



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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February is World Understanding Month

TREV'S TIDINGS

"University politics are vicious precisely because the stakes are so small."
Henry Kissinger

This week, we will learn a little more about, Paul White, through his Member Talk. In addition, we will have members of Meriden Interact telling us about their recent trip to Cambodia. I am really pleased that we have such a close association with Meriden Interact and I look forward to it continuing for many years to come. I know I speak for us all.

I would like to thank PDG David Croft, PDG Harley Tarrant, PP Rod McDougall, PP Peter Smith, PP Grahame True and Chris Virgona for helping out at the "End Polio Now" pin sale last week. Although not many pins were sold (although Chris excelled himself by selling 24, with Rod coming a close second, selling 18), I think it was a most useful exercise. We achieved significant exposure for the PolioPlus campaign and for Rotary in general. The Rotary Clubs of Breakfast Point and Concord had a similar experience to us with regard to pin sales, but they agreed that it had been a very worthwhile cooperative effort. Rod is already thinking of ways to improve such events. We have plenty of pins left so, if you know people who would be interested in supporting the polio eradication campaign, take some away and sell them.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation of the fine effort that Rod McDougall is putting into our speakers program this year. Last week, yet again, we had an excellent presentation, this time by Michael Waterhouse. Looking ahead I see little to blemish this impressive record.

A highlight of last week was the induction of our newest member, Emmanuel Vatalis. Please make him feel welcome in the family of Rotary. Although Cookie's Communiqué is in the e-news, there are a couple of points I want to bring to your attention. Yet another reminder about the District Conference. Final day for registration is Wednesday, February 29, although a few late entries may be able to be accommodated, but not much beyond the end of this week. Check out the website, www.rotaryd9690conference.org.au, for further information, including registration forms, program details and speaker profiles. DG David has also revealed that the District Governor Nominee 2014-15, for District 9675, is AG Barry Antees from Parramatta City. Finally, there is a new club in the area, the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, which already has about 38 members. David encourages everybody not to be too concerned about district boundaries and to treat this club as one of ours. Check out www.rotary-eclub-greatersydney.org.

Next week a number of representatives from Strathfield Council will tell us what the future holds for the Municipality. It is a topic that should be of interest to everyone, whether we live in, work in, or even just travel through, the area.

Remember
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
President Trevor

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Meriden Interact "Cambodia" Presentation
 Paul White, Karinne Bedingfield & Interact Representatives

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to our newest member of the Rotary Club of Strathfield, **EMMANUEL VATALIS**.
 Emmanuel's classification is Retail Banking.



BIRTHDAYS

5 Mar Maria Revelos
 6 Mar Maria Kowalski
 7 Mar Chris Virgona

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2 Mar Umesh and Anuradha Kamkolkar

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mar George Helou

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Trevor Duxbury

- Rotary Foundation Lunch on 7/3/12 @ Parramatta Leagues Club
- Tony Lanzafame 20 years in Rotary
- Rotary Book of Discounts now available @\$65 with \$35 to the Club

Secretary Rod McDougall

- Update of Members Directory issued and now available.

Director Grahame True (Club Service)

- Used Rotary Magazines being collected for re-circulation
- Guest Invitations for Strathfield Rotary available.

Suzanne Freund

- Bowel Scan Program to commence soon together with a Bowel Cancer awareness program

Sue McDonald (Strathfield Chamber of Commerce)

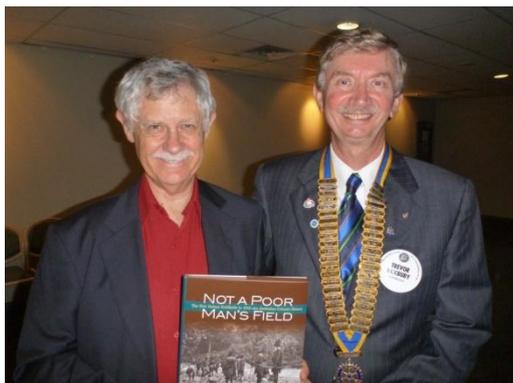
- Strathfield May Fair will be held in Strathfield Square on 12th May 2012. 10am to 4pm

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
7/03/2012	Council on the Move Strathfield Council Representatives
14/03/2012	Mushrooms in a Changing World Geoff Seymour, General Manager, Australian Mushroom Growers Association
21/03/2012	No meeting District Conference transfer
28/03/2012	TBA
4/04/2012	TBA
11/04/2012	TBA
18/04/2012	Youth Achievement Awards In conjunction with Strathfield Council
25/04/2012	Anzac Day - No meeting. Cape Cabarita Anzac Day Breakfast transfer
2/05/2012	TBA
9/05/2012	Membership Evening Organised by Chris Virgona Prospective members welcome

CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 22/02/2012)

Attendance:-	34 members
Apologies:-	12
Non-Apologies:-	7
Make-Ups:-	3
Guests:-	3 (Guest Speaker, Sue McDonald & Andrew Soulos)
85'ers	1
LOA:-	1
Raffle	\$215.55
Sergeant	\$115.20



President Trevor with last Week's Guest Speaker **Michael Waterhouse** who spoke on "Adventures on the New Guinea Goldfields"

HAT DAY FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

Rotary has declared Friday May 18th 2012 "Hat Day For Mental Health Research". The Red Hat ladies have taken up the challenge of setting a record for the most red hats in one place at the same time, in Martin Place, Sydney. Anyone in a red hat is welcome to join them at 1.00 pm on Friday 18 May.

FUTURE EVENTS

04/03/2012	BBQ for Cleanup Australia Day in Airey Park
17/03/2012 Saturday	St Patrick's Day at Broughlea
18/03/2012	BBQ at Henson Park Marrickville for the Reclink Australia Games for the Disadvantaged
23/03/2012	2012 District Conference Penrith Panthers. Including Rotary Expo with over 30 stalls.
30/03/2012	BBQ at Homebush West Primary School
25/04/2012 Wednesday	Anzac Day Breakfast Cape Cabarita (Transfer Meeting)
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

The Irish Millionaire

Mick, from Dublin, appeared on 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' and towards the end of the program had already won 500,000 Euros.

"You've done very well so far," said Chris Tarrant, the show's presenter, "but for a million Euros you've only got one life-line left, phone a friend. Everything is riding on this question. Will you go for it?"

"Sure," said Mick. "I'll have a go!"

"Which of the following birds does NOT build its own nest?"

- Sparrow,
- Thrush,
- Magpie, or
- Cuckoo"

"I haven't got a clue." said Mick, "So I'll use my last lifeline and phone my friend Paddy back home in Dublin."

Mick called up his mate, and told him the circumstances and repeated the question to him.

"Mick!" cried Paddy. "Dat's simple it's a cuckoo."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm sure."

Mick hung up the phone and told Chris, "I'll go with cuckoo as my answer."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Chris.

"Dat it is."

There was a long, long pause and then the presenter screamed, "Cuckoo is the correct answer! Mick, you've won 1 million Euros!" The next night, Mick invited Paddy to their local pub to buy him a few hundred drinks.

"Tell me, Paddy, how did you know it was da Cuckoo that doesn't build its own nest?"

"Because he lives in a clock!"