



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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October is Vocational Service Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Tonight we welcome Warwick Giblin, Warwick specialises in environmental and social impact assessment, negotiations with developers to deliver benefits to landholders and local Councils, and waste management infrastructure planning. Tonight Warwick is going to enlighten us all about Coal Seam Gas.

RAY'S PUTTS

Last week, we heard from Mark Anns, who has over 30 years' experience working with issues related to health, and improving human performance. He has worked as a psychologist, lecturer, policy analyst and manager. Mark provided us with an insight to some of the issues and changing expectations confronting our aging society. Mark highlighted important considerations for aging and planning tips recommended in preparing for retirement.

Mark is also a member of NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing.

Mark was introduced by Emmanuel Vatalis and Keith Stockall provided a vote of thanks.

President Ray

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

4 October Fiona Johnson
5 October Grahame True

Anniversaries

5 October Ted & Mary Ingall

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Meeting Statistics Last Week	3/10/2012
Members	27
Apologies	13
Silent - non apologies	7
LOA	4
85'ers	2
	53

Guests:	
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Rotarian Partners (Cheryl Ayres & Madeleine)	2
Total attendance on the night	31
Raffle	\$195.00
Sergeant	\$108.80
	\$303.80

Apologies:

Andrew Kowalski, Paul White, Ted Ingall, Eric Khu, Umesh Kamkolkar, George Hallworth, Joseph Kim, Ian Johnson, Rod McDougall, Chris Virgona, Peter Manenti, Peter Smith, Trevor Duxbury, Paulo Giammarco, Terry Rohan, Paul White

Last Week's Meeting Announcements

President Ray Reminded members that due to the unavailability of the Golf Club on 10 October we would be meeting at Tigers Chinese Restaurant on the plaza at Flemington Markets.

Also, it is proposed in future that Directors will meet with their committees at the conclusion of meetings. It is the intention to get keep members involved in projects.

Kevin Freund circulated a commitment sheet for RYDA at Penrith on 31 October. Meriden students will be attending and approximately 6 members will be required to assist on the day.

David Martin announced Pride of Workmanship Awards will be held on 21 November and has requested nominations to be submitted.

Anuradha Kamkolkar announced she was planning to have a Korean themed event at the Concord Function Centre on a date to be confirmed.

Suzanne Freund asked members to think about what topics they would like to hear from guest speakers. She also proposes to introduce a roster of members to introduce and thank guest speakers.

Last Week's Raffle Winners

Keith Stockall
Peter Revelos
Allan Teale

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Presentation
17/10/2012	TBA
24/10/2012	Schools Debate – Meriden School & St Patricks College
31/10/2012	Derek Frere – Why do planes fly over Strathfield?
7/11/2012	Clarrie Edwards Reminisces
14/11/2012	Strathfield SES

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
25/10/2012	Restaurant Night - Bakehouse Garden Korean BBQ 11 George Street North Strathfield
27/10/2012	BBQ – Homebush West Public School
31/10/2012	RYDA at Penrith Regatta Centre – Meriden School
21/11/2012	Pride of Workmanship Awards
8/12/2012	Candles in the Park Strathfield Park

USING VOCATIONAL SERVICE TO BUILD PEACE

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH. RI PRESIDENT SAKUJI TANAKA HAS ASKED ROTARIANS TO BUILD PEACE THROUGH SERVICE IN 2012-13. BY USING VOCATIONAL SERVICE TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, ROTARIANS ARE TAKING AN IMPORTANT STEP IN CREATING A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. EVERY VOCATION CAN PLAY A ROLE IN ONE OF ROTARY'S ULTIMATE GOALS. HERE IS TANAKA'S MESSAGE ON VOCATIONAL SERVICE AND PEACE.

DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS,
IN JAPAN, WE PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THE VALUE OF WORK. WHATEVER WE ARE CALLED TO DO, WE SHOULD DO IT TO THE VERY BEST OF OUR ABILITIES, WITH DIGNITY AND WITH PRIDE. WHETHER THE JOB IS RUNNING A COUNTRY OR SHINING SHOES, THERE IS HONOR IN EVERY VOCATION. I GREW UP EMBRACING THIS BELIEF, BUT I HAD NEVER STOPPED TO CONTEMPLATE IT. ONE DAY, IN MY THIRD YEAR IN ROTARY, WE HAD A SPEAKER AT OUR CLUB WHO TALKED ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF ONE'S LIVELIHOOD. HE ASKED, WHY DO WE WORK HARD? WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR WORK? I HAD NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THIS BEFORE. I NEVER SAW IT AS A QUESTION. WE WORK TO EARN MONEY. WE WORK TO BE SUCCESSFUL. WE WORK BECAUSE IT IS REQUIRED OF US. TO ME, THIS WAS ALL. ON THAT DAY, I LEARNED ABOUT THE IDEA OF VOCATIONAL SERVICE. IT WAS THE IDEA THAT THROUGH OUR WORK, WE CAN SERVE OTHERS. WE THINK ABOUT OTHERS' NEEDS, AND GROW TO CARE MORE FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. WE BUILD POSITIVE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PEOPLE, AND A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. THIS IS THE IDEA THAT HAS CHANGED MY LIFE. IT DID NOT CHANGE HOW MUCH I WORKED, OR HOW HARD I WORKED. BUT IT CHANGED WHY I WORKED, AND HOW I EXPERIENCED MY LIFE. IT HAS MADE ME SEE A HIGHER PURPOSE IN EVERYTHING I DO. THE IDEA OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF IS AN IDEA THAT IS UNIQUE TO ROTARY. BUT IT IS AN IDEA THAT CAN BE EMBRACED BY ANYONE. AND I BELIEVE VERY MUCH THAT IN ROTARY, AND BEYOND ROTARY, WE CAN BUILD PEACE THROUGH SERVICE. **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** IF QUITTERS NEVER WIN, AND WINNERS NEVER QUIT, WHO CAME UP WITH, "QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD"?