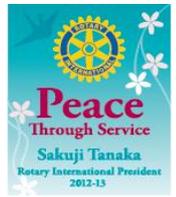




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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February is World Understanding month - emphasising Rotary's goal of world understanding and peace

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Nathan Smith - "Transform Your Life"

Tonight we welcome Nathan who is passionate about helping people transform the quality of their lives. Since 2001 he has helped thousands of people transform the quality of their lives in the area of health and fitness. His Personal Training business has expanded to help people transform not only the physical aspects but also the emotional areas of their lives. He believes all positive and lasting change starts on the inside and works its way out to help create a new reality. He gives people the tools to not only decide what it is they want out of life but also how they can follow through and make it happen.

Last Week's Meeting

Past president Kevin Freund introduced our club's nominees who attended the annual RYLA Conference at Blue Gum Lodge in Springwood during January this year. They told us about their experiences and skills gained.

The 3 young people who represented our club were Jessica **Holmes**, from Strathfield Girl Guides, **Ryan Sutton**, from Strathfield SES, and **Jamil Ahmad** from ACU.



Jamil Ahmad Jessica Holmes Ryan Sutton

Jessica, Ryan and Jamil told us of their initial fears of attending and their individual experiences during the week and how the opportunity provided to them has helped to change their lives by developing new skills and given them greater self-confidence.

Whilst Jessica, Ryan and Jamil all spoke about varying activities during the week all three agreed all components of the conference were excellent they all agreed the sessions on public speaking, motivation leadership were especially memorable for them.

The conference overall also provided them with new friendships and a network to assist with their continued self-development.

Whilst RYLA is rewarding for attendees it is equally rewarding for Rotarians to see, hear

and listen to their experiences post RYLA attendance.

Allan Teale thanked our RYLA attendees for their great presentations.

Announcements

President Ray reminded members of the upcoming District golf day and requested support from non-golf playing members to attend the presentations at the end of the day.

Also please collect and sell raffle tickets to assist with the fund raising effort. Proceeds of the raffle will go to the Rotary Foundation and Chalmers Road School.

Members who wish to be considered in the selection process for District Governor 2015 / 2016 should submit their name to President Ray ASAP.

President Ray also reminded members to support the District Conference by attending during 15 to 17 March 2013.

Raffle prize vouchers kindly donated by:

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25 Rochester Street
Homebush NSW 2140
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Saturday 7.30 am to 12.30 pm**

We appreciate their support and ask Members to support them.

Treasurer Peter Smith reported well over half the membership had paid their six monthly

dues however there were still 20 plus members to pay.

President elect Suzanne Freund reported Masters Hardware, in Chullora, have expressed an interest in Rotary providing BBQ facilities on a regular basis. More details to emerge later.

Also a request to any member attending the conference. A volunteer is required to coordinate the Club's "You Are a Star" theme at the conference dinner on the Saturday night.

Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

Nil

Anniversaries

18 February George & Afaf Helou

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

MEETING STATISTICS	6/02/2013
Members	33
Apologies	9
Silent - no apologies	6
LOA	1
85'ers	3
	52
Partners	0
Guests	7
TOTAL ON NIGHT:	40
Raffle	\$127.85
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$275.00
	\$402.85

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
20/2/2013	Member Presentation Allan Teale & Peter Smith (TBC) "This is your life"
27/2/2013	David Rosenberg "Inside Pine Gap"
6/3/2013	Strathfield Rotary & New District " Looking Forward –

	Looking Back" (Partner's Night)
13/3/2013	Member Job Talk
20/3/2013	Report on District Conference
24/4/2013	NO MEETING
15/5/2013	Youth Achievement Awards
29/6/2013 (Saturday)	Club Changeover Night

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
28/2/2013	Rotary District Charity Golf Day Strathfield Golf Club Shot gun start at 12.30 following Lunch(11.30 am)
16 & 17/3/2013	District Conference
March TBC	Restaurant night TBA
13/4/2013	Rotary International Dinner Strathfield Golf Club
25/4/2013	ANZAC DAY Service Cape Cabarita

Our Commitment to Rotary

Each of us joined Rotary for slightly different reasons but when we reflect on this, it was most likely for some combination of 'Fellowship & Service' (in different proportions for each of us).

So what is this organisation called Rotary that we belong to and we were all proud to join? 'The ABC of Rotary', from which I frequently quote, offers the following definition:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who

provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

I think that this definition of Rotary sadly lacks an emphasis on '**fellowship**', only through which can Rotary achieve its goals.

When we join any organisation we make explicit or implicit commitments and the success of the organisation, indeed the success of our society relies heavily on us honouring our commitments to each other and to the organisation as a whole. To achieve its objectives, every organisation requires standards, rules or guidelines (whatever you wish to call them) to which its members commit so that the organisation can effectively function in a cohesive way.

When we were invited to join our Rotary Club we committed, as members, to the formal requirements for continued membership which are detailed in the Club's Constitution and By-laws. Being present at club meetings is one of the basic obligations a member accepts upon joining a Rotary club. The constitutional rules emphasize that Rotary is a participatory organization that highly values regular attendance. When a member is absent the entire club loses the personal association with that member.

Our weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors we have not known before, and to share personal friendship with other members.

ATTENDANCE

Article 9 and Article 12 of the Constitution clearly lay down the attendance requirements for continued membership of our Club. Article 12 requires each member to "attend or **make up** at least 50% of club regular meetings in each half of the year". While some members, for

business or personal reasons may have difficulty complying with this commitment during periods of their membership, the board has the authority to consent to “non-attendance for good cause”.

Historically our board has been relatively generous in its consent to excuse poor attendance for “good and sufficient reason”. This has been in part possible because of the size of our club and the attendance level of members at weekly meetings. **However with the current reduced membership and relatively low attendance at meetings, members need to be more conscious of their commitment to regularly attend.**

MAKE UP

One rewarding way to maintain satisfactory attendance, not used nearly enough by our Strathfield members, is to **make up** by attending a Rotary meeting at another club. It can be an extremely rewarding experience being made genuinely welcome and enjoying the company of other Rotarians at meetings which are invariably different in character to our own. Make ups for a missed meeting can be up to 14 days before or after the regular meeting and include:

1. attending the regular meeting of another club
2. attending a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club,
3. attending a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district assembly, any district committee meeting.
4. attend and participate in a **club service project** or a club-sponsored community event or meeting.
5. attend a board meeting or, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned,

Surprise, surprise, many of our Rotary activities count as make ups so please notify our attendance chairman at your next club meeting

so that your (and the Club’s) attendance can be properly recorded.

It is even more important, and common courtesy, to apologise in advance if you cannot attend a regular meeting.

When a member is outside the member's country of residence, the member may attend meetings in another country at any time during the travel period, and each such attendance counts as a valid make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

The board may excuse a member's extended absence from the club for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences cannot extend for longer than twelve months.

A member may also be excused from attendance **by the board** if the age of the member is 65 and above and the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more. The member **must notify the club secretary in writing** of the member's desire to be excused from attendance. **(Note that ALL Rotary correspondence, both into and from the club should be directed through the club secretary)**

SHARING ROTARY

Of all the obligations we accept when joining our Rotary club, the one in which most of us fail is **"sharing Rotary."** The policies of Rotary International clearly affirm that every individual Rotarian has an "obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary through proposing qualified persons for Rotary club membership." **Many Rotarians readily accept the pleasures of being a Rotarian without ever sharing that privilege with another individual.**

PDG David Croft

February 2013