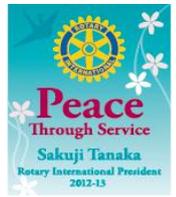




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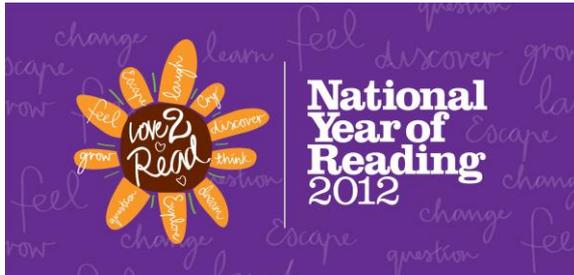
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August is Membership & Extension Month



TONIGHT'S MEETING

Students of Strathfield Girls High School

If illiteracy were a simple problem, Rotarians would have solved it by now.

The issues are myriad: a scarcity of schools and learning materials, insufficient government spending on education, and cultural stigmas that limit education for women and girls, to name a few. And the problem goes far beyond the inability to decipher words on a page. In an increasingly complex world, poor reading comprehension condemns adults to the lowest rungs of society.

Rotarians, however, are committed to improving the situation. Rotary clubs worldwide have been carrying out thousands of literacy projects for decades. Basic education and literacy is one of Rotary's areas of focus.

Rotary's work in literacy has included rebuilding schools destroyed by natural disasters in Sri Lanka and Haiti, partnering with the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library to promote early childhood reading, and teaching students to read and write through the concentrated language encounter method in Brazil and Turkey.

How many mystery writers does it take to change a light bulb?

Two – one to do most of the turning and the other to give it a final twist at the end

RAY'S PUTTS

This week we welcome students and teachers from Strathfield Girls High School for the literacy extension program. We hope you all have an enjoyable evening with us.

Last week's meeting was our first debate between our club members. The topic "Bribery is sometimes acceptable". The points made by both teams were interesting and entertaining – well done!

Congratulations Romolo Adorna, it was a pleasure to induct our newest member last week and hopefully will be the first of many more to come.



Romolo Adorna being escorted by Sergeant Chris Virgona to President Ray for induction.

Board members are reminded there is a Board meeting tonight, immediately following the conclusion of our club meeting at 8.00 p.m.

President Ray

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

14 August George Hallworth

Anniversaries

Nil

Meeting Statistics Last Week	8/08/2012
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Members	29
Apologies	12
Silent - non apologies	7
LOA	2
85'ers	3

Guests:	
Antonia Adorna	1
Paul Sarks (PDG)	1

Raffle	\$230.00
Sergeant	\$131.40
	\$361.40

Raffle Winners

- Bradley Ayres
- Niall King
- Joe Saad

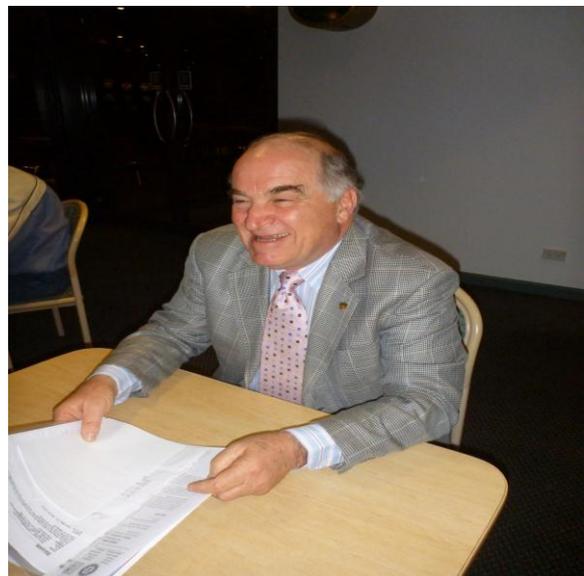
The "Great Debate"



Members of the winning affirmative team, (L to R) Joe Saad (Captain), Paul White and Keith Stockall



Members of the negative team (L to R) Andrew Kowalski, Emmanuel Vatalis and Rod Rimes (captain)



Adjudicator PDG Paul Sarks

Last Week's Meeting Announcements

President Ray circulated the following commitment sheets; Police Officer of the Year, V8 Super Cars, Muscle Cars and Strathfield Spring Fair and urged members to support the events.

Joe Saad reported the receipt of a "Thankyou" card from Margaret Roffey, expressing appreciation for the welcome and hospitality provided by our club to her and DG Keith on the occasion of their recent visit to Strathfield.

Peter Smith reported most members have paid their half-yearly dues. There are still however, the regular late payers.

David Martin reminded members to support the Police Officer of the Year awards on 22 August.

In addition, David advised the meeting that 2 of the 3 applicants nominated by our club to participate in the District National Youth Forum were successful in the selection process.

Anuradha Kamkolkar DG Keith Roffey has announced that Daniel Kellie of Blacktown City Rotary Club will be the team leader for the Group Study Exchange visit to Sweden next year. Applications for GSE team members are now open. Young professionals in the community should be encouraged to seek out this opportunity.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Presentation
22/08/2012	Police Officer of the Year
29/08/2012	Michael Dillon Documentary Filmmaker
5/09/2012	Local Government Election in Strathfield

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
20/08/2012	Meriden Interact Donation presentation in Wallis Hall @ 10.45 a.m.
25 & 26/8/2012	V8 Supercars - Program selling Eastern Creek
30/8/2012	Fellowship Evening Wok Inn - Homebush
2/09/2012	Muscle Cars- Program selling Eastern Creek
2/09/2012	Strathfield Spring Fair

Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. The 1.2 million Rotarians who make up more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world share a dedication to the ideal of Service Above Self.

Rotary clubs are open to people of all cultures and ethnicities and are not affiliated with any political or religious organizations.

There's something that all Rotary club members have in common: We take action. As community volunteers, we reach out to neighbors in need. We build, support, and organize. We save lives. We work locally and globally.

Around the world and around the corner, the 1.2 million men and women of Rotary

- Get involved in their communities
- Connect with other professionals
- Share their time and experience with young people
- Support global causes, such as eradicating polio
- Use their skills to help others