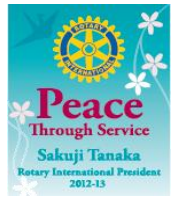




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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

TONIGHT'S MEETING

"Inside Pine Gap"

David Rosenberg



David was employed as a civilian by the United States National Security Agency (NSA) for 23 years, completing his last 18 years with the Agency in Operations at the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap in

Alice Springs. When he left in 2008, he was the United States government's longest serving technical liaison officer in Australia. He became an Australian citizen in 2009.

David was trained in Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) and has over 20 years experience in the Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) community, evaluating the function, capabilities, performance, and vulnerability assessment of all types of radar, associated weapon systems such as Surface-to-Air Missiles (SAMs), ballistic missiles, and cruise missiles, and countermeasure techniques / tactics. He has 18 years experience with all aspects of satellite surveillance resources, assets, equipment, and recording techniques and over 20 years experience in the production and reporting of intelligence across the global Intelligence Community.

On 27 June, Hardie Grant Publishers released his book, *Inside Pine Gap*, the first book written about Pine Gap by an individual who held the top secret security clearance that allowed him to work inside Operations. His book details the intelligence collection mission at Pine Gap and the partnership between Australia and the United States that has made Pine Gap the most important satellite ground site in the Intelligence Community.

Last Week's Meeting:

Guest Speakers were Allan Teale (New Generations Service Director) and Peter Smith (Treasurer), who spoke about their lives.

Allan Teale was born in Dubbo, NSW and went to school at Cobar High School. At school he played Rugby Union where he played against a team from HMAS Vampire. He decided to join the Navy instead of heading into the local mines. He completed his schooling with the Navy and first served on HMAS Vampire in the far-east. During this time he helped with the evacuation of Timor to Darwin after the Indonesian invasion. A transfer to submarines was delayed by a Bicentennial Trip on the Vampire to the USA. After serving in submarines Allan received a back injury that caused his medical discharge from the Navy. It was while working in Alexandria that Allan received an invitation to join Rotary. The invitation was arranged by his father who was a dedicated Rotarian. At Alexandria he met Max Douglas who invited him to move over to the

Strathfield Rotary Club. He was then working in Real Estate in Strathfield and eventually opened his own office. Allan completed his Real Estate Licence and Valuer's Registration and decided to try University. Allan is currently working towards a PHD with a thesis on "The Benefits Versus Costs of Transport for Infrastructure".

Peter Smith lived in Maitland as a child, but with many bouts of pneumonia, he was sent as a 2 year old to live with his grand-parents at Collarenebri for a few years. During this time his family moved to a property near Tamworth. Peter contracted polio and was sent to Gloucester House at RPA for treatment that caused him to miss 2 years of schooling. He completed his Intermediate Certificate by correspondence from hospital. He wanted to become a plumber like his father but instead joined the Commercial Bank of Australia (CBA) in Tamworth. He progressed through various branches in NSW for 11 years until joining a number of finance companies. In 1987, with two others, he started a finance company, "Selected Financial Growth Broking. In 1994 his two partners left Peter as a sole trader. Peter has served on committees with Girl Guides and Santa Sabina, originally to support his daughter but he spent more time involved with them than his daughter. Peter also served for 11 years on Strathfield Council – and Carnarvon Golf Club for 11 years.

Announcements

President Ray Wilson

- Attended the District Presidents' Meeting last Friday.
- Unanimous vote to accept changes to Districts this year.
- 28th February 2013 is the District Golf Championship and only 8 nominations received.
- Raffle tickets need to be returned sold or unsold

Treasurer Peter Smith

- Approximately 10 outstanding dues to be paid to date.
- Raffle raised \$220.

President Elect Suzanne Freund

- Met with Club Members from Clubs that will be in our new district.

Roger Vince

- Attended Meriden Interact and they will have their Interact Dance on 17th May to raise funds for SOS Children's' Charity.

Raymond McCluskie

- Reminder to register for the District Conference in March.
- The challenging debate team for the Great Debate on the 8th May is now being formed,
- All Club Committees are now shown on the Website.

Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

5 March Maria Revelos

Anniversaries

2 March Umesh and Anuradha Kamkolkar

Rotary Anniversaries

1 March George Helou

Congratulations to the winners of last week's raffle.

Raffle prize vouchers were kindly donated by Homebush Florist:



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CLUB STATISTICS	20/02/2013
Members	29
Apologies	9
Silent - no apologies	10
LOA	1
85'ers	3
	52
Partners	0
Guests	2
TOTAL ON NIGHT:	31
Raffle	\$220.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$138.85
	\$358.85

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
6/3/2013	Strathfield Rotary & New District “ Looking Forward – Looking Back” (Partner’s Night)
13/3/2013	Club BBQ Social Evening and Partners night Casual dress – minimal Rotary business Strathfield Golf Club Veranda
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
28/2/2013	Rotary District Charity Golf Day Strathfield Golf Club Shot gun start at 12.30 following Lunch (11.30 am)

3/3/2013	“Clean up Australia Day” BBQ
March TBC	Restaurant night TBA
13/4/2013	Rotary International Dinner Strathfield Golf Club
25/4/2013	ANZAC DAY Service Cape Cabarita
17/5/2013	Meriden Interact Dance
25/5/2013	Rotary BBQ Bunnings Lidcombe
26/5/2013	Red Shield Appeal

Thought for the week

"The only one who got everything done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe."

Life and times of Paul Harris



One day in the fall of 1900, Paul P. Harris met attorney Bob Frank for dinner in a well-off neighborhood on the North Side of Chicago. They took a walk around the area and stopped at shops along the way. Harris was impressed by how Frank had made friends with many of the shopkeepers.

Since moving to Chicago to set up his law practice, Harris had not encountered the kind of camaraderie that Frank enjoyed with his fellow businessmen. He wondered whether there was a way to channel and expand this type of fellowship, which reminded him of the New England town where he'd grown up.

The thought persisted that I was experiencing only what had happened to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others in the great city ... I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it.

-- Paul P. Harris, *My Road to Rotary*

Eventually, Harris persuaded other local businessmen to meet and discuss forming a club for commercial trade, community, and fellowship. His vision laid the foundation for the Rotary of today.

Historic Moments: The first four Rotarians

By Susan Hanf and Jason Lamb
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The first four Rotarians -- Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, Paul P. Harris.

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men

and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship. Read about each of the first four Rotarians below, and about Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the "fifth Rotarian."

Rotary's founder, **Harris**, was born in Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947."

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on 23 May 1918. A Rotarian for only a few years, **Shorey** served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was born in Maine in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery. Originally from Michigan, **Ruggles** was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, president from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, H.L. Ruggles & Co., printed the first issue of *The National Rotarian* and the first Rotary songbook. He died on 26 October 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.