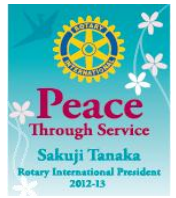




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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August is Membership & Extension Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

The "Great Debate"

"Bribery is sometimes acceptable"

Affirmative team: Joe Saad (captain), Paul White and Keith Stockall

Negative team: Rod Rimes (captain), Emmanuel Vatalis and Andrew Kowalski

Adjudicator: Paul Sarks from Rotary Club of Burwood

RAY'S PUTTS

Last week's speaker was Tony Burke, the member for Watson and Minister for sustainability, environment, water, population and communities. The seat of Watson encompasses three quarters of the Strathfield Municipality and Tony has been the federal member since 2004.

Tony is an old boy of St Patricks College and he has also visited our club about 22 years ago when we used to meet at the Bowling Club. Thanks for a most enjoyable and informative talk.

Kellie Krane informed the club that the scheduled ACU BBQ will not go ahead as the Associate Vice-Chancellor would like to utilise the campus canteen for their open day. Kellie apologised for the inconvenience to the club and hopes to work with us in the future.

President Ray



Meeting Statistics Last Week

1/08/2012

Members	27
Apologies	12
Silent - non apologies	8
LOA	2
85'ers	3
	52

Guests:	
Hon. Tony Burke	1
Anne Sinclair	1
Romolo Adorno	1
	3

Raffle	\$190.00
Sergeant	\$112.35
	\$302.35

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

1 August Pam Singh

4 August Grace Kim

Anniversaries

Nil

Raffle Winners

- Domenic Alvaro
- Keith Stockall
- Rod Rimes

LAST WEEK'S MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT RAY Reminded the club this was the first night with the new our caterer who will charge for meals based on numbers advised by the club regardless of actual numbers if less. President Ray impressed upon members that it was imperative members advise apologies before 4pm Tuesday via **Email: brontin@bigpond.com**

Subsequent to last week's meeting Peter Smith in his capacity as, Acting Catering Officer, sent an email relating to discipline in respect of attendance apologies. An extract is reproduced below at the request of the President;

"As President Ray announced at last Wednesday's meeting – there is a new caterer at Strathfield Golf Club.

The change in caterer has some ramification for Strathfield Rotary:

- 1) *We will now have pay to pay for meals for "no shows". For example if we book for say 35 and only 30 turn up – we now have to pay for 35 (a loss to the club of \$125 in this example).*
- 2) *Conversely, if we book for 35 and 40 turn up – the last 5 members may or may not get a meal.*
- 3) *Subsequently, we now need to more accurately forecast attendance at our dinner meeting.*

This matter will be discussed more fully at the August Board meeting - but in the meantime it is now more imperative than ever that members:

- 1) *Notify Eric Khu (brontin@bigpond.com) if apologising by no later than the proceeding Tuesday, and;*
- 2) *Notify me by phone/SMS/Voicemail (0412 232 753) if you are a late apology by noon on the Wednesday.*
- 3) *If bringing a visitor, guest or partner can you please also advise Eric Khu or Peter Smith?*
- 4) *If you are an "irregular attendee" – can advise if you are attending?*
- 5) *If you are likely to be absent for any length of time please consider applying for LOA.*

Those on LOA, and most 85'ers, are easy to predict – but each week we have perhaps 8 or 9 who, for whatever reason, do not offer an apology.

Your cooperation in this matter will be of great benefit – and will help avoid any unnecessary cost to Rotary."

Joe Saad reported he had received a call from Anuradha Kamkolkar and wished to inform the club that Umesh had undergone cardiac by-pass surgery the previous day at Strathfield Private Hospital.

Joe also advised members the club receives many and varied requests for financial support by way of donations and it are his intention to circulate these from time to time at club meetings for general information of members.

Allan Teale together with Peter Smith met with representatives of Homebush Boys High School to strengthen links with our club and was delighted with the warm reception and enthusiasm.

Peter Smith reported most members have paid their half-yearly dues. There are still some however some regular late payers.

Grahame True Impressed upon the club the need for members to commit to the opportunity to fund raise at the two upcoming Eastern Creek events by selling programs.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
15/08/2012	Strathfield Girls High School
22/08/2012	Police Officer of the Year
29/08/2012	Michael Dillon Documentary Filmmaker
5/09/2012	Local Government Election in Strathfield

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

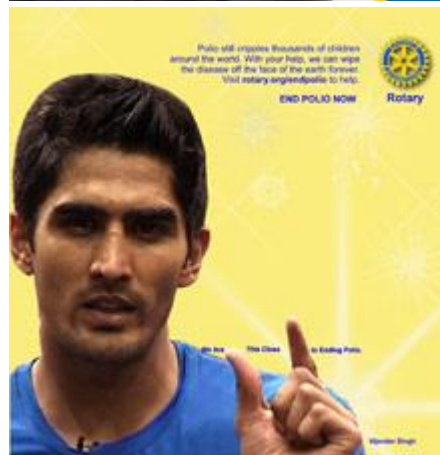
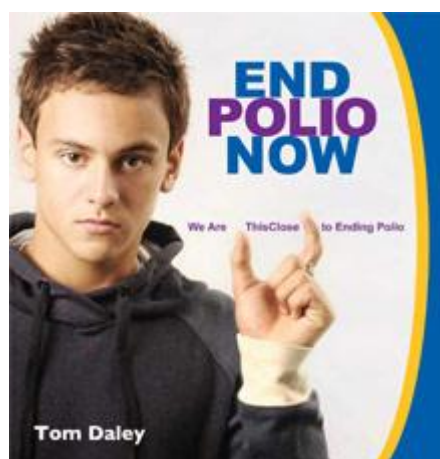
DATE	EVENT
20/08/2012	Meriden Interact Donation presentation in Wallis Hall @ 10.45 a.m.
25 & 26/8/2012	V8 Supercars - Program selling Eastern Creek
30/8/2012	Fellowship Evening Wok Inn - Homebush
2/09/2012	Muscle Cars- Program selling Eastern Creek
2/09/2012	Strathfield Spring Fair
8/9/2012	BBQ – Australian Catholic University

Rotary's role in India's success against polio draws global media coverage

The role played by Rotary International in helping India stop transmission of the wild poliovirus generated strong media coverage worldwide. News of India's milestone achievement of going one year without polio in January garnered more than 100 media placements that featured Rotary, representing nearly 250 million online visitors and a print circulation of over 10 million readers. Nearly 95 percent of the coverage of the milestone – by the Associated Press, The Economist, Financial Times, New York Times, Reuters, and other major media – mentioned Rotary's leading role in the achievement.

In February, the BBC featured a news story that highlighted Rotary's role in India. The BBC also carried several news stories, blog posts, and Twitter feeds related to Rotarians participating in the country's National Immunization Days. India's removal from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization was announced at Polio Summit 2012 by Ghulam Nabi Azad, the country's minister of Health and Family Welfare. Anticipating India's milestone achievement, the RI Communications Group launched an aggressive communications campaign to increase understanding of Rotary's leadership role in the country's success against polio and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, working with the GPEI partners, Rotary public image coordinators, and others.

Olympic athletes help Rotary promote polio eradication



Olympic diver Tom Daley is featured in "This Close" posters as part of a publicity campaign by the Rotary

Club of Plympton, Devon, England. Rotarians in India also lined up several members of Indian's Olympic team, including boxer Vijender Singh, for their "This Close" campaign.

The best athletes in the world have gathered in London for the 2012 Summer Olympics, and some of them are helping to spread the word about Rotary's campaign to rid the world of polio.

Rotarians in Plymouth, Devon, England, used a few connections to line up Olympic divers Tom Daley and Tonia Couch for "This Close" posters, which have been displayed around Plymouth and at the training facility used by Ghana's Olympic team.

Darren Hands, a member of the Rotary Club of Plympton, was put in contact with the athletes' coach by a photographer friend who takes pictures of the divers regularly. The coach was happy to approach Daley and Couch and help make arrangements, Hands says.

"We did the shoot quite early in the morning so as not to impede their training," he says. "We then produced various-size posters and postcards, as well as got the images printed in the local press and onto club and district websites."

District 1290 received a public relations grant to use Couch's image on bus advertisements around the counties of Devon and Cornwall to raise her image during the Olympics, promote Rotary's polio efforts, and help with a membership drive.

"The campaign has received a lot of praise," says Hands. "Together with the Rotary Club of Grantham's Swimathon, we were awarded the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) PR Award at our national conference back in April."

Other Olympic athletes participating in the "This Close" campaign are more than a dozen members of India's team, including members of the men's boxing, men's and women's weightlifting, and men's and women's wrestling teams.

Appealing to parents, wrestler Sushil Kum, a bronze medalist at the 2008 Beijing games, said: "In 1988, 500 children were getting affected by polio in India every day. Today, our country is reaching steadily toward eradication of polio. We need your help to win this fight."

And Vijender Singh, a member of the boxing team who won a bronze medal in Beijing, said: "Polio vaccine can save a child from polio paralysis. Let us ensure that children are not paralyzed by giving them the vital drops."

Home hosting and cleanup

Rotarians have displayed the Olympic spirit in other ways, as well. Tony Betts, a member of the Rotary Club of Redbridge, Greater London, volunteered to take part in home hosting organized through District 1130 and is playing host to a Rotarian couple from Jacksonville, Florida, USA, who are attending the games.

A Rotarian for six years, Betts says he has always been interested in the international aspect of Rotary and in meeting people from around the world. "It's why I've attended the RI convention every year since I became a member," he says. "I've always seen Rotary as bigger than just your local club."

Through an initiative of the RIBI Olympic Committee called Work for Purpose, more than 300 volunteers signed up to work as cleaners in the athletic village to raise money for various Rotary projects. One effort includes members of the Rotary clubs of Hatfield and Stevenage, Hertfordshire, whose work will benefit several local children's hospices.

Rotarians have also signed up to clean up after the games.

"Rotary and the Olympics share a common ethos," says Debbie Hodge, governor of District 1260. "That is the building of a more peaceful world."