



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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April is Magazine Month

TREV'S TIDINGS

"The United States is the greatest single achievement of European civilization."

Robert Balmain Mowat, The United States of America, 1938

This week, our guest speaker is Darion Akins from the United States Consulate General, whose topic is "Across Cultures". He is an inspirational speaker and I look forward to hearing what he has to say.

Last week Robert Chittick showed us why the Bendigo bank group is so successful and how it fosters links with local communities. Indeed, Strathfield Rotary has had a long association with the Homebush Community Bank, which has supported many of our functions. It was also reassuring to know what they do with our money while they have it in their care!

At the meeting last week I also raised the subject of welfare in the Club. PP Keith Byrn has replaced Eve Dutton, and joins Anuradha Kamkolkar and Charles Pitt as our Welfare Officers. As Keith said to me, we spend so much time and effort helping others, we should also think of helping our members. If any member feels the need for a sympathetic ear or a helping hand, then I urge them to contact our Welfare Officers and let them know. Remember, we are all members of the family of Rotary.

We are now into the final quarter of my year and we still have several significant events ahead of us, including the ANZAC Day Breakfast, the Youth Achievement Awards presentation night, our Membership night, the Strathfield Rotary Golf Day, and the Trivia night, culminating in our Changeover at the end of June. Look out for early announcements of these events and put them in your diary.

PE Ray is now beginning to plan his year. I am sure he would welcome any suggestions you might have to make it a successful one.

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
President Trevor

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Across Cultures

Darion Akins, Management Officer,
 United States Consulate General

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

10 Apr Allan Teale, Kevin Freund

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10 Apr Angelo and Maryanne Franco

11 Apr Ross and Joan Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Trevor Duxbury

- President Trevor bearing the Standard that led Strathfield Rotary at the District Conference Roman Banquet. The Conference was "enjoyable".



- Last District 9690 Conference next year at Campbelltown
- Club Welfare Officers available to all members
- **Commitment Sheets**
 1. 30/03/2012, BBQ at Homebush West Primary School
 2. 03/04/2012, Restaurant Night, Bankstown Sports Club
 3. 05/05/2012, Ashfield Infants Home BBQ, 11am to 2 pm
 4. Anzac Day Breakfast at Cape Cabarita

Director Kevin Freund (New Generations)

- Meriden Interact Dance 11th May
- Meriden Interact to run BBQ at Bunnings
- Selection of Candidates for RYPEN Camp

Director Bradley Ayres (Community Service)

- Thank you to BBQ volunteers
- Reminder to BBQ volunteers to confirm their attendance

Ray Wilson (President-Elect)

- TV Raffle for Ashfield Infants Home

Chris Virgona

- Membership Night 6th June

Steve Taylor

- Ashfield Infants Home has secured \$1.2M Federal Grant

Peter Revelos

- Strathfield Men's Shed looking for support for local projects

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
11/04/2012	The Adventures of a Teacher-in-Charge <i>Dan O'Carrigan</i>
18/04/2012	When the Dam Fills <i>Graham Attenborough</i> , Senior Manager Operations, Sydney Catchment Authority
25/04/2012	Anzac Day - No meeting. <i>Cape Cabarita Anzac Day Breakfast transfer</i>
2/05/2012	Three Dimensional Printing <i>Scott Thompson, Director, Any Dimension</i>
9/05/2012	Youth Achievement Awards <i>In conjunction with Strathfield Council</i>
6/06/2012	Membership Evening <i>Organised by Chris Virgona</i> <i>Prospective members welcome</i> Special guest speaker Phil Koperberg

CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 28/03/2012)

Attendance: -	28 members
Apologies: -	15
Non-Apologies: -	5
Guests:-	1
Make-ups:-	1
85'ers:-	4
LOA:-	3
Raffle	\$230.00
Sergeant	\$118.05



Community Banking, How It's Different, Why It Works
Robert Chittick, Regional Manager, Sydney Metro South, Bendigo Bank

FUTURE EVENTS

25/04/2012 Wednesday	Anzac Day Breakfast Cape Cabarita (Transfer Meeting)
3/05/2012 Thursday	Ashfield Infants Home Golf Day Strathfield Golf Club
5/05/2012 Saturday	BBQ Ashfield Infants Home Art Show 11:00am to 2:00pm
11/05/2012	Meriden Interact Dance
12/05/2012 Saturday	Strathfield May Fair Strathfield Square 10am to 4pm
18/05/2012	Hat Day For Mental Health Research The Red Hat ladies, in Martin Place. Anyone in a red hat is welcome to join at 1.00 pm
May 2012	Strathfield Rotary Club Charity Golf Day
29/06/2012 Friday	Club Changeover

Humour From Our Members

A little Scottish Humour

A woman goes to the Doctor in Glasgae, worried about her husband's temper and threatening manner.

The Doc asks: "What's the problem, Janet?"

The woman says: "Weeell Doctor Cameron, I dinae know what to do. Every time ma hubbie comes home pished, he threatens to slap me aroon'."

The Doctor says: "Aye, well... I have a real good cure for that.

When your husband arrives home intoxicated, just take a wee glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he goes to bed and is sound asleep."

Two weeks later she comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn. She says: "Doctor that was a effin brilliant! Evrae time ma hubbie came home pished, I swished with water. I swished an' swished, and he didnae touch me even once!

Tell me Doc...wha's the secret? How's the water do that?"

The Doctor says: "Janet hen, it's really nae big secret. The water does bugger all - it's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick..."

A Bachelor's Life

A mother's bachelor son invited her over for a meal. He had just gotten two new dogs and wanted his mom to see them.

When she sat down at the table, she noticed that the dishes were the dirtiest that she had ever seen in her life. "Have these dishes ever been washed?" she asked, running her fingers over the grit and grime.

"They're as clean as soap and water could get them," he answered.

She felt a bit apprehensive but started eating anyway.

The food was really delicious, and she said so, despite the dirty dishes.

When dinner was over, her son took the dishes, put them on the floor, whistled, and yelled, "Here, Soap! Here, Water!"

A Farmer's Life

A man was driving past a farm and saw a three-legged chicken running alongside his car. Suddenly, the chicken picked up speed and disappeared around the bend. The driver pulled to the side of the road and called to the farmer, "I just saw a three-legged chicken!"

"Oh, yes," said the farmer. "We have a bunch of 'em. We have three people in our family, and we all like drumsticks."

"Well, how do they taste?" asked the motorist.

"Dunno," said the farmer. "We can't catch any."