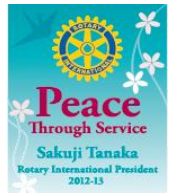




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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Wednesday, 15 May 2013

May is International Convention Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Strathfield Council and the Rotary Club of Strathfield recognises the important contributions young people make within the community and believe that achievement deserves recognition.

Welcome to all our visitors and awardees to our 2013 "Youth Achievement Awards" evening.



The adjudicator was PDG Paul Sarks, a member of the Rotary Club of Burwood who declared the Strathfield team winners on the night.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The Great Debate



(Above L to R) President nominee (2014-15) **Allan Teale**, PP **Keith Stockall** and PP **Joe Saad**

The invincibles from Strathfield Rotary Club were pitted against the gladiators from Breakfast Point Rotary club: PP **Alison Geddes**, PP **Stephen and Britten and Greg**.



PP **Raymond McCluskie** set the scene and introduced the speakers.

Announcements Last Week:

President **Ray Wilson**

- Thanks to all members who committed and attended BBQ duty at Sydney Olympic Park and also Ashfield Infant's Home last Saturday 4 May.

- It is proposed surplus funds of approximately \$670.00 resulting from Anzac day breakfast will be donated to the Ashfield Infant's Home.

A number of Commitment Sheets being circulated tonight:

- Membership night 22 May
- Men's shed 29 May – opportunity to see wood working machine donated by the club.
- BBQ at Bunnings Lidcombe 25 May (7.00 AM to 5.00 PM)
- Salvation Army Red Shield appeal 26 May.
- Visit to Alvaro's in Bowral 2 June.
- A reminder there will be a transfer meeting to Strathfield Men's shed on 29 May 2013.

PP Joe Saad

- Circulated newsletters received from Chris O'Brien's Lifehouse at RPA and Interplast.
- Encouraged members to submit their nominations for "Service above Self Award"

Anuradha Kamkolkar

- 5 weeks until Korean night this meeting will be a partner's night and will be \$35.00 per head.

Allan Teale

- RYPEN camp commences 17 May which incidentally is the last for District 9690 as we know it. We have 2 nominations from Meriden students and 2 from Homebush Boys High.

P/E Suzanne Freund

- Advised Bowel screening kits have been delivered to 10 pharmacies in our area as well as the area previously looked after by Chester Hill club.

Peter van der Sleesen

- Reminded members of the membership information night coming up on 22 May and encouraged members to invite guests to attend.

Our special guest speaker will be Damien Tudehope. Damien is the chief of staff to the attorney-general of NSW. For many years he practiced as a solicitor in Strathfield.

Congratulations to the following for their birthdays and anniversaries during the next week:

Birthdays

15 May	Charles Pitt Stephen Taylor
17 May	Cheryl Ayres
18 May	Ray Wilson
19 May	Tony Lanzafame Richard Horwood
20 May	Peter Smith

Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

15 May	Ray Wilson
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CLUB STATISTICS	8/05/2013
Members	26
Apologies	6
Silent - no apologies	11
LOA	5
85'ers	3
	51
Partners	2
Guests	8
TOTAL ON NIGHT:	36
Make-Ups:	
Nil Advised	0
Raffle	\$210.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$143.15
	\$353.15

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
22/5/2013	A membership information Evening Guest Speaker - Damien Tudehope, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General and Minister for Justice "Current challenges in Corrective Services"
29/5/2013	Transfer Meeting – Strathfield Men’s Shed
5/6/2013	Fellowship evening – “State of Origin”
12/6/2013	Partners Night – “Korean Banquet” \$35 p/p
19/6/2013	Trivia Night
29/6/2013 (Saturday)	Club Changeover night Strathfield Golf Club 6.30 PM for 7.00 pm)

before going back to France. It's been a great year and I had the occasion to travel a lot (The Bahamas, Las Vegas, NY).

Now, it's time to head back to France. I will have an interview for a master degree in hospitality management in Paris at the end of May. I hope it will go well, if not, I will search for an internship to finish my bachelor degree.

I am also writing to you because my cousin David found an internship in Seven Hill and I believe that's not too far from Strathfield and Sydney. He is actually looking for a room/apartment to rent and he asked me for some advices regarding the neighbourhood. So, I hope you will help me because I don't really know what to suggest. Parramatta, maybe? Do you know what is the best way for him to find something nice?

I hope everyone is looking good in the family! Please give me some news!

Love, Laura”

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
17/5/2013	Meriden Interact Dance – Assist with supervision
25/5/2013	Rotary BBQ Bunnings Lidcombe (7.00 am to 5.00 pm)
26/5/2013	Salvation Army – Red Shield Appeal
2/6/2013	BBQ Lunch with Domenico & Joanne Alvaro in Bowral



RED SHIELD APPEAL

Red Shield Appeal – Sunday 26 May 2013

Members of the Strathfield Rotary assist in collecting money for the annual Red Shield Appeal.

The Red Shield Appeal is one of Australia's most respected charity events. Every year, members of the Club assist the local Salvation with door knocking. Monies raised assist the Salvos with their much needed community work.

Volunteer drivers/team leaders are urgently required to help, for 2-3 hours, on Sunday morning the 26 May. Please contact Peter Smith 0412 232 753 if you are able to help.

Thanks to Pat Giammarco who has provided the following short note received recently via email from a past exchange student , Laura.

“Dear Pat,

It's been such a long time that I did not write to you! How have you been?

I am actually done with school here in Miami and I still have a week to enjoy the sun here,

Thoughts for the week:

Why is Charlie short for Charles if they are both the same number of letters?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

When you see the weather report and it says "partly cloudy" and then the next day it says "partly sunny"; what's the difference?

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.



Wednesday, May 08, 2013

Aisha's Mother of polio-affected girl opens doors to vaccination – and helps rid Nigeria of polio for good



Women Volunteer Community Mobilizers like 50-year-old Aisha Ibrahim are key to reaching children in places like Nigeria's Kano State, where many mothers would never open the door to a man.

Aisha may not be able to read, but she never forgets a name, or a child. Her own tragedy was too great.

"Where are Hassan, Hassana and the other kids?" Aisha asks the woman of the house from the doorway.

"Hassana is in, but Hassan is outside," says their mother.

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"Please call him, and also call Adnan, Walesa, Rahinatu and Hussaina." Aisha wears a UNICEF-blue hijab to cover her hair and to make her easily recognizable as a Volunteer Community Mobilizer (VCM) in the settlement of Hawan Dawaki, where she lives with her ten children – one of whom, her daughter Mariyam, has been paralysed by polio.

Aisha believes that Mariyam, now six years old, went unvaccinated because the vaccinators did not know how many children in her household were eligible to receive the vaccine. She believes that her small daughter has polio today because the vaccinator did not know to ask for her by name. So now Aisha makes sure she knows every child in Hawan Dawaki below the age of five. She knows every newborn baby. She knows the vaccination status of every pregnant woman. And, most of all, she knows whether each and every one of the children in the settlement has been vaccinated against polio. As a result of her perseverance, 159 additional children now receive the polio vaccine in this high-risk settlement.

Last year, Nigerian children accounted for more than half of all polio cases worldwide. However, improvements are being seen, and the country has reported just 16 polio cases so far this year compared to 28 this time last year. Women VCMs like Aisha are playing an essential role in bringing the number of polio cases reported in Nigeria down to zero.