: Maria Moran

DISTRICT 9675 ROMAC REPRESENTATIVE



Solomon Islanders 17 year old Roselyn Jatobatu and her mother Anna have lots to smile about after life-saving heart surgery following a unique collaboration of Australian humanitarian and medical experts at Sydney Adventist Hospital (San).

Coping with life limiting breathlessness and fatigue and facing an uncertain future due to a serious congenital heart condition, Roselyn was operated on at the Hospital after a call to arms by Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC).

“The San was able to offer to meet accommodation, theatre, and other health expenses“ said San General Manager Brett Goods.

“We have some great humanitarian medical specialists with a long history of volunteering their medical skills so we made the calls, explained that without the surgery the prognosis for Roselyn was not good, and as expected the medical and surgical teams immediately committed their time and expertise.”

San Cardiothoracic Surgeon Dr Ian Nicolson AM who recently featured on Channel Nine’s 60 Minutes program for his voluntary cardiac work with the San’s own Open Heart International led the surgical team. Other members included Anaesthetist Dr Brad Smith, Perfusionist Dr Bong Joon Huh, and assistant Dr Luke Timmermans.

ROMAC has transformed more than 400 lives since its inception 27 years ago identifying children who could not otherwise access surgery, facilitating medical assessments, transport, host families, hospital, medical, surgical and other support.

“We are reliant on people with big hearts” said ROMAC Operations Director Barry Wilson.

“Roselyn could not have the surgery in the Solomon Islands so we had to look here. The San has helped us before with needy patients and we are so thankful they could again. Roselyn will be going home happy and healthy, ready to go back to her school and to help create a good future for her Island.”

Brett Goods says the \$35,000 plus donation of hospital services for Roselyn’s care complements the work of the San’s Open Heart International program which coordinates teams of Australian volunteers to operate in medically disadvantaged countries.

“Roselyn’s case is just another example of how caring individuals can do good in the world. It reminds me why I love working at the San.” www.romac.org.au

LAST WEEK’S SPEAKERS:

Club Service Director Arie Pappas began the meeting with his introduction of Mr Rod Fitch, an awardee of our 2015 Pride of Workmanship Event. The citation made mention of Mr Fitch’s position as House Parent and Science Teacher at Trinity Grammar School, Strathfield. Mr Fitch was unable to be present at the November 2015 function because of his evening’s responsibilities.

Co-incidentally Director Pappas is an uncle to our Club’s attendee at this year’s RYLA Camp that was held at the Yarramundi Youth Camp Site during the first week of January, and he introduced Dimitri Kakalis to those present. (Refer photograph on back page)

Dimitri spoke of the uplift this experience had been for him as an individual mixing with some many prospective leaders connected with Rotary Clubs across District 9675.

RYLA stands for ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS.

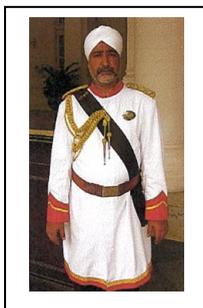
Participants were stimulated and challenged to reach beyond their comfort zones and rise to the occasion. Dimitri was regarded by our Club members as the best returning presenter of the week's program that he had experienced and spoke about so convincingly. Uncle Arie had a copy of his RYLA day photograph which he circulated during the course of the meeting. (He was the one wearing the cap).



Dimitri receiving an award
at RYLA Camp
L. to R.
RYLA Leader,
District Governor, Dimitri Kakalis



Dollar Bill reminds us:
In come the dollars and in come the cents
To replace the pounds and the shillings and the pence
Be prepared for change when the coins begin to mix
On the FOURTEENTH OF FEBRUARY, 1966



Raffles Rick, interim Club Raffles Coordinator, dressed in his Singaporean Uniform to introduce the first raffle of 2016 and collected \$159.00.

What would the equivalent amount be in the predecimal currency?

**Statistics 3.2. 2016 Members 20, Partners 0, Guests 7 LoA 6 Apologies 9
Raffle \$159.00 Sergeant \$77.**
