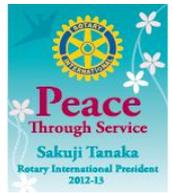




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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Wednesday, 13 March 2013

March is Literacy month - emphasising Rotary's ongoing commitment to promoting literacy and numeracy.

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Club Social Evening with Partners BBQ on the veranda of Strathfield Golf Club

Last Week's Meeting:

Last week's meeting was a look into the past with a display of old photos of some very "young" members. The night was researched and expertly presented by Past President Kevin Freund. Kevin provided a summary of the club's history since its Charter and reminded us all of many events, members had been involved in over the past years.

As we reflected on the past PP Terry Rohan, PP Peter Manenti, PP Raymond McCluskie, PP Keith Stockall, PDG David Croft and PP Rod McDougall spoke of their memories when reminded by comments included in PP Kevin's presentation. PP Kevin acknowledged the assistance of PP Roger Vince and PP Rod McDougall in providing archive material and preparation of the presentation.

We then watched a short video presentation from Garry Browne, Rotary Club of Sydney District Governor Elect 2013-14 District 9675.

Rotary club of Strathfield along with other clubs in District 9690 will become part of District 9675 from 1 July 2013.

PDG David Croft thanked PP Kevin on behalf of all members present.

Announcements

President Ray Wilson

- Urged members to consider attendance at the District Conference on the weekend after next.
- Club BBQ evening and partners night on 13 March 2013, casual dress and minimal Rotary business

Treasurer Peter Smith

- Still a few outstanding dues to be paid
- Raffle raised \$210
- Thanks to the Rotarians who attended and assisted with the BBQ for "Clean up Australia Day".



Rotarians and volunteers, "Clean up Australia Day"

Anuradha Kamkolkar

- Korean Theme Night 13 April 2013 at Strathfield Golf Club, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm \$60 per person.
- Restaurant night at Mancini's in Belfield 21 March 2013.

Roger Vince

- Meriden Interact members to tour Northern Thailand in December 2013.

Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

14 March (1971) Strathfield Rotary
17 March Joan Brown
8 March Kate Teale

Anniversaries

13 March Keith & Sue Byrn

Rotary Anniversaries

14 March Raymond McCluskie

Congratulations to the winners of last week's raffle.

Janelle Watson
Trevor Duxbury
David Croft
Paulo Giammarco

**Raffle prize vouchers were kindly
Donated by:**

Bendigo Bank Homebush



27 Rochester Street Homebush

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29 Rochester St, Homebush NSW 2140
(02) 9746 6871

These donations are appreciated.

CLUB STATISTICS	6/03/2013
Members	31
Apologies	9
Silent - no apologies	8
LOA	1
85'ers	3
	52

Partners	3
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Guests	0
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TOTAL ON NIGHT:	34
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Raffle	\$210.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$177.75
District Golf day (28/2/2013)	3148.56
	\$3536.31

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
20/3/2013	Report on District Conference
24/4/2013	NO MEETING
8/5/2013	Club Debating Challenge Topic TBA
15/5/2013	Youth Achievement Awards
29/6/2013 (Saturday)	Club Changeover Night

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
21/3/2013 7.00 PM	Restaurant night Mancini's Ristoronte Italiano 21 Burwood Rd (cnr Downs St) Belfield
13/4/2013	Rotary International Dinner Strathfield Golf Club
25/4/2013	ANZAC DAY dawn service Cape Cabarita
17/5/2013	Meriden Interact Dance
25/5/2013	Rotary BBQ Bunnings Lidcombe
26/5/2013	Red Shield Appeal



Rotary News -- 28 February 2013
(extracts)

Searching for peace on International Women's Day



Francesca Del Mese
By Francesca Del Mese , a 2002-2004 Rotary Peace Fellow, University of Queensland

I recently travelled to Pretoria, South Africa on behalf of UN Women as part of the newly formed group of investigators for sexual and gender based crimes as war crimes. When I was in South Africa, I was struck by a comment I heard from a prominent South African Minister. She made parallels between apartheid and sexual and gender based crimes, saying that apartheid had been defeated and so could violence against women. When I heard the comparison, I instantly dismissed the idea; the two are completely non-comparable. To me apartheid was country and colour specific and held together by an archaic and corrupt government that eventually crumbled under international pressure. Violence against women is a global pandemic, crossing every social divide: race, class, religion, ethnicity, age and culture. Violence against women is unstoppable, I thought.

Colleagues, who had come straight from the field, were sharing stories about women and girls in the Congo who face a high probability – sometimes certainty – that they will be raped on the way from their homes to the markets to buy food. Humanitarian agencies are handing out rape kits in the way that condoms might be handed out in other countries.

International Women's Day is 8 March, a chance for us to reflect on those women who are victims of every type of gender-based crime and discrimination. It's also a chance for us to celebrate those who are working to eliminate these violations, both at a policy and grass-roots level. Millions of these women go unnoticed and will never be publically thanked for what they are doing.

Since going to Pretoria I have challenged my own assumption that violence against women is unstoppable. South Africans probably thought the same about apartheid when they were living under its oppression. It's true that violence against women is a much bigger challenge to overcome and may take longer to eliminate. But if we believe we can do it then I believe it can be done.

Bloomberg Philanthropies to donate US\$100 million to polio eradication

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has announced a \$100 million donation to support polio eradication efforts through Bloomberg Philanthropies. The donation represents a six-year commitment to help fund the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

"We're at a critical juncture in the global effort to end polio," says Bloomberg. "If we're going to achieve a polio-free world, we must act quickly and commit now to providing the resources needed."

Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are global partners in the GPEI.

"On behalf of Rotary International -- and on behalf of all Rotarians -- I thank Mr. Bloomberg and his foundation for this generous contribution of \$100 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Not only will this donation help us reach the most at-risk children with polio vaccine, it will also inspire other individuals, foundations, and businesses in the private sector to take part in this history-making endeavor to achieve a polio-free world."

Team of experts helps Rotarians design a sustainable project in India

A Rotarian-led team of hydrologists, engineers, geologists, and other experts traveled to the Thane district of northwest India in October to help local Rotarians and their international partners design a global grant project to bring clean water and sanitation to more than 1,800 villagers.

The team, funded by The Rotary Foundation and a grant from the Annenberg Foundation, is one of the first of its kind. It's the product of the Project Enhancement Process (PEP) pilot, which is designed to enlist the help of Rotarians with expertise in the water and sanitation area of focus so that clubs and districts can put together larger-scale, sustainable projects.



A woman in the Thane district of northwest India carries water back to her village.

The PEP pilot runs through July and involves nine districts testing The Rotary Foundation's new grant model. The Foundation also collaborated with the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) to produce technical guides that walk Rotarians through planning an effective water and sanitation project.

"This process is an excellent approach," says Arvind Phukan, a civil engineer and member of the Rotary Club of Tacoma, Washington, USA, who served as team leader. "Sometimes districts don't have the technical expertise or the experience to do a larger project. This approach helps them think bigger and promotes better projects that will have a more significant impact."

After deciding to pursue water, sanitation, and hygiene project in the Akre Gram Panchayat region of India, the Rotary Club of Thane North and its international partner, the Tacoma club, requested an evaluation team through the PEP Pilot to help them assess and plan their project. The project would benefit about 350 households in nine villages in the Supi River watershed, where villagers are trying to eke out a living growing rice.