



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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## May is Rotary International Convention Month

### TREV'S TIDINGS

*"I think crime pays. The hours are good, you travel a lot."*

*Woody Allen, Take the Money and Run, 1969*

This week, thanks to last minute negotiations between Dave Martin and those at the Flemington Local Area Command, we have Inspector Mathew Harris as our guest speaker. His topic, Project Eyewatch, should be of interest to everyone. He will also tell us something about the use of tasers, which should be of interest to those of us who want to know more about the use of modern technology in today's police force, as well as those who have a morbid fascination with pain. Although it is not flagged as a Partners Night, everyone is welcome to attend.

Are we not privileged to have Peter Revelos as one of our members? What a life's journey he has travelled and what an inspiration he should be to us all. I am sure that everyone wishes him and his family well as they continue their journey.

Last weekend a few hardy souls manned barbecues on Saturday and Sunday at the Domayne Warehouse Relocation Sale. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their services, particularly PP Peter Smith, Niall King, Dave Martin, Janelle Watson, Ian Johnson, PP Keith Stockall and, of course, Nanette. Indeed, we had so many that Peter had the rare pleasure of letting some of them know that they were not needed. As it turned out, had all of our volunteers turned up as planned, we would probably have outnumbered those who bought sausages. As a result of the poor patronage, and as these were to be fundraisers for the club and not in support of any particular charity, we have decided not to do the barbecues next weekend.

Next week we have our last Wednesday night meeting at the Golf Club. It is our membership night for the year but it will have a normal meeting format. This is so that the visitors we hope to have present will get to see what a Rotary meeting is like and may help to persuade some of them to become members. It should be a great night with Phil Koperberg as our guest speaker. It is a Partners Night, and the more we can have in attendance the more welcoming will be the atmosphere.

We are now beginning to wind down my year as president but we still have some highlights left. One of them is a visit to the Bowral home of Domenico and Johanna Alvaro on Sunday, June 17. Please fill in the commitment sheet as soon as possible so that we can arrange for the hire of a bus, if the numbers are strong enough, and to help the Alvaros with the catering.

The following week we have a vocational visit to the Animal Referral Hospital at Flemington. At this meeting there will be a presentation about the hospital and a tour of the facilities. Food will be available. It is quite an establishment and should be of interest to all animal lovers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our final highlight is our Changeover Dinner at the Golf Club on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. As well as current members and their families, it is hoped that

we can attract some of our past members to come and join us in the celebration of our year.

Finally, most other clubs in the district, as well as the District itself, have finalised the dates for their changeovers, and these can be found listed on an attachment to Cookie's Communique No.48 in the e-news. Our neighbouring clubs of Burwood, Concord and Breakfast Point have announced that theirs will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> June (Monday), 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Monday) and 13<sup>th</sup> July (Friday) respectively.

**Remember**

*Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*

*President Trevor*

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

**Community Based Crime Prevention,**  
*Inspector Mathew Harris,*  
**Flemington Local Area Command**

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

6 Jun **Connie Galletta**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

31 May **David and Margaret Croft**

6 Jun **Dr A and Devi Bala**

#### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jun **Joseph Saad, Allan Teale, David Croft, Ted Ingall,**  
**Connie Galletta**

3 Jun **David Martin**

### LAST MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### *President Trevor Duxbury*

- Springwood Rotary Fair @ Springwood HS Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> June.
- *Commitment Sheets*
  1. 4 BBQ's at Domayne Silverwater, 26&27 May, 2&3 June
  2. Membership Evening 6/06/2012

#### *Secretary Rod McDougall*

- Support for Macular Degeneration Day, Wed.30/05/2012.

#### *Treasurer Peter Smith*

- Thank you to volunteers for Red Shield Appeal.

#### *Kevin Freund*

- Thank you to Rotarians who chaperoned Meriden Dance. \$4,000 raised

#### *Suzanne Freund*

- Hat Day at Breakfast Point went well with over \$3,000 raised

#### *Chris Virgona*

- Need names of invitees for Membership Night 6/06/2012

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
6/06/2012	<b>Membership Evening</b> Organised by <b>Chris Virgona</b> Prospective members welcome <b>Special guest speaker Phil Koperberg</b>
13/06/2012	<b>NO MEETING</b> <b>Transfer Visit to the Alvaros on Sunday</b> <b>17/06/2012</b>
20/06/2012	<b>NO MEETING</b> <b>Vocational Visit to Animal Referral Hospital</b> <b>Homebush Partners Night</b>
27/06/2012	<b>NO MEETING</b> <b>Transfer to Club Changeover on Friday</b> <b>29/06/2012</b>

### CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 23/05/2012)

<b>Attendance:</b> -	<b>28 members</b>
<b>Apologies:</b> -	<b>10</b>
<b>Non-Apologies:</b> -	<b>10</b>
<b>LOA:</b> -	<b>4</b>
<b>85'ers:-</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>\$ 123.10</b>

### **The Taylor's World Cruise Issue 1 May 19<sup>th</sup> At Sea.**

Hi everyone, from the delightful Sun Princess, currently sailing in the Coral Sea on our way to Darwin and then Singapore. This is our third day at sea, having left a beautiful sunny Sydney Harbour at 4.00pm on Wednesday. Our good friends Kevin Beltrame and Karen Catalano were on the Harbour Bridge to wave us goodbye, which was a really nice gesture. The ship is "oldish" but is kept in good condition, a bit like the passengers really. Denise and I are very much in the "younger" demographic of passengers with many passengers WELL into their seventies and eighties, but everyone regardless of age is excited about the trip ahead. There are only a few children and the makeup is predominantly Aussies followed by Brits, Kiwi's and a few Americans.

The weather has become progressively warmer as we move north and the sea very calm. YOU will be pleased to know I am actively walking morning and evening, have enrolled in a liver detox program, and am also going to the gym for a 40 minute workout daily. And Denny is joining me in these endeavours, which is great. We took three large and three small bags with us, and our balcony cabin is SMALL, however Denise being as organized as she is has found a spot for everything. We still left a few things at home, including some medicines but we will restock in Darwin on Tuesday.

We are both resting well, reading, watching movies, going to shows, and otherwise trying to walk a lot, and we are also enjoying the company of our friends travelling with us, Norm and Sandy Nolan.

That's about enough for episode 1, after all I don't want to wear you out, there is a long way to go yet, and I'm sure a lot more to share with you over the next three months.

*Steve and Denise*



### **The Taylor's World Cruise Issue 2 May 24<sup>th</sup> At Sea.**

Hi everyone,

First off thanks to the many of you emailing me back, including my favourite (MB) who kindly points out my typo's and spelling mistakes. Today, after 7 days at sea we are finally in Indonesian waters, passing through the Lombok Straight (next to Bali) on our way to Singapore, where we will arrive on Sunday.

The temperature has steadily increased as we have moved northward, with nights now around 24 – 26°C and days around 30 – 31°C. We have had sunny skies, light winds, and slight seas the whole trip so far.

Tuesday was a port day in Darwin NT, Australia's fastest growing city. The waterfront area is all new with large safe swimming areas (no crocs or stingers) and lots of restaurants and cafes. We like many others re-provisioned and picked up a few missing essential that had been forgotten. After shopping we explored the Darwin museum with its great Cyclone Tracey display, and visited the Aviation Heritage museum, home to a massive B52D bomber, a Sabre, a Mirage, a B25 Mitchell, a Cobra gunship, and a great Spitfire replica.

We had lunch at Cullen Bay, which was a disappointment as it certainly is no longer the vibrant place it was, I guess due to the new water front development in town.

We have settled into shipboard life well, doing 5 laps of the deck before brekky, and 5 laps before dinner. We have been to shows, port talks, the spa for a facial (Denise only of course) and I am doing a photography course, so we are keeping busy and active and also climbing lots of stairs every day.

Our dinner companions (besides our friends Norm and Sandy) are Ray and Barbara, a couple in their sixties who have been cruising CONTINUOUSLY since September last year, after selling their home in Hobart. Why you say?... well at \$65 a day each, it's cheaper by far than staying in a hotel or motel, and at that price they get 3 meals, free internet, free washing, and transport. Ray has had bypass surgery, and has a brain tumour, while Barbara is slowly recovering from a debilitating stroke affecting her left side. Ray is a man of humble origins, but unfortunately a big ego, and is fond of boasting about how many Captains dinners he has attended, and how he is the No. 1 cruiser on this ship.

Our patience with Ray's manner is slowly being tested. Watch this space for future episodes to this story.

In other news I have become a computer advice person, helping some passengers (including our neighbor's) connect to the net, and providing iPad advice. Over 150 people attended an iPad gathering yesterday.

Well its now late afternoon, time to go and change for dinner, then go and have a cocktail in the wheelhouse bar, enjoy a nice meal with our friends (and Ray and Barbara) and then off to a production show in the theatre.

Hope all is well with you. All the best as always,

*Steve and Denise*

