



**1st July  
2008**

## Changeover

**This week, Patricia Harrison will be inducted as President of the Rotary Club of Sydney.**

To mark the occasion, Ann Burleigh spoke to Patricia for *Rotary Matters*:

### Born?

Mosman, 1947. I am a perfect Pisces. I love anything to do with the water especially swimming. I regularly spend an hour swimming 100 laps in the 25m pool in my apartment building.

### Earliest memory?

Involves sand and surf. Although born in Mosman I lived the first 12 years of my life in Tamarama and spent a lot of time looking at the ocean.

### Life changing event?

I guess my life changed dramatically when my father passed away when I was twelve. The one thing I envy about my best friend is the wonderful relationship she had with her father who died only recently.

### First job?

After Secretarial College I got me a job with an insurance company. I had to leave when I married the boss' son. I

also had to get another job.

### Why stockbroking?

The Employment Agency I used happened to be on the same floor as a stock broker. I had no idea what they did, but took the job as secretary to the institutional partner. My first job was to ring the trading floor at 10:15, write down opening prices for the main stocks and ring them through to the AMP. How technology has revolutionised the stockbroking industry! I was very lucky. My boss was very pro women and pushed me to become a member of the stock exchange – he was like a father figure to me and I owe a great debt of gratitude to Ray Arthur who passed away earlier this year.



### What moves you? eg. Favourite colour, film, Musical preference?

What moves me? I am not really a great movie goer, but I can always watch "Moonstruck" with Cher. I don't think I have a favourite colour – but loving the water I guess it would have to be blue. The older I get the more I am wearing black.

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## ROTARY – People like you and me

### President Garry Browne's final address to the Club (abridged)

Twelve months ago I stood before you and described becoming the President of The rotary club of Sydney as only a dream. After 12 months it has become a memory and experience I will cherish and always remember.

I would like to think that what I have built into the role for the coming Boards and Presidents is a platform and foundation that will allow more transparency accountability and strength for the position of President and future Board members of the club.

This can be gleaned by the numbers and the accounts which will show the club in a financially healthy position and allows a platform of planning and a more balanced allocation of funds.



Whilst we are on financial matters the club raised a total of \$385,000, for the year, which includes Benevolent fund and the General fund.

After expenses we will see a net figure of \$410,000. The closure of the office which occurred during this year will see the general fund better off by approximately \$50,000 pa. This puts the club on a sound financial footing; the benefits will be seen in the years that follow.

The membership numbers have stabilised. The board took a decision to review the membership list and rationalise accordingly.

We recently heard of the floods in Burma. Rotary was there and with the support of many clubs including ours we provided a quantity of Shelter boxes for the affected victims in collaboration with Rotary International.

The best example locally is the \$1 million that the Soukup family has entrusted with our club to offer scholarships to those in need of assistance.

Major projects initiated over the years by the Rotary Club of Sydney include such diverse projects as Alzheimer's Association, MS Australia, Habitat for Humanity and Ranfurly Library Service.

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### Your Chance to Hear Rotary World President

Dong Kurn Lee, the World President for Rotary International 2008-09, will address a luncheon on Tuesday 15th July at Rosehill Gardens Event Centre, Rosehill. Cost is \$60. Email [rotarymatters@people.net.au](mailto:rotarymatters@people.net.au) to be sent full details. Bookings close on 30th June.

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# AROUND THE CLUB

When Exchange Student Tomas visited us for lunch with student friends, they were shown over Sydney University by our new member **Hashim Durrani**. Speaking of Exchange Students, don't forget to contact **Lyn Ralph** if you are able to host a student, particularly the student from Austria (see last week's Bulletin).



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**Ray Martin** attended his last meeting last week and was presented with a special certificate to show the Club's appreciation for his hard work, particularly with the Adrian Golding Gift of Life. A member for many years, Ray will be sorely missed. We wish him well.



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Rotary is a great connector says **Ann Burleigh** who was at dinner this week with a long-time family friend – who turned out to be a work colleague of Club Secretary, **Jill Deering**. Another friend of Jill Deering's is considering a permanent move to the Southern Highlands. Quite a few of our members hang out part-time in the rarified air of the Southern Highlands – **John Randall**, **Col Westman**, **Chris Barry** and **Taine Moufarrige** to name a few. Plenty of members to visit during Tulip Time!

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**John Given** with Rota-ractor **Jeremy Charles** at *Rotary Means Business*, shares the news about his company's new range of apparel. John has been travelling around

the major capital cities promoting his new range. He might even wear a yellow Fluoro jacket to Rotary one of these days!

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In good company!  
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Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this week: **Alvighini Guido**, **Ken Coles**

**AM**, **Karen Loblay**, **John Rawson** and **Michael White**.

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Please send us your news or news of your fellow members. Just email [rotarymatters@people.net.au](mailto:rotarymatters@people.net.au) and type away!

## Rotary's 4-Way Test

It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



"I have to wear that chain around my neck every week from the 1st July?"

### What's for lunch this week:

Hot: Fillet of salmon on bed of black olive mash served with watercress sauce  
Dessert: Apple crumble with custard & fresh cream  
Salad: Chicken Caesar salad  
Vegetarian: Broccoli and cauliflower cheesebake.



## Interview with Patricia Harrison

Music I Love? The Merry Widow, the Concerto de Aranjuez by Rodrigo, 'You won't see me' by Ann Murray, anything by the wonderful Australian singer/

songwriter Graham Connors, and, like many Australians my generation, anything by Andre Rieu.

### A book that really made you think?

I wish I had more time to read and if and when I eventually retire I will re-read : Les Miserables by Victor Hugo, The Fortunes of Richard Mahoney by Henry Handel Richardson and Five Smooth Stones by Ann Fairbairn.

### A destination of the heart?

My favourite destination would have to be Paris, followed by anywhere that has long, white sandy beaches and blue sea.

### Name 3 'heroes' ... [may be personally known, world figures or fictional/literary subjects]

Heroes? As above, my father and Ray Arthur and what Rotarian wouldn't include Paul Harris? And still living; perhaps Bill Gates ...

### Something most people don't know about you?

I think I am fairly much an open book – what you see is what you get with me. I really hated the thought of turning 60, so much so that I had a 59<sup>th</sup> birthday party instead, but I am very comfortable with who I am now and am really enjoying life – the only thing I need is more sleep!

### If you had a magic wand, what would you instantly like to change?

If I had a magic wand I would instantly lose 10 kilos! But seriously, I would like to make everyone aware of the wonderful work of organisations like Rotary and Zonta who endeavour to help those less fortunate than us.

### How would you like to position, develop and organise the Rotary Club of Sydney 2008-2009?

I would like to think that President Garry Browne and the outgoing Board of which I was a member, have done all the hard yards to position the Club well moving forward.

There is still work to do to get the Club running more efficiently. We need more members involved in administration. At the moment much of the work is being done by only a handful of Rotarians.

We are looking to split the jobs into smaller parcels so that the load can be spread amongst a greater number of people.

A lot of emphasis is put on growing membership by Rotary officials, but although I would welcome any new members to our Club, I am looking more at *engaging our current membership* and making sure that we all enjoy being Rotary Club of Sydney members.

We won't have any large fundraising activities this year.

We plan smaller functions biased towards fellowship rather than fundraising.

We now have 150 members of the Club – if at this time next year I can say our Club is made up of 150 committed Rotarians I will feel that I have done my job.

## President's Final Address (cont)

This year we honoured **Carlos Salteri** the Vocational service award for his services to industry and his philanthropic activities which have been numerous.

We honoured with **Paul Harris Fellows, Commissioner Les Strong** who retired as Eastern Command Commissioner for the Salvation Army. **Terry Carson**, another member who has spent many months in Pakistan where he is now building homes for refugees and the locals.

Our club has a proud history and the Rotary Club of Sydney has seeded many new clubs to allow the ongoing work of Rotary to continue. To date the number of clubs spawned is five, which amounts to another 300 Rotarians.

The Presidents Project focused on two areas that are cornerstones in our community Young People and Education. The theme **Education Matters**, the projects work towards giving our young people an opportunity to be educated and a chance to succeed in life.

We decided to support the Inspire Foundation's Beanbag program which uses creative technologies to enable young people to gain skills and confidence.

The second part of the project was the partnering with the University of NSW where we awarded three scholarships to young people whose means are not at the level that they can afford to attend university.

We have had a **Speakers Calendar** which I believe has been excellent, it has had a diversity of speakers from all over the world and with a wide variety of topics themes and causes.

**Rotary Means Business**, has received great support from many clubs both locally and nationally who are now trying to imitate this concept. It is all about getting Rotary out to the business world and also encouraging new members.

Over the last year I have been very fortunate to have a tremendously supportive Board and two enthusiastic Vice Presidents Ann Burleigh and Rene Benitez and I would also like to acknowledge our Treasurer Craig Douglas who together with the board members have put in a tremendous effort;

Most of all my wife Robyn and boys Josh and Sam have probably not seen as much of me as we had planned. Their support has allowed me to perform my duties as President. Without their support I would not have been able to take on this role.

Thank you to all our sponsors and financial supporters, you are truly amazing and very much appreciated and at times under acknowledged.

Thank you to you the members and our Rotary friends for your support, for your inspiration, especially at times when the President was being challenged, in Sharing Rotary with your family, friends and work colleagues in supporting our projects, you have all helped us to achieve our goals of making The Rotary Club of Sydney a club of great pride and one we can continue to be very proud.

I hope you will continue to join with me on the journey and Share the Spirit and Pride of being a Rotarian and at the same time experience the passion that Rotarians Share. I am sure that you will all give the same support to our President Elect Patricia Harrison who we will induct next week.

Full address may be viewed at:

<http://rotarydistrict9750.blogspot.com/>

# Coming Up!

- 8 July Luncheon - "The Year Ahead" with Patricia Harrison  
15 July Luncheon - Ugandan High Commissioner, James Lukabyo  
22 July Luncheon - Dr Brendan Nelson, Opposition Leader  
29 July Luncheon - Sue Wyndham, author of "Life in His Hands." story of Aaron McMillan and Dr Charlie Teo.  
31 July **Social - Indian Dinner, Surjits, Angel Place, CBD.**  
5 Aug Luncheon - Sarah Garnett - Footpath Library  
12 Aug Luncheon - Max Moore-Wilton  
19 Aug Luncheon - Lesley Hughes, Ecologist on Climate Change  
27 Aug **Rotary Means Business, 6pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**  
17-19 Oct **District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney.**  
16 Dec **Christmas Dinner**

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.



Deny Bernardo and Cherelyn Suzuki madly networking at Rotary Means Business on Wednesday night. Over 60 Rotarians and their business associates from around Sydney enjoyed the regular night of networking hosted by Sydney Rotary. The next event will be held on 27th August.

(Below) A String Quartet was a pleasant surprise for everyone attending last week's luncheon. Thanks Garry!



**The Rotary Club of Sydney meets every Tuesday at 12:30pm, Cello Room, 4th Floor, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.**

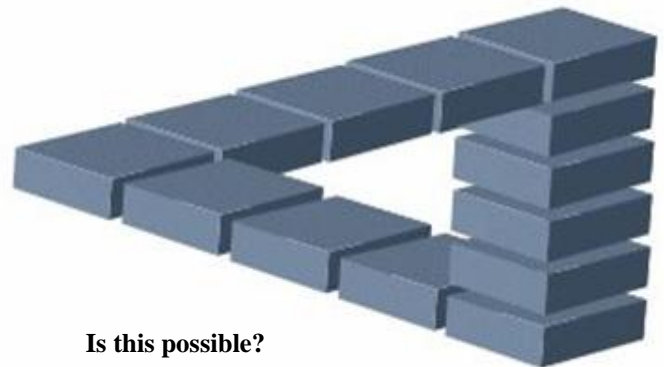
Rotary District 9750, Club # 18206, chartered 1st May 1921

## BRINGING VISITORS

If you plan to bring visitors to lunch, please email Ann Burleigh with their names on the Monday morning before the Rotary luncheon. [annburleigh@ozemail.com.au](mailto:annburleigh@ozemail.com.au)

## MAKE-UPS

If you visit another Rotary Club or related meeting, please make sure you email Membership Director Harry Fox with the details - [harryfox@wilsonlearning.com.au](mailto:harryfox@wilsonlearning.com.au)



Is this possible?

## How are we doing?

Attendance for May: 36.4%

Members as at 31 May 150



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