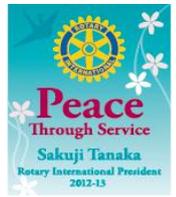




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



President **Ray Wilson**
Secretary **Joe Saad**
Treasurer **Peter Smith**
Bulletin Editor **Keith Stockall**
Bulletin Printed By **Selectprint**

Web: www.strathfieldrotary.org.au
APOLOGIES OR GUESTS: Phone: 9746 0397 (Eric Khu)
(Before 4pm Tues): Email: brontin@bigpond.com
Wednesday, July 18, 2012

July is New Rotary Officers Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Cathy Jones, History and Heritage
Consultant - Strathfield Council
"Strathfield's Top Dozen" – The houses
and families of 19th C Strathfield

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

21 July Janice Vince

Anniversaries

19 July Peter and Maria Revelos

20 July Charles and Olga Pitt

Last Week's Statistics

Members	30
Apologies	10
Silent - nil apologies	9
LOA	2
85'ers	3
	54
Guest -Romolo Adorno	1
	55
Raffle	\$200.00
Sergeant	\$178.55
	\$378.55

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
25/07/2012	DG's Visit and Job Talk
1/08/2012	Tony Burke Local Member
8/08/2012	Club Debate Club Members
15/08/2012	Strathfield Girls High School
22/08/2012	Police Officer of the Year
29/08/2012	Murray Stone
5/09/2012	Local Government Election in Strathfield

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

DATE	PRESENTATION
19/07/2012	Restaurant Night Il Buco Enfield
19/09/2012	The Ambassador Restaurant Ryde TAFE

LAST WEEK'S MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ray

- Members and guests observed a minute's silence in memory of PDG Bill Little
- We are committed to selling Tickets at the V8 SuperCar Meeting on the 25th and 26th of August – this has the potential to be a big fund-raiser for the Club, volunteers needed
- Restaurant Night at Il Buco on Thursday 19th July 2012. Members who are planning to attend must advise by Monday 16 July.

- The Golf Club has appointed a new Caterer and the effective date is imminent.

Ray McCluskie

- Has "recruited" Club members to form a debating team for the Club Debate on 8th August 2012, topic TBC.

Raffle Winners

- Suzanne Freund
- David Martin
- George Hallworth

RAY'S PUTTS

Last Wednesday evening was our Club Assembly and a summary is provided below in the form of minutes of the meeting.

CLUB ASSEMBLY Meeting held Wednesday 11 July 2012

Members present: Ray Wilson (Chair), Chris Virgona, Tony Lanzafame, Roger Vince, Ian Johnson, Romolo Adorno (Guest), Paul Giammarco, Rod Rimes, Anuradha Kamkolkar, Umesh Kamkolkar, Angelo Franco, George Hallworth, Peter Smith, Andrew Kowalski, Suzanne Freund, Kevin Freund, Emmanuel Vatalis, Peter Manenti, Keith Stockall, Ray McCluskie, Paul White, Godfrey Isouard, Trevor Duxbury, Keith Byrn, Terry Rohan, Grahame True, Allan Teale, David Martin, Niall King

Apologies: Janelle Watson, Rod McDougall, Bradley Ayres, David Croft, Peter Revelos, Allan Petersen, Peter Foss, Connie Galletta, Ted Ingall

Items Discussed

1. **President Ray** opened the Assembly and invited participation.
2. **Secretary Joseph Saad** read a letter of resignation from Harley Tarrant.
3. **Treasurer Peter Smith** advised that the Club's bank is now Bendigo Community Bank Homebush and the Club has reverted to operating two separate bank accounts: a General Account and a Club Service Account which allows for more efficient accounting and disbursement of funds.

4. **Community Service Director Niall King** advised as follows:-

- (a) Not all volunteers for the community service committees have been allocated
- (b) He is looking for a volunteer to chair the Barbeques Sub-Committee
- (c) Carols by Candlelight will occur as usual this year
- (d) Tony Lanzafame is Raffles Chairman
- (e) Bradley Ayres will be in charge of this year's Spring Fair.

5. **Vocational Service Director David Martin** advised as follows:-

- (a) It is anticipated Vocational Service will run in a similar fashion to last year
- (b) Police Officer of the Year Evening will occur in August
- (c) Pride of Workmanship Evening will occur in October
- (d) The Club has received three applicants for the National Youth Science Forum, which have been submitted to District.

6. **Next Generation's Director Allan Teale** advised that he is undertaking a special project with Peter Smith at Homebush Boys High and will advise further as discussions occur. Allan is looking forward to an enjoyable Rotary year and a higher degree of community engagement.

7. **Club Service Director Rod Rimes**

advised as follows:-

- (a) *Thanked all volunteers in the Club Service Sub-Committee for their positive responses*
- (b) *He is looking for a volunteer for Programs Director*
- (c) *The current caterer will be finishing up at the end of the month and would welcome suggestions regarding meals*
- (d) *It was suggested that the Club may invite the candidates standing for Strathfield Council Election to attend the Club on 5 September 2012 and this is open to suggestions*
- (e) *Rod suggested that he may invite a graffiti consultant who has contacted him to address the Club.*

8. **International Service Director**

Anuradha Kamkolkar *advised as follows:-*

- (a) *Thanked the Club for the opportunity to serve and then named the members of the International Service Committee*
- (b) *Hoped to continue work on projects including Shelter Block Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange Rotary Overseas Aid for Children and Youth Exchange Programs*
- (c) *Hoped that we have a year of peace through service.*

9. **President Ray** *then made the following comments:-*

- (a) *He would like the Club to focus on service to the local community and particularly to assist local residents who are in genuine need of help and will liaise with Strathfield Council to locate eligible candidates and may organise a roster of Rotarians willing to participate*
- (b) *Peter Smith is working on the Graffiti Removal Project*
- (c) *Looking forward to good support for the V8 Supercars program selling on the weekend of 25 and 26 August 2012*
- (d) *Similarly sell programs for the Muscle Cars Event at Eastern Creek on 2 September 2012*
- (e) *He may wish us to continue fellowship evening at local restaurant and asked members to nominate a favourite "local"*
- (f) *President Ray expects our local activities to occur during the year including Carols by Candlelight, barbeques, Pride of Workmanship and Police Officer of the Year*
- (g) *A major race day is planned for Rosehill during the spring carnival*
- (h) *Will keep the Club informed in relation to new catering arrangements after 1 August 2012.*

10. **An open discussion** amongst Club members then took place.
11. Grahame True advised that the Muscle Cars Event at Eastern Creek on 2 September 2012 is a golden opportunity to raise funds for the Club by selling programs and encouraged wide participation.
12. Tony Lanzafame asked for volunteers to donate raffle prizes.
13. Andrew Kowalski suggested a formal letter of thanks be sent to Harley Tarrant for his long and dedicated service to Rotary.
14. Kevin Freund asked all Club members to support the District Governor's visit on 25 July 2012 and asked for partners to attend.
15. Raymond McCluskie advised the Club of the upcoming debate which should be an exciting and innovative event.
16. Anuradha Kamkolkar suggests that the public image of Rotary might be a good topic for debate.
17. David Martin raised the idea of seeking to broaden the Club's sponsorship base for the Pride of Workmanship and Police Officer of the Year events. David suggested that we may create a database of local businesses to provide financial support by way of sponsorship to these very important events which are very significant and are well known in the wider community.

18. Suzanne Freund commented that fundraising should be based on building relationships between the Club and various stakeholders and Suzanne's very valuable contribution is summarised in the email below.

President Ray thanked the Directors and Rotarians for their contribution and looked forward to an enjoyable year of Rotary service

President Ray

Summary of ideas from Suzanne Freund

“Further to the club assembly, these are my ideas which I expressed briefly –

1. *Since we have strong support and respect from people within the Strathfield community we could advertise our projects and successes more regularly. This would mean building stronger relationships with newspapers – local notice boards and maybe other organisations who might also advertise our work.*

2. *By building “partnerships” – i.e. two way communications with individuals and organisations - we could obtain many benefits including - support in donations towards raffles or their involvement in future fund raisers. We could learn of their focus and possible also support their local organisations projects – thereby building a closer more meaningful partnership.*

These could also be extended to include the schools that we sponsor – as they have both a large number of parents who could also join or support our projects and they also have a newsletter and database in the community – so they may advertise some of our events (especially if the school also benefited from them)

3. *We could develop a database of all the people who have previously been supported through Strathfield rotary club including the families of past RYLA and RYPEN etc. If this ideas is accepted an initial letter could be sent inviting them to be considered as “Friends/ Supporters of Strathfield Rotary” and a communication tool developed to keep them informed of our projects.*

4. *Since our community is so multi-cultural we could evaluate the sale of additional food items which reflect this factor. (Acknowledging the relevant Health regulations of course)*

5. *In order to raise more funds I also suggest that we consider and plan the raffle prizes which will be of interest to members and include partners’ preferences too.*

6. *I would also like to do some preliminary investigation into the idea of obtaining a coffee machine to complement our food sales, since young people spend a lot on coffee. I would investigate the possibility of several sponsors paying for this – as one of donations – and the logistics of selling this product and also the profit margin.*

Thanks for inviting me to submit these ideas to you Joe. I hope they are not too late for inclusion in the minutes of the assembly.

Yours sincerely,

*Suzanne Freund
15 July 2012”*