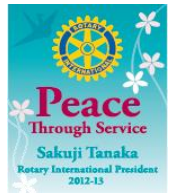




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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May is International Convention Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

The Great Debate

So it's a team from Breakfast Point Rotary Club and one from Strathfield Rotary Club to battle for supremacy.

The invincibles from Strathfield Rotary Club (For): PP Joe Saad, PP Keith Stockall and President nominee (2014-15) Allan Teale are pitted against the gladiators from Breakfast Point Rotary club (Against): Sergeant-at-Arms Douglas Pritchard, PP Alison Geddes and PP Stephen Britten.

The adjudicator will be PDG Paul Sarks, a member of the Rotary Club of Burwood.

The topic is:

Rotarians ask of themselves through the 4 Way Test: "Is it the truth?"

But does it have to be the absolute truth?

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

PP Stephen and Denise Taylor - "Around the World in 35 minutes"

Steve provided us with a sensational presentation of "Around the World in 35 minutes" which included many many photos accompanied by his expert commentary. Denise supported Steve by operating the projector and provision of commentary prompts where required.

PP Terry Rohan provided a vote of thanks on behalf of members and guests present.

Subsequent to last week's meeting, a particular Rotarian was heard to say "I am very grateful for Steve, as he has saved me a lot of time and money by not visiting places Steve rated with a negative score".

Announcements Last Week:

President Ray Wilson

- A reminder there will be a transfer meeting to Strathfield Men's shed on 29 May 2013. Thank you to those members who worked to make the ANZAC Day BBQ and service at Cape Cabarita such a successful event on this important occasion.

Niall King

- Two commitment sheets are circulating for BBQ duties on Saturday 4 May.
 1. Ride for Parkinson's 5.00 am to 9.00 am @Sydney Olympic Park.
 2. Ashfield Infants Home.

PP Joe Saad

- Circulated newsletter received from Ashfield Infants Home.
- Two nominations have been received from 2 students at Meriden School to attend RYPEN camp in May 2013.

PP Raymond McCluskie

- Conducted the "draw" to determine the affirmative and negative teams for the "great debate". Results being Strathfield the affirmative team and Breakfast Point the negative team.

PP Rod McDougall

- Reminded members of the membership information night coming up on 22 May and encouraged members to invite guests to attend. Our special guest speaker will be Damien Tudehope. Damien is the chief of staff to the attorney-general of NSW. For many years he practiced as a solicitor in Strathfield.

Tony Lanzafame

- Arrangements for the Youth Achievement Awards evening on 15 May are progressing and there will be 7 awardees on the night.

PDG David Croft

- Advised the ANZAC day BBQ resulted in a surplus of \$670. Whilst the day is always intended to operate as a break even event the surplus was due to generous donations from PP Peter Manenti and George Helou.

Congratulations to the following for their birthdays and anniversaries:

Birthdays

11 May Mary Ingall

Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

9 May Suzanne Freund

CLUB STATISTICS	1/05/2013
Members	31
Apologies	5
Silent - no apologies	9
LOA	3
85'ers	3
	51
Partners	6
Guests	2
TOTAL ON NIGHT:	39
Make-Ups:	
Anzac Day/Cape Cabarita	15
Raffle	\$245.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$151.55
	\$396.55

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
15/5/2013	<i>Youth Achievement Awards</i>
22/5/2013	<i>A membership information Evening</i> Guest Speaker - Damien Tudehope, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General and Minister for Justice
29/5/2013	Transfer Meeting – Strathfield Men’s Shed
5/6/2013	<i>Fellowship evening – “State of Origin”</i>
12/6/2013	<i>Partners Night – “Korean Banquet” \$35 p/p</i>
19/6/2013	<i>Trivia Night</i>
29/6/2013 (Saturday)	Club Changeover night

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
11/5/2013	Rotary Display – Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fair
17/5/2013	Meriden Interact Dance – Assist with supervision
25/5/2013	Rotary BBQ Bunnings Lidcombe
26/5/2013	Red Shield Appeal
2/6/2013	BBQ Lunch with Domenico & Joanne Alvaro in Bowral

Thoughts for the week:

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as you please. - Mark Twain

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance? - Phyllis Diller



RED SHIELD APPEAL

Red Shield Appeal – Sunday 26 May 2013

Members of the Strathfield Rotary assist in collecting money for the annual Red Shield Appeal.

The Red Shield Appeal is one of Australia's most respected charity events. Every year, members of the Club assist the local Salvation with door knocking. Monies raised assist the Salvos with their much needed community work.

Volunteer drivers/team leaders are urgently required to help, for 2-3 hours, on Sunday morning the 26 May. Please contact Peter Smith 0412 232 753 if you are able to help.



RI President Sakuji Tanaka

Monthly message - May 2013

Dear fellow Rotarians,

From the moment I was nominated as Rotary International president, I knew I would choose a theme that would focus on peace. This is why I planned three peace forums – to give Rotarians an opportunity to think about peace, to talk about peace, and to share their ideas on building peace together. The final Rotary Global Peace Forum takes place this month in Hiroshima, Japan.

We hear the word peace every day. But most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is. On its simplest level, we can define peace by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence, and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger, or persecution, or the suffering of poverty.

But we can also define peace by what it is, and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future – a life and home in a stable society. On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm.

However we use the word, however we understand peace, Rotary can help us to achieve it. Rotary helps us to meet the basic needs of others – to provide health care, sanitation, food, and education when and where they are most needed. It helps to meet the inner needs as well, for friendship, connection, and caring. And Rotary helps us to build peace in its most traditional sense, by reducing the causes of conflict. It builds bridges of friendship and tolerance among people and nations. It helps us to understand one another. However we define peace, whatever peace means to us, we can bring it closer through service. Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary. Peace is not something that can only be achieved through treaties, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find, and that we can achieve – every day, and in many simple ways. And so I thank you for your commitment to Peace.



Rotary receives top honors for Future Vision
Rotary News -- 26 April 2013



From left, RI President-elect Ron Burton and wife, Jetta, Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, Past RI President Luis Vicente Giay, RI President Sakuji Tanaka, RI General Secretary John Hewko, and Celia Elena Cruz de Giay at the awards banquet

Rotary has received silver Edison Award in recognition of the Future Vision Plan, the new grant model that enhances the scope, impact, and sustainability of humanitarian and educational projects funded by The Rotary Foundation.

Since 1987, the Edison Awards have recognized innovative new products, services and business leaders in the United States. The awards symbolize the persistence and excellence personified by Thomas Edison. Winners represent active contributors to the cause of innovation in the world.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka accepted the award during the annual Edison Awards gala held 25 April in Chicago, the city where Rotary was founded in 1905. The Future Vision Plan received top honors among funding models competing in the Lifestyle and Social Impact category. Nominee ballots were judged by a panel of more than 3,000, including members of seven associations that represent a wide range of industries and disciplines.

"This Edison Award recognizes and validates Rotary's innovative approach to humanitarian

service, as we constantly strive to improve lives and communities by addressing the world's most pressing problems," says Tanaka. "It is a great honor to accept such a prestigious award on behalf of Rotary's global membership of 1.2 million men and women."

The Edison Award coincides with the successful completion of a three-year pilot in which 100 Rotary districts in more than 70 countries tested Rotary's new grant model.

The Future Vision Plan simplifies Rotary's grant process, and focuses Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact. The model is innovative in combining Rotary's volunteer base and a global reach with local resources to support sustainable, high-impact results in communities all over the world. The model funds more than US\$100 million in service projects annually.

The new grant model will be implemented 1 July for Rotary clubs worldwide.

Rotary website, all Rotary networks will be unavailable 10-12 May for data center update

Rotary News -- 3 May 2013

All Rotary network systems will be unavailable over the weekend of 10-12 May for an important update to the data center. The shutdown will affect all systems at One Rotary Center including:

- Rotary's website
- Member Access
- The Rotary grants microsite
- Rotary Club Central
- Project Showcase
- E-mail and telephone systems
- Rotary Workgroups
- Global Payment System
- OneRotary Hub.

The installation of the backup system is scheduled to begin at 17:30 CDT on 10 May. Once completed, IT will begin powering up data center equipment, currently scheduled at 17:00 CDT 11 May, and testing systems to make sure they are functioning properly, a process that is expected to take some time. We thank you for your patience during this process.