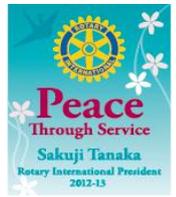




# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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Wednesday, 28 November 2012

## November is Rotary Foundation Month

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

#### Club Assembly

The club assembly is a meeting of all club members, including the club's officers, directors, and committee chairs, held for the purpose of conferring on the program and activities of the club or for membership education. All club members are urged to attend. The club president, or other designated officer, presides at these meetings. Club assemblies are held when the governor or assistant governor visits and at other appropriate times. Clubs also are encouraged to hold a club assembly immediately after the district assembly and the district conference in order to receive reports on the programs and activities throughout the district.

#### Last Week

Another successful Strathfield Rotary Club, Pride of Workmanship Awards night with six very worthy awardees.



The six awardees were:



**Samantha Kelley**  
– NSW Police Force



**Carl Imer**  
– Grahame True Electrician Pty Ltd



**Veronica Murphy**  
– Western Sydney Institute, TAFE NSW



**Diane Merrilees**  
– Australian Catholic University



**Maria Sorras**  
- Newington Public School



**Veronica Murphy** was the successful awardee to receive the Ray Sherry Award and was presented with the perpetual shield by President Ray and Mrs Nancy Sherry.



**Brian Milosevich**  
–Strathfield Golf Club

#### **Last Week's Meeting Announcements**

**President Ray** reminded members of the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The 2012 annual general meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2012 at Strathfield Golf Club and will be chaired by PDG David Croft. It will form part of the regular club meeting for that week, commencing at the usual time of 6:15 for 6:30 pm. There will be no guest speaker.

Club officers for the 2013-2014 year will be elected at the meeting. Please contact Secretary Joe Saad to obtain a nomination form.

The Christmas Party to be held on 12 December promises to be a great night with a buffet dinner, an entertainer and music. Cost will be \$45 per person. A commitment sheet will be circulated tonight.

Meeting Statistics Last Week	21/11/2012
Members	29
Apologies	13
Silent - non apologies	5
LOA	3
85'ers	3
	<b>53</b>

<b>Guests:</b>	
Partners	10
Guests	25
Total attendance	<b>64</b>
Raffle	\$631.00
Sergeant	-
	\$631.00

**Apologies:**

Peter Foss, Angelo Franco, Connie Galletta, Ted Ingall, Eric Khu, Joseph Kim, Andrew Kowalski, Tony Lanzafame,  
Raymond McCluskie, Terry Rohan, Stephen Taylor, Roger Vince & Janelle Watson

**CONGRATULATIONS during the next week**

**Birthdays**

28 November Rod McDougall  
29 November Eric Khu  
30 November Kathy Beresford  
3 December Roger Vince, Angela White, Toni Virgona

**Anniversaries**

25 November Allan and Kate Teale

**Rotary Anniversaries**

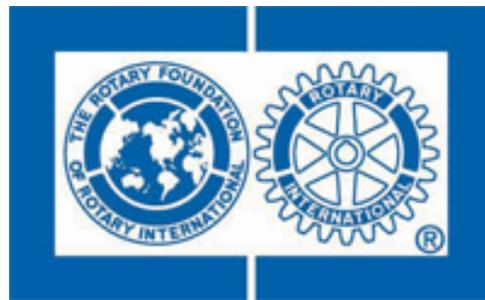
29 November Trevor Duxbury  
30 November Terry Rohan, Guru Singh, Bill Carney  
1 December Ross Brown, Paolo Giammarco, Peter Manenti, Keith Byrn

**FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS**

Date	Presentation
<b>5/12/2012</b>	AGM
<b>12/12/2012</b>	Adults Christmas Party
<b>19/12/2012</b>	Children's Christmas Party

**FUTURE CLUB EVENTS**

Date	Event
<b>8/12/2012</b>	Carols in the Park Strathfield Park
<b>9/1/2013</b>	Croquet & BBQ Evening Strathfield
<b>16/1/2013</b>	Fellowship Dinner TBA
<b>30/1/2013</b>	Normal Meeting format recommences
<b>28/2/2013</b>	District Golf Day Shot gun start following Lunch



**The Rotary Foundation**

**November is Foundation Month**

*We take so much for granted as we enjoy our privileged life. Water streams from every one of the 16 or so taps in our houses, medical aid is just around the corner, a strong and active education system provides a future for all our children and with the exception of a few, we want for nothing. How different it is for one-third of the world's population! Including our efforts in the area of polio eradication, your Foundation provided something like \$180 million last year to support clubs and districts in their efforts to 'do good in the world'. If you add the money supplied by clubs and districts to complete these projects we would have a conservative spend of something like \$450 million so we are not a small, insignificant organization. We are a highly relevant significant group and we should never fail to make that point with our friends.*

*Nothing ever comes cheap and everything The Foundation does costs money. When the money runs out so does our ability to make a difference. Clubs can take the bull by the horns and agreed to pay their TRF commitment now rather than wait until the traditional 'rush' period of June.*

*We can also help as individuals. Those of us with Centurion commitments who aren't tied into a scheduled payment plan could consider paying this*

month. It's only \$100 per person but collectively it has the power to do so much. Those of us who haven't yet made the Centurion' leap of faith' might give the possibility a little extra thought. That extra \$\$1.92 a week can make such a difference to the people depending on us for a better life.

### **Mercy's Village provides an education to orphans of war, AIDS in Uganda**

By Brad Webber

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Top: Jeami Duncan with Mercy, the child who inspired her to start the school. Bottom: Students at Mercy's Village International primary school in Gulu, Uganda, play outside during physical education.

Jeami Duncan first heard about the atrocities in Uganda from a friend who had served on a mission there.

"The stories were unbelievable," says Duncan, who was working in human resources at an information technology firm at the time, in the mid-2000s. Her friend recounted the plight of tens of thousands of

children conscripted and brainwashed by a maniacal rebel leader who forced them to carry out heinous acts, including orders to murder their siblings and drink blood from their victims' crushed skulls.

"She told me about the night commuters, who would walk miles into town to find a safe place to sleep to avoid being abducted or murdered by the rebels" – that is, by the cultish Lord's Resistance Army, led by Joseph Kony, whose actions displaced millions of people in Uganda and neighboring countries. "I thought it was crazy. It was a huge human migration that happened on a nightly basis."

Duncan decided to go to Uganda herself. "She is one of those people who, when a commercial comes on about Africa or sponsoring children, she won't look away," says her husband, Paul.

When Duncan made her first trip, in 2006, Kony's forces were omnipresent in Gulu, the northern city where she stayed. (Kony remains at large and is wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of crimes against humanity.)

"I signed up with Life Connections International for the trip. Nobody else signed up," Duncan says. "I never thought about how dangerous it was. When I got there, I stayed with a missionary couple. They had to check on the conditions of the only road into Gulu. The rebels ambushed cars, blew them up, and burned the occupants alive."

On her first day, she went to a camp for 20,000 displaced persons. "I was the naive American," says Duncan, who brought a suitcase full of candy, clothes, and other goods donated by her church. "Within five minutes, I was completely overwhelmed. As I was handing out clothes, mothers were handing me naked babies.

"The children were so malnourished," she recalls. "They are lucky to get one meal in three days. Every night I heard personal stories about the war, and every story was a brutal murder story. There was no hope in people's eyes," she says. "I came home devastated. Those images kept running through my head. I asked a lot of questions. What can one person do?"

Duncan, now 31 and a member of the Rotary Club of El Segundo, California, USA, spent five years planning and fundraising. Today, 136 children – most of them orphaned by war or AIDS – are receiving an education through Mercy's Village International primary school. The school, which opened in 2011, has students ages five to nine in the first, second, and third grades and aims to add a grade each year, through grade seven.