

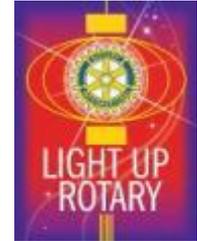


STRATHFIELD ROTARY

NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.

District 9675, New South Wales, Australia



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Wednesday 13 August 2014
Meeting Tonight 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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AUGUST - Rotary Year 2014- 2015

A Great Deal To Do

This Weeks Meeting

LITERATURE EXTENSION PROGRAM

STRATHFIELD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Last Weeks Meeting

TELSTRA & the NBN

Rochelle McDonald (Telstra)





PRESIDENTS' RAVINGS

Good evening Members

I hope that we all are well and enjoyed the talk from Telstra as much as I did. The year has started and members are excelling and deserve a mention for the work that is carried out in the name of Rotary. Last weekend thank you all who assisted in the BBQ ably led by Dave Martin and Past President Kevin Freund; both will always put their hands up to help out. To the others I am sorry that I have not mentioned you personally but thanks all the same.

Well, we are coming up to that crazy time when all hands on deck are needed and we will be busy with Police Man of the Year, Pride of Workmanship, Muscle Car Father's Day, Spring Fair, and the Strathfield to the Bush Road Trip.

I hope that we all have the opportunity to be involved and enjoy each other's company at the same time.

I must say how enjoyable the start to the year has been, the great team that are ever present to be involved at our Club make the role as president a pleasure. Thank you one and all. I hope that you are all able to attend the evening tonight and enjoy the occasion and share the enthusiasm of our youth, it keeps us young.

Just a Quick Laugh

Mary was discussing the various aspects and possible outcome of the insurance policy with the clerk at the Insurance Agency. During the discussion, she asked. "Suppose I take the life insurance for my husband today for a million dollars, and tomorrow he dies? What will I get?" The clerk eyed her suspiciously and replied, "Probably a life sentence."

One of our patients wasn't taking any chances. Prior to her operation, she taped notes to her body for the surgeon... "Take your time," "Don't cut yourself," "No need to rush," "Wash your hands..." After surgery, as I helped the patient back into her bed, we discovered a new note taped to her, this one from the doctor, "Has anyone seen my wristwatch?"

In closing, enjoy the coming week and if you have a friend who might need a night out with great company bring them along to our next meeting.

Allan Teale

CLUB MEETINGS

| Date | Topic |
|----------------|--|
| 13 August 2014 | Literature Extension Program Strathfield Girls High School Teacher Nicki Mills |
| 20 August 2014 | North Strathfield Underpass Tania Harper |
| 27 August 2014 | Police Officer of the Year DC Nick Kaldas |

| MEETING STATISTICS | 6 August 2014 |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Members present | 29 |
| Partners | |
| Guests of members | 2 |
| District Representatives | |
| Leaves of Absence | 3 |
| Apologies | 5 |
| No apologies | 10 |
| Make-Ups | |
| Raffle | \$190.00 |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | \$106.15 |

CLUB ACTIVITIES

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|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 7 September 2014 | Strathfield Spring Fair Festival |
| 7 September 2014 | Muscle Car Masters |

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Australian Choral Grand Prix

Presented by Sydney Eisteddfod and the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove

Sunday, 24 August 2014, 2:30pm
The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood

Many members will remember the great contribution made by Kevin Beltrame as youth service director when he was a member of Strathfield Rotary.

Now with Sydney Cove Rotary, Kevin is involved in organising this year's Australian Choral Grand Prix, presented jointly by Sydney Eisteddfod and his club.

Led by Jodie Spooner-Ryan, the Meriden School senior choir has reached the finals, one of only six Sydney schools to do so!!

The winner of this year's title will be decided on 24 August 2014, 2:30pm at The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood

This will be a major artistic event and Kevin and Jodie are encouraging attendance and seeking assistance in promoting the event.

It is a great to see a local school doing so well - especially one with which Strathfield Rotary has had a long association.

This will be a great family opportunity to enjoy exceptional choral performances while publicly supporting Meriden School.

Click [here](#) for more information on the event and on the purchase of tickets.



Past member of Strathfield Rotary, Kevin Beltrame, is seeking support for the Australian Choral Grand Prix to be held 24.8.14 Kevin may be reached on 0427 665 930 or kevinbeltrame@bigpond.com

Polio vaccinators make significant headway in Nigeria

Nigeria is closer than ever to eradicating polio, riding a successful effort to reach children in seven northern states at highest risk for the disease. "Rotarians have [gone] into remote areas of the country by car, canoe, motorbike, and even on foot to ensure every child gets the vaccine," says Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee Chair Tunji Funsho. In Katsina state, members of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee (NPPC) recently met with leaders of two communities notoriously opposed to immunization, mainly on religious grounds and in protest of the lack of basic health care. They persuaded the leaders to endorse vaccination by obtaining government assurance that mobile health camps would provide free checkups, medications, immunization against diseases besides polio, and other services.

"It was very encouraging to see the positive impact of engaging these leaders . . . witnessed by the huge turnout of crowds at the health camps and women willingly presenting their children for vaccination in households, quranic schools, and other locations," reports the NPPC. "[The camps] are one of the proven 'quick wins' to untie the knots of persistent noncompliance in some settlements across the high-risk states." Along with Pakistan and Afghanistan, Nigeria has never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus. However, it has recorded only three polio cases so far this year (as of 3 June), down from 24 cases for the same period in 2013. The NPPC began providing funding for the health camps in May. And in response to community demands for clean water, some Rotary clubs are sponsoring projects to install boreholes. In high-risk states like Katsina, "the mere participation of community leaders, allowing their own children to be vaccinated or pronouncing the acceptance of OPV [oral polio vaccine] is enough to encourage community members to allow the vaccination teams into their homes," says Funsho.

Rotary field coordinators are helping close immunization gaps in northern Nigeria by gaining public support from government and community leaders through providing technical support, and monitoring the quality of vaccination teams.

"In the security challenged areas, measures such as 'fire walling,' which ensures that children going in and out of Borno and Yobe states are immunized, have been put in place," says Funsho. Teams of health workers and security agency personnel also use "hit and run" tactics to immunize children and withdraw in two days' time or less, he adds.

The NPPC promotes public awareness of the need to eradicate polio through community billboards and posters, along with distributing T-shirts, caps, and aprons to health workers. And it has engaged national celebrities like musician and actor Sani Musa Danja to encourage vaccine acceptance in communities where pockets of opposition still exist. In April, Rotary joined the Federal Ministry of Health in sponsoring the Nigeria Polio Summit. Governors of high-risk states, religious and traditional leaders, national and global health officials, Rotary members, and others focused on best practices in the country's drive to become polio free. Funsho and others are optimistic that Nigeria can stop polio transmission by the end of 2014, one of the goals of the polio end game strategic plan. Rotary is a leading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. "The greatest challenge . . . will be the preparations for the 2015 elections," said Dr. Oyewale Tomori, chair of Nigeria's Expert Review Committee on Polio Eradication, in a recent GPEI interview. "Every election year since 2003 has been characterized by abandonment of good governance, and subsequently accompanied by a surge in polio cases." To help Nigeria seize the opportunity to end polio this year, Rotary released \$7 million to the GPEI to fund immunization activities and research in the country and business leader and philanthropist Sir Emeka Offor has contributed \$2.25 million to PolioPlus.

"The Nigerian government, now supported by the international community, is doing all that it can to eliminate the widespread violence, abductions, and terrorism," says Sir Emeka, a member of the Rotary Club of Awka GRA and Rotary's polio ambassador in Nigeria. "Peace would facilitate polio eradication, but we cannot sit by and wait until that time comes. We must do what we can to find ways to end polio now."

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