

STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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MAY IS CLUB PLANNING MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

Deborah and Eve's talks last week left us comparing memories of a previous generation to a modern day education – vast differences; thank you Deborah and Eve.

Ian Johnson / Peter Douglas /

P.D.G. David was happy to let me know of an unexpected profit of approximately \$1000 at our ANZAC Day breakfast. This was due to the generosity of many. I am happy to say this money is being donated to RAMS. – Rotary Against Malaria for bed nets, thank you again Cape Cabarita. Penny and I spent the weekend in Orange with P.P. Brian and Janet. He was happy to hear we are continuing with the Service Above Self Award that he started in his presidential year, I let him know the votes have been cast, counted and the winner is..! (TBA 26th June). Brian has continued his dedication to Rotary at the Orange club however they both miss our Strathfield Club.

Looking forward to P.P. Steve's last gourmet safari for my year on the 28th of this month please give Steve your support.

The change over dinner is on the 26th June and should already be indelibly inscribed in your diary, please get behind Kevin and give him your support from day one.

Thank you everyone who has volunteered for the Red Shield Appeal next Sunday and Peter Smith for gathering the troops – I am sure the day will be successful.

Regrettably Peter Burke is unable to be our guest speaker this evening; he has recently undergone surgery and is recovering well. Neil has assured me he has it all in hand.

Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary President Grahame

TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER "Ranfurly Library Services"

Peter Bourke

Introduced by Janelle Watson Thanked by Paul White

CONDOLENCES

The Rotary Club of Strathfield offers condolences to Kevin Freund and his family on the recent death of his brother Leslie

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

20/05/2009 Richard Horwood Peter Smith

> WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES NIL

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES NIL

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKERS



Deborah Ng receives her Summer Science Certificate from Grahame True Our guest speakers were:

Deborah Ng National Youth Science Forum Eve Dutton Reminisces of a Boarder at Meriden in the 1930's

Deborah was introduced by President Grahame. Deborah attended the NYSF which took place at the Australian National University in January 2009. The NYSF ran for two weeks and was attended by young people from Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Deborah was pleased to meet a lot of students with similar interests. Deborah was able to hear from scientists working in the "real world" on scientific endeavours such as:

Combating cancer

- Monitoring tissue in the brain
- The analysis of specimens in hospitals

• The 27 Km particle accelerator in Europe.

Deborah was able to get hands on experience in:

- Dealing with specimens under a microscope
- Investigating DNA samples

• Investigating electrical impulses in the brain. Deborah was able to speak to people attending university about their courses and their aspirations. Deborah also enjoyed the social activities which included:

- A swim at the local water hole
- A disco
- A family get together at the home of a Rotarian host.

Deborah enjoyed the NYSF and found that it opened her eyes to what science has to offer as a career. Deborah was thanked by Peter Smith.

Eve was introduced by President Grahame. Eve described her experiences as a boarder at Meriden in the 1930's.

Each morning the girls had to strip their beds. When the girls made their beds later in the day they had to be very meticulous.

The girls would do thirty minutes of exercises each day. The food they were given was nutritious but not fancy. Eve recollects that the food was surprisingly good given that it was the years of the Great Depression. Eve became a tea drinker at age seven. Each day the girls would play till 5-30 pm and then change for dinner. After dinner they would go to "the bungalow" where they would learn dance steps. At 7-00 pm they would go to their dormitories to go to bed.

"Lights out" was always too early. Eve also confided in us some of her misdemeanours such as getting lemons off the lemon tree and drinking the juice, sliding down the banisters and escaping down the fire escape one night and doing a "streak". For recreation the girls would:

- Go for picnics and bushwalking on Saturdays
- Catch a tram and go for a swim at the Bronte pool
- If it was wet go to Burwood Cinema and watch a suitable movie.

On Sundays the girls would attend St Anne's church. Each would wear their hat and gloves and take their prayer book and a coin for the plate. After church the girls were expected to stay indoors and to be quiet. In conclusion Eve noted that Meriden ceased taking boarders in 1973. Eve was thanked by President Grahame.

Meriden Interact Support for RAM

Greetings Tanya and members of the Interact Club at Meriden, Many thanks for thinking of the work of Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM).

I will mail you some of our brochures which tell a little of the ravages of malaria and the importance of efforts to stop people being bitten by mosquitos.

Should you want someone to come and talk to the Interact Club at one of their meetings I would be happy to arrange for that to happen.

Malaria continues to have both a high incidence of death as well all illness amongst people - especially young children and pregnant women -in many of our neighbouring Pacific countries. Until we can stop the spread of the disease with a vaccine then the use of the treated bed-nets appears to be the most effective way to stop people getting the disease.

RAM relies on contributions to enable the purchase of treated bed nets which are then distributed to all inhabitants of a village. The nets kill mosquitos on contact as well as preventing people from being bitten.

Details of the address etc for mailing a contribution are on our brochure which I will mail today.

Many thanks to the members of the Interact Club for 'thinking RAM" .Malaria remains a world major killer as well as a serious disruptor, through repeated bouts of the disease, to the economic and school life of people in malarial endemic areas. Let me know if you would like a speaker for one of your meetings. Kind regards,

Richmond Manyweathers RAM National bed Net Co-ordinator.

Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Guests: - Dave Martin (Potential Member) Welwyn Petersen Meriden Interact Board

Attendance: 31	Apol: 15	Non-Apol: 2
LOA: 3		
Suzanne Freund:	till 31 May, 2009	
Garry Pearce:	till 29 May, 2	.009
Keith Byrn:	till 06 June, 2	.009

The Sergeant raised \$123.35

Last Meeting's Raffle

(The raffle raised \$165.⁰⁰)

1 st Prize	Cutlery Rack
2 nd Prize	Lindor Chocolates
3 rd Prize	Book
4 th Prize	DVD
5 th Prize	Wine

Bradley Ayres Steve Taylor Shirley Del Prado Allan Petersen Janelle Watson

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- Commitment Sheets for:-
- Red Shield Appeal Sun 24th May
- Advised the Club of the death of Kevin Freund's brother from Bowel Cancer
- Thank you to Tony Lanzafame for fund raising at Strathfield Soccer match
- Board Meeting next Tuesday
- Heading to Orange next weekend to see the Johnsons
- \$1,000 raised at the Anzac Day Breakfast donated to RAM for mosquito nets. Thank you to Cape Cabarita for running the breakfast at no charge.

From Director Niall King

Thank you to Les Hockley, Trevor Duxbury & Keith Stockall for the working BEE at Lidcombe last Saturday

From Director Peter Smith

- ➢ Reminder of Red Shield Appeal on the 24th May
- Receipts will be available at next week's meeting for donations
- District Conference by Holroyd Club next year at Foster will have \$220 for registration fee
- Accommodation being booked for 15 rooms at \$180 to \$220 per night

From Treasurer Charles Pitt

All membership dues have been paid

From Peter Foss

- Margery Foss is the incoming President of Breakfast Point Rotary Club
- Proposing a joint meeting/BBQ at the Breakfast Point Country Club for both Clubs

COMING EVENTS

24th May 2009. (Sunday) RED SHIELD APPEAL Strathfield Town Hall

28th May 2009. (Thursday)

RESTAURANT NIGHT Steve Taylor

18th June 2009. (Thursday)

BREAKFAST POINT CHANGEOVER 6:30 for 7:00pm Breakfast Point Country Club, 72 Village Drive, Breakfast Point

25th June 2009. (Thursday) 10am REGISTRATION CONCORD ROTARY CHARITY GOLF DAY.

The course now has a new feel with creeks and water features. Contact Margaret Bain Smith. Email <u>mbainsmith@optusnet.com</u> Phone 97430265, mobile 0406 757 270.

Golf \$95 Dinner \$60 Golf & Dinner \$140

4th July 2009. (Saturday)

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER 6:30pm for 7:00pm **Penrith Panthers. \$30pp.**

SNAPPER SNAPPED



Honorary Rotarian John Leftwich snapped with his Snapper at his Kiama home



EASY RIDERS Brian Johnson & Grahame True on the Range in Orange

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

27th May 2009

"Using Acupuncture to Treat Depression" Kirk Wilson

Introduced by Ray Wilson Thanked by Suzanne Freund

3rd June 2009 Wheelchair Sports Kylie Gauci

10th June 2009 Lost Words Gunilla Denton Cook

17th June 2009 "What Life Dishes Out" Richard Dabinett

24th June 2009 NO MEETING *TRANSFERRED TO CHANGE OVER*

26th June 2009 (Friday) Change Over Night Strathfield Golf Club

1st July 2009 Child Protection and Sexual Harassment Frank Portelli

8th July 2009

Barnardos Children's Family Centre Rosemary Hamill

15th July 2009 Office of Fair Trading

Joe Puntillo

22nd July 2009

Job Talks.

Doug Potter, Suzanne Freund, Godfrey Isouard **29th July 2009**

House With No Steps

Dennis O'Reilly,

General Manager Fund Raising & Community Relations

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

CATHOLIC GOLF

From Shirley Del Prado

A Catholic priest and a nun were taking a rare afternoon off and enjoying a round of golf.

The priest stepped up to the first tee and took a mighty swing. He missed the ball entirely and said "Shit, I missed."

The good Sister told him to watch his language. On his next swing, he missed again. "Shit, I missed." "Father, I'm not going to play with you if you keep swearing," the nun said tartly...

The priest promised to do better and the round continued. On the 4th tee, he misses again. The usual comment followed.

Sister is really mad now and says, "Father John, God is going to strike you dead if you keep swearing like that." On the next tee, Father John swings and misses again. "Shit, I missed."

A terrible rumble is heard and a gigantic bolt of lightning comes out of the sky and strikes Sister Marie dead in her tracks.

And from the sky comes a booming voice ."Shit, I missed."

TIMELY COINCIDENCE? From Peter Smith

- 2007 Chinese year of the Chicken Bird Flu Pandemic devastates parts of Asia
- **2008** Chinese year of the Horse Equine Influenza decimates Australian racing
- 2009 Chinese year of the Pig Swine Flu Pandemic kills hundreds of pigs around the globe.

Has any one else noticed this???

It gets worse... next year...

2010 Chinese year of the Cock - what could possibly go wrong?

Room 202

From Grahame True

A woman called a local hospital. "Hello. Could you connect me to the person who gives information about patients? I'd like to find out if a patient is getting better, doing as expected or getting worse."

The voice on the other end said, "What is the patient's name and room number?"

Sarah Finkel, room 302."

"I'll connect you with the nursing station."

"3-A Nursing Station. How can I help You?"

"I'd like to know the condition of Sarah Finkel in room 302."

"Just a moment. Let me look at her records. Room 302 --Mrs. Finkel is doing very well. In fact, she's had two full meals, her blood pressure is fine, to be taken off the heart monitor in a couple of hours and, if she continues this improvement, Dr. Cohen is going to send her home Tuesday at noon."

The woman said, "What a relief! Oh, that's fantastic... that's wonderful news!"

The nurse said, "From your enthusiasm, I take it you are a close family member a very close friend!"

"Neither! I'm Sarah Finkel in 302! Nobody here tells me anything at all."