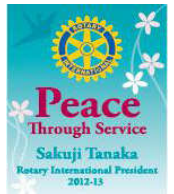




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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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

Report on District Conference
15 – 17 March 2013

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Rotary Meeting 13th March 2013

This meeting was a social BBQ for Club members and their partners held on the veranda overlooking the Strathfield Golf Course and the putting green. Guests were invited from the Strathfield Golf Club and from the Strathfield Croquet Club. Ray Wilson organised a special "Putting Competition" with prizes for the top three putters.

The raffle was run as usual by Tony Lanzafame and Sergeant-at-Arms, Chris Virgona, conducted the fine session. Both Tony and Chris collected from members, partners and guests ensuring that no-one missed out on a Club "Donation".

Announcements

President Ray Wilson

- Wanted to keep Club Business to a minimum
- 2 commitment sheets available:-
 1. International Night
 2. Restaurant Night at Mancini's
- Winners of the putting Competition were
 1. Ray McCluskie
 2. Peter Smith
 3. Tom Phelan

Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

20 March	Paul White
21 March	A Bala and Adrian Risi
22 March	Maree McDougall
24 March	Guru Singh

Anniversaries

23 March	Joe & Sharon Saad Adrian Risi & Angelina Canturi
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Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

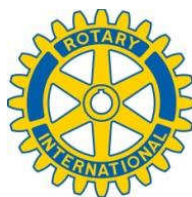
Raffle prize vouchers were kindly Donated by:

Bendigo Bank Homebush



27 Rochester Street Homebush

CLUB STATISTICS	13/03/2013
Members	26
Apologies	10
Silent - no apologies	12
LOA	1
85'ers	3
	52
Partners	7
Guests	13
TOTAL ON NIGHT:	46
Make-Ups:	
Nil advised	0
Raffle	\$304.65
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$183.60
Putting Competition	\$53.50
	\$541.75



Rotary News

Rotary Foundation Annual Report 2011 - 2013
(Extracts)

This past year was one of major accomplishments for Rotary and your Rotary Foundation.

Extraordinary progress was made toward the eradication of polio. We made history when India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries — leaving just Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. A difficult road lies ahead, but thanks to the commitment and generosity of Rotarians and friends, we are confident that Rotary will lead the way toward a polio-free world.

We also expanded Rotary's reach in new and effective ways by entering into partnerships with Mercy Ships and UNESCO-IHE. And we built on our record of humanitarian service by continuing our strong relationships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, Aga Khan University, Oikocredit and the Rotary Peace Centres.

Over half a million young people worldwide participated in our New Generations programs. Their involvement in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotaract and Interact clubs, and RYLA events helped them develop skills that they'll need to become service-minded community and global leaders - and future Rotarians.

In 2012, The Rotary Foundation also earned top marks from several independent charity evaluators, including the American Institute of Philanthropy, Charity Navigator and the Wise Giving Alliance.

As we look ahead, we can be proud of all that Rotarians have accomplished I encourage you to review our annual report carefully, and to share it with others who may be interested in joining, partnering with, or donating to Rotary.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
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

Thank you for helping Rotary achieve lasting change in your community and around the world.

Providing clean water

An estimated two million people die every year from waterborne diseases, and more than one billion lack access to clean water. Residents of Makoor, Kerala, India, (below) show the effects of years of drinking and cooking with highly fluoridated water.

Clean water brings better health

The residents of Patari, a village in Uttar Pradesh, are among 25 million people in India who suffer the consequences of fluorosis, an irreversible condition caused by elevated levels of fluoride in drinking water. The painful effects of fluorosis can include bone deformities, calcification of ligaments and tendons, and osteosclerosis (abnormal bone density). Dental effects include mottling and erosion of tooth enamel.

“The fluoride, because of its strength, rots teeth and destroys bones,” says Maurice Halliday, past governor of District 1020 (Scotland). The Scottish Rotarians worked with District 3110 (parts of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, India) to provide fluoride filters to 60 families in Patari through a Rotary Foundation grant-funded project.

The \$40,000 project also provided toilets, safe drinking water, and hygiene training to eight schools serving about 2,300 students in Uttar Pradesh. WHO estimates that almost one-tenth of global disease could be prevented by improving the water supply, sanitation, hygiene, and better management of water resources.

Growing local economies

An estimated 878 million people — nearly half of them employed — live on less than \$1.25 a day. Rotarians bring economic and community development to impoverished communities through projects that provide vocational training, support local entrepreneurs and community leaders, and more.

Investing in people

Nijad K. Al Atassi, past governor of District 2450 (parts of Africa, the Middle East, Cyprus, and

Georgia) feels so strongly about vocational service, he made it a district wide priority.

“Vocational service is important because it enhances values and faith in ethics,” says Al Atassi, a member of the Rotary Club of Adliya, Bahrain.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt, rose to the challenge by focusing on microcredit loans, literacy classes, and a sewing workshop for low-income community members, especially women, to start businesses and learn work skills. Shown above are Rotarians Adel el Nokali, Heba Kabel, and Magdy Samaha visiting with a beneficiary who used her small loan to build a kiosk where she sells biscuits and cakes

Club members made loans of about \$85 each to 20 entrepreneurs to launch small food or cleaning businesses. The loans were paid back in installments over the course of a year, and the money was then loaned out again — turning the club’s initial investment of about \$1,700 into a sustainable microcredit program.

Saving mothers and children

About 29,000 children under the age of five — 21 each minute — die every day, mainly from preventable causes. The Ukrainian Children’s Cardiac Center, created by Rotarians from Ukraine, Australia, Canada, and the United States, provides surgery to children with congenital heart disease.

Doing good in Ukraine

Even as pediatric heart surgeries became commonplace in Western Europe, Ukrainian children with congenital heart defects continued dying.

Rotarian and heart surgeon Dr. Ilya Yemets remembers this difficult time in the immediate post-Soviet years: “We were in a very poor condition. I thought, ‘Why do the Ukrainian children have no chance for survival?’”

Ukrainian Rotarians, with help from Rotary clubs in Australia, Canada, and the United States, answered the call by creating the Ukrainian Children’s Cardiac Center in Kyiv in 1992. Equipped with modern facilities, doctors have been able to diagnose and perform surgeries on some 1,400 children under age two. Watch these children celebrate their new chance at life.

Social Evening



Strathfield Golf Club
13.3.13
Photos Bradley Ayres