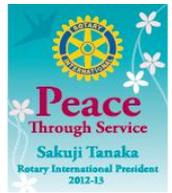




# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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## May is International Convention Month

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

PP Stephen and Denise Taylor -  
"Around the World in 35 minutes"

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Mr Len Norman was introduced by PDG David Croft and thanked by PP Peter Manenti.

Len's presentation highlighted his heritage - the story of migration from his ancestral northern Lebanese village of Kfarsghab (pron K-Fra-Sorb).

By way of introduction Len showed a short video which traced the history of migration from his Lebanese village to Australia and was produced to celebrate 125 years of migration. Len then provided a fascinating verbal history and in particular his own family history.

He also showed how a software system he has developed - Triangle of Life - allows his community to trace their heritage all the way back unbroken about 16 generations.



(L to R) PP Joe Saad, Len Norman,  
PP Peter Manenti, PDG David Croft

### Announcements Last Week:

#### President Ray Wilson

- On Monday morning (15 April) 14 members and colleagues enjoyed a hearty breakfast at Home coffee shop in Homebush and witnessed Adam Scott, the first Australian to win the US Masters Golf tournament.
- There will be a transfer meeting to Strathfield Men's Shed on 29 May 2013.
- Reminded members again of the ANZAC Day BBQ and service at Cape Cabarita and encouraged attendance at this important occasion.

#### PP Joe Saad

- Thanked President Ray for organising a great breakfast to watch the final of the US Open golf tournament.
- Reminded members the "Service Above Self" award will again be announced on changeover night and asked members to submit their nominations by 22 May 2013.

#### PE Suzanne Freund

- Thanked those members who gave up their Sunday to attend the Rotary assembly on Sunday 14 April from 9.00 to 2.00.

PP Angelo Franco

- Advised preparation for the Youth Awards is progressing. To date there are 5 community nominations and various sporting teams' nominations.

PP Rod McDougall

- Reminded members of the membership night coming up on 22 May. You are invited to nominate friends and colleagues who you think may be interested in joining Rotary.

Our special guest speaker will be Damien Tudehope. Damien is the chief of staff to the attorney-general of NSW. For many years he practiced as a solicitor in Strathfield.

The evening will run as a normal meeting, but with an emphasis on showcasing Rotary.

Please nominate a guest and a written invitation will be extended. Your name will not be mentioned if that is your preference. Prospective members and their partners will be guests of the club.

Please give it some thought - and please be there on the night.

PP Peter Smith

- Provided an update on the graffiti trailer, it is now almost fully equipped and sign writing complete. The trailer will be on display at the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce fair on 11 May 2013.



**Congratulations to the following for their birthdays and anniversaries:**

**Birthdays**

24 April Sue Leftwich  
 25 April Olga Pitt, Johanna Alvaro, Mira Carney  
 2 May Ian Johnson

**Anniversaries**

4 May John & Sue Leftwich  
 5 May Rod & Lyn Rimes

**Rotary Anniversaries**

Nil

CLUB STATISTICS	17/04/2013
Members	23
Apologies	9
Silent - no apologies	14
LOA	2
85'ers	3
	51
Partners	2
Guests	2
<b>TOTAL ON NIGHT:</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Make-Ups:</b>	
Tony Lanzafame	1
Suzanne Freund	1
Kevin Freund	1
Allan Teale	1
Janelle Watson	1
Allan Petersen	1
Rod McDougall	1
Raymond McCluskie	1
	8
Raffle	\$185.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$152.90
	<b>\$337.90</b>

***FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS***

Date	Topic
8/5/2013	<i>Club Debating Challenge</i> Rotarians ask of themselves through their 4 Way Test: "Is it the truth?" But does it have to be the absolute truth?
15/5/2013	<i>Youth Achievement Awards</i>

<b>22/5/2013</b>	<i>A membership information Evening</i> Guest Speaker - Damien Tudehope, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General and Minister for Justice
<b>29/5/2013</b>	Transfer Meeting – Strathfield Men’s Shed
<b>5/6/2013</b>	<i>Fellowship evening – “State of Origin”</i>
<b>12/6/2013</b>	<i>Partners Night – “Korean Banquet” \$35 p/p</i>
<b>19/6/2013</b>	<i>Trivia Night</i>

Thanks to PDG David Croft and Margaret for all their work in coordinating the event.



#### **FUTURE CLUB EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>4/5/2013</b>	BBQ – Parkinson’s Big Ride Sydney Olympic Park 5.00 am – 9.00 am
<b>4/5/2013</b>	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
<b>11/5/2013</b>	Rotary Display – Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fair
<b>17/5/2013</b>	Meriden Interact Dance – Assist with supervision
<b>25/5/2013</b>	Rotary BBQ Bunnings Lidcombe
<b>26/5/2013</b>	Red Shield Appeal

Last Thursday morning The Rotary Club hosted an ANZAC day service at Cape Cabarita attended by approximately 80 Cape Cabarita residents and family together with Rotary members. The service was preceded by the usual Rotary BBQ sausages, bacon, eggs and baked beans.

The service was a moving experience with two readings and the last post expertly delivered on the bugle.





## RED SHIELD APPEAL

### Red Shield Appeal – Sunday 26 May 2013

Members of the Strathfield Rotary assist in collecting money for the annual Red Shield Appeal.

The Red Shield Appeal is one of Australia's most respected charity events. Every year, members of the Club assist the local Salvos with door knocking. Monies raised assist the Salvos with their much needed community work.

Volunteer drivers/team leaders are urgently required to help, for 2-3 hours, on Sunday morning the 26 May. Please contact Peter Smith 0412 232 753 if you are able to help. A Commitment Sheet will be issue shortly.



### Historic Moments: The life of Rotary founder Paul Harris Rotary News -- 19 April 2013



**Paul Harris's childhood home in Wallingford, Vermont, USA.**

Born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868, Paul P. Harris was the second of six children of George N. and Cornelia Bryan Harris. At age three, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents, Howard and Pamela Harris. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891. While he was in school, both of Harris's grandparents died, and he spent the five years after graduation traveling around the country and working odd jobs. After arriving penniless in San Francisco in 1891, he worked as a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle and then as a ranch hand, grape picker, actor, and cowboy. In 1896, he founded the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905 and was elected its president in 1907. Club membership grew rapidly. Many members were originally from small towns and found an opportunity for fellowship in the Chicago club. Harris was convinced that the club could be expanded into a service movement and strove to extend Rotary to other communities. In 1910, he met Jean Thomson during an outing with the Prairie Club, a Chicago-based organization for wilderness enthusiasts. Harris and Thomson married three months later and settled on Chicago's South Side. In the same year, the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed, and Harris was elected its first president. He held the office for two years and afterward became president emeritus, serving as the public face of the organization and promoting membership extension and service around the world. In addition to his work with Rotary, Harris was involved in other civic organizations, including the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, City Club of Chicago, Chicago Bar Association, Prairie Club, and Easter Seals. Harris died on 27 January 1947, leaving a rich legacy of fellowship, professionalism, service, and friendship. His passing also sparked an outpouring of donations to The Rotary Foundation from all over the world, allowing the Foundation to greatly expand its programs and services.