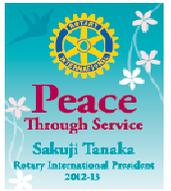




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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



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Wednesday, 6 March 2013

March is Literacy month - emphasising Rotary's ongoing commitment to promoting literacy and numeracy.

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Strathfield Rotary & New District -
 "Looking Forward – Looking Back"

Last Week's Meeting:
 Guest Speaker David Rosenberg
 "Inside Pine Gap"

David spoke to us about his career with the United States National Security Agency (NSA) which he joined in 1990. He spent 4 years working in Washington and then a further 18 years as an analyst at Pine Gap, 22 kilometres from Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

Some of the areas he spoke about included;

- What is Pine Gap?
- When, why and how it was established.
- Why in Alice Springs.
- What might Pine Gap look for?

The facility is a joint operation between USA and Australia with approximately 160 operations staff of which approximately 60% are from the US.

David's presentation was professionally delivered and it was fascinating listen to his experiences.

David was introduced by Allan Teale and thanked by Past President Peter Smith.



President Ray and David Rosenberg

David has released a 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. David had a few books on hand and a number of Rotarians took the opportunity to purchase copies.



Rotarian Chris Virgona, President Ray and David Rosenberg.

Announcements

President Ray Wilson

- 28th February 2013 is the District Golf Championship and only 18 players registered a very disappointing response.
- Club BBQ evening and partners night on 13 March 2013, casual dress and minimal Rotary business

Treasurer Peter Smith

- Still a few outstanding dues to be paid
- Raffle raised \$220
- Letter and \$250 donation received from Emmanuel Vatalis on behalf of Bendigo Bank, Homebush. The donation is 10 x \$25 dinner vouchers for the purpose of weekly raffle prizes.
- Reminder re Clean up Australia BBQ on 3 March. Details and times have been emailed to all those who have volunteered for the day.

Anuradha Kamkolkar

- Korean Theme Night 13 April 2013 at Strathfield Golf Club, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm \$60 per person.
- Restaurant night at Mancini's in Belfield is being arranged later this month.

Tony Lanzafame

- Preparation and planning for the Youth Awards night in conjunction with Strathfield Council on 15 May 2013 is progressing well.

Past President Kevin Freund

- Has been in contact with John Leftwich and pleased to advise his property in Kiama suffered no damage in recent storm which caused major damage to properties in parts of Kiama overnight on 23 February 2013.

Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

6 March	Maria Kowalski
7 March	Chris Virgona
8 March	Kate Teale

Anniversaries

10 March	Bradley and Cheryl Ayres
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Rotary Anniversaries

9 March	Umesh and Anuradha Kamkolkar
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Congratulations to the winners of last week's raffle.

Raffle prize vouchers were kindly donated by:

Bendigo Bank Homebush



27 Rochester Street Homebush

and Homebush Fruit Bowl:



17 Rochester St, Homebush NSW 2140
(02) 9746 6871

CLUB STATISTICS	27/02/2013
Members	31
Apologies	9
Silent - no apologies	8
LOA	1
85'ers	3
	52

Partners	0
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Guests	2
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TOTAL ON NIGHT:	33
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Raffle	\$220.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$156.35
	\$376.35

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
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
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

As Rotary celebrates its'108th anniversary, gains against polio continue.

Rotary's 108th anniversary on 23 February marked a year of both achievements in the fight to eradicate polio and a stepped-up commitment to finish the job.

Worldwide, 222 polio cases were reported in 2012, a little more than one-third of the 650 cases reported in 2011. India marked its second year without polio on 13 January. Overall, the annual incidence of polio has decreased more than 99 percent since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched in 1988. Then polio infected about 350,000 children per year.

District Golf Day

It was disappointing that from the whole of District 9690 only 18 Golfers turned out to play in the annual District Golf Day. All happened to be from Strathfield Rotary club, therefore as a result, Strathfield reclaimed the "Shield". Despite the wet and windy conditions everyone involved had a good day.

As a result of raffle sales and the golf day, President Ray was able to present District Governor Keith Roffey with a cheque for \$3,000.00 as a donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Congratulations to Charles Pitt, raffle prize winner of the Samsung television and Roger Vince, winner of the travel bag.

A big thanks to President Ray, supported by Rotarian Niall King, for their hard work over many many weeks to organize the event.



District Golf Day 2013

**A great day for a great cause
(despite a drop of rain!)**

