



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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January is Rotary Awareness Month

TREV'S TIDINGS

"Saying we're in a slow recovery, not a recession, is like saying we don't have any unemployment – we just have a lot of people who are really, really late for work."

Jay Leno, The Tonight Show

And a great time was had by all. That was the general feeling of the Rotarians and partners, 27 in all, who attended our third, annual croquet night. I would like to thank IPP Peter Smith and Marlene for organising the event, and to President Geoff Boyce, his wife Helen, and the members of the Strathfield Croquet Club for putting on a great show. Many thanks to Peter Smith and PP Grahame True for cooking the sausages and to the members of the croquet club for providing salads, cakes and coffee. We hope to be invited again next year.

The first two meetings of the new year have shown increasing attendances and I look forward to the trend continuing as the year progresses. This week is our first regular dinner meeting and the after dinner topic is "Debunking Economics", to be presented by Steve Keen from the University of Western Sydney. Given the events around the world in recent times it is a very timely subject.

February 1 sees our third Club Assembly of the year. Two of the topics I think we should discuss are Recruitment and Participation. If anyone has any other issues they would like raised please let secretary Rod or myself know so that we can structure the evening accordingly.

Then it's "Ahoj and all aboard HMAS Sydney" for our fundraiser on the 3rd February.

Remember
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

President Trevor

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Debunking Economics

Steve Keen (University of Western Sydney)

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

NIL

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

30 Jan **Anne and Peter Manenti,
Patricia and Paul Giammarco**
1 Feb **Peter and Marlene Smith**

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Feb **Peter Foss,
Charles Pitt,
Tony Lanzafame,
Rod McDougall**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2012/2013 Board of Strathfield Rotary

At the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7th December 2011, the 2012/2013 Board of the Strathfield Rotary Club was elected. The members elected are:-

**Anuradha Kamkolkar, Rod Rimes, Ray Wilson (President),
Suzanne Freund (President-Elect), Allan Teale,
Joe Saad (Secretary), David Martin, Niall King.**



Also elected, but not in the picture, was **PP Peter Smith** as **Treasurer**

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
1/02/2012	Club Assembly

CLUB STATISTICS from AGM 7/12/2011

<u>Attendance:</u> -	34 members
<u>Apologies:</u> -	6
<u>Non-Apologies:</u> -	11
<u>85'ers</u>	3
<u>LOA:-</u>	1
<u>Raffle</u>	\$230.00
<u>Sergeant</u>	\$118.30

FUTURE EVENTS

3/02/2012 **Sunset on the deck of HMAS Sydney**
FRIDAY from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. \$100pp

23/03/2012 **2012 District Conference**
Penrith Panthers.
Including Rotary Expo with over 30 stalls.
www.rotaryd9690conference.org.au



You're Invited!
Sunset on The Sydney
Fundraiser in support of The Infants' Home

Friday 3 February 2012 5:30 to 8:30 pm
Garden Island Dockyard, Cowper Wharf Road, Potts Point
Dress: Lounge / Cocktail
\$100 per person all inclusive



A rare opportunity to experience HMAS Sydney first hand as the guest of Captain Luke Charles-Jones and the crew. Enjoy a cocktail party and a special sunset ceremony on the flight deck. Tours of the vessel will be available.

RSVP Monday 23 January 2012
Peter Manenti
0408 968 719 or peter@mq.com.au

The Infants' Home: Providing each child every opportunity
Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Facts about Taxi Drivers.

A woman and her ten-year-old son were riding in a taxi in Sydney. It was raining and all the prostitutes were standing under the awnings.

"Mum," said the boy "what are all those women doing?"

"They're waiting for their husbands to get off work" she replied.

The taxi driver turns around and says "Geez lady, why don't you tell him the truth? They're hookers, boy! They have sex with men for money."

The little boy's eyes get wide and he says "Is that true Mum?"

His mother, glaring hard at the driver, answers in the affirmative.

After a few minutes, the kid asks "Mum, what happens to the babies those women have?"

"Most of them become taxi drivers" she said.

Engineers' Conversion Table

Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = **Eskimo Pi**

2000 pounds of Chinese soup = **Won ton**

1 millionth of a mouthwash = **1 microscope**

Weight an evangelist carries with God = **1 billigram**

16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = **1 Rod Serling**

Half of a large intestine = **1 semicolon**

1,000,000 aches = **1 megahurtz**

Basic unit of laryngitis = **1 hoarsepower**

Shortest distance between two jokes = **A straight line**

1 million-million microphones = **1 megaphone**

2 million bicycles = **2 megacycles**

2000 mockingbirds = **2 kilomockingbirds**

52 cards = **1 decacards**

1 kilogram of falling figs = **1 Fig Newton**

1000 milliliters of wet socks = **1 literhosen**

1 millionth of a fish = **1 microfiche**

1 trillion pins = **1 terrapin**

10 rations = **1 decoration**

100 rations = **1 C-ration**

2 monograms = **1 diagram**

4 nickels = **1 paradigms**

100 politicians = **Not 1 decision**

Golf Balls

A man got on the bus with both of his front trouser pockets full of golf balls, and sat down next to a beautiful young woman.

Puzzled, the woman kept looking at him and his bulging pants pockets.

Finally, after many such glances from her, the man looked at her and said, "It's golf balls".

The woman nodded, but continued to glance at the front of his trousers. Finally, no longer able to contain her curiosity, she asked him, "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"