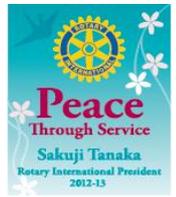




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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January was Rotary Awareness month - emphasising the importance of Rotary information to club members and awareness of Rotary in the community.

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



Competition in progress

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say & do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Social Activities during January.

On 16 January a number of members enjoyed an evening of croquet and a "sausage sizzle" at the Strathfield Croquet Club. Whilst the number of members in attendance was low those that did attend enjoyed the experience of swinging a croquet mallet, some even managed to hit the in the right direction.



Raymond McCluskie offers advice to wife Anne while Janice & Roger Vince listen intently



Suzanne & Kevin Freund with President Ray Wilson



(L to R) Romolo Adorma, Charles Casucelli, Trevor Duxbury and Grahame True

Strathfield Croquet Club

Strathfield Croquet Club (a Mallet Sports Club) will be holding three separate **Twilight Courses on 'Beginner Croquet'**. The cost of a Course is \$60 per person, payable at the start of the Course. Each two hour class includes activities and some game experience, so that participants can develop basic skills as a Malleter, and learn some strategies, to enhance their enjoyment of the game. Learning should be fun! In addition, participants will receive a Croquet book which explains the basic terms used in our Sport, and the book also briefly describes some of the popular games played at our Club. It is best to wear casual clothes to suit the climate and activity (wear sunhat,

sunglasses, and bring a water bottle). Flat shoes are essential.

The Course will be conducted over 5 weeks.

The Commencement Date/Time of each Course is as follows:

Course 1 begins: Thursday, 17th January, at 4.00 pm (deferred start Thursday 24th January)

This will depend on response/interest shown

Course 2 begins: Sunday, 3rd February, at 4.00pm

Course 3 begins: Monday, 11th February, at 4.00pm

Bookings will be essential. Email: krbridger@bigpond.com or phone Ruth on 9736 3410

For more information, view: <http://strathfieldcroquet.wordpress.com/about>

Fellowship Dinner

On 23 January 2013 at Adrian Risi and his wife Angelina were our hosts at their Restaurant, IL Locale Restaurant, Haberfield. A pleasing number of members and guests attended and enjoyed fine Italian food and wine.



Adrian & Angelina



Members enjoying lots of conversation and lots of red wine at IL Locale Restaurant

Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries during the past few weeks and next week:

Birthdays

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| 31 December | Niall King |
| 9 January | Linda Isouard |
| 10 January | Marlene Smith |
| 18 January | Carole King |
| 20 January | Connie Lanzafame |
| 4 February | Peter Foss |
| | Romolo Adorma |
| 5 February | Ted Ingall |

Anniversaries

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| 4 January | Stephanie & Terry Rohan |
| 12 January | Peter & Margery Foss |
| 14 January | Grahame & Penny True |
| 30 January | Anne & Peter Manenti |
| | Pat & Paul Giammarco |
| 1 February | Peter & Marlene Smith |

Rotary Anniversaries

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| 20 January | Stephen Taylor |
| 24 January | Paul White |
| 1 February | Peter Foss |
| | Charles Pitt |
| | Tony Lanzafame |
| | Rod McDougall |

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
30/1/2013	Normal meeting commences Speaker – TBA
6/2/2013	TBA
13/2/2013	TBA

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
28/2/2013	District Golf Day Strathfield Golf Club Shot gun start at 12.30 following Lunch(11.30 am)

Add your photo. Save a child from polio.

Rotary International's innovative campaign to develop the World's Biggest Commercial to raise public awareness about polio eradication has struck a chord with the largest pharmaceutical trade group in the United States, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). It's donating US\$50,000 to Rotary's PolioPlus program to spur participation in the

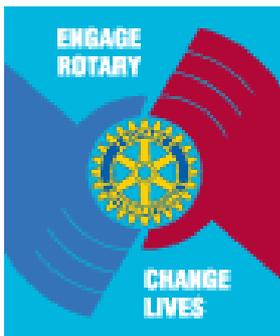
commercial, which can provide oral vaccine to protect more than 83,000 children against this paralyzing disease.

Participants in the World's Biggest Commercial simply upload photos of themselves making the "this close" gesture with their fingers -- as in, "We are this close to ending polio" -- to the ever-expanding promotional spot at Rotary's [End Polio Now](#) website. In doing so, they'll rub "virtual shoulders" with such celebrities and notables as Bill Gates, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jane Goodall, Amanda Peet, Jack Nicklaus, Jackie Chan, PSY and other high-profile Rotary Ambassadors for Polio Eradication.

Since launching the campaign on World Polio Day, 24 October, more than 4,500 people in more than 116 countries have joined the online initiative by adding their names and photos to the World's Biggest Commercial. Beginning 1 February, highlights from the World's Biggest Commercial will air in Times Square, New York City, one of the world's busiest locations.

In addition to helping Rotary set a new Guinness World Record, every person who joins the commercial can choose to add their name to a petition urging the world's governments to provide the \$5.5 billion needed to finish the job and end polio forever.

'Engage Rotary, Change Lives' is the 2013-14 RI theme



RI President-elect Ron Burton will ask Rotarians to Engage Rotary, Change Lives in 2013-14. He unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2013 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, the annual training event for incoming district governors.

"If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every

single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that each one of us here has today," Burton said. "We need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued."

Burton said the July launch of The Rotary Foundation's new grant model, Future Vision, makes it an exciting time to be a Rotarian. He said the new grant model, which has been used by about 100 pilot districts since 2010, represents a new era for the Foundation, and will help Rotarians get excited about Rotary's ability to change lives.

"It takes everything that is wonderful about Rotary and raises it to a new level — by encouraging bigger, more sustainable projects while providing increased flexibility for local projects, both of which address the needs of the community being served," he said.

Burton asked the incoming district governors to take the lead in helping their clubs through the transition, with the assistance of their district Rotary Foundation chairs.

Before the assembly, Burton asked each of the incoming governors to make a donation in their name to The Rotary Foundation in order to demonstrate leadership by example. At the assembly, he announced that all 537 governors-elect had complied; along with donations from all RI Board members and Foundation Trustees, the contributions totaled US\$675,412.

"Now, I have to believe that some of this is money that The Rotary Foundation probably would not have received had I not asked. And I think that this is an important lesson" he said. "If you want somebody else to do something, you can just sit around and wait for them to get the idea, or you can ask."

Burton applied that lesson also to membership development, which he insisted is the responsibility of every Rotarian. He went on to join Rotary simply because the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, invited him to.

"You have to ask," he said.

But Burton emphasized that the job doesn't end when a new member joins: "It's not done until that new member is engaged in Rotary, inspired by Rotary, and uses the power of Rotary service to change lives."