



THIS WEEK:

Citizenship Ceremony

11 May 2010

On Tuesday, we will be holding our annual Citizenship Ceremony.

There will be a total of 10 conferees taking part in an Australian Citizenship Ceremony conducted by Mr Jim Callow, Director NSW Citizenship, Department of Immigration and Citizenship.



In addition, thanks to Liz Jeffrey, a short speech on what becoming an Australian citizen has meant will be undertaken by Mr Fabio Bastian, CIO Australian Institute Company Directors.

ROTARRA MATTERS

ROTARY – People like you and me

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CITATIONS John Craig OAM

John has been an active Supporter of Alzheimer's Australia NSW since his Presidency in 1991 with Sydney Rotary, helped raise \$210,000 towards building a Family Resource Centre.



In 1993 John became a member of the Board of Directors. John remained a very active member of the Board until his resignation in 2004 holding the positions of President from 1994 to 1996 and Vice President from 2001 to 2003 and Chairing many Committees

such as Fundraising, Capital Appeal and the Investment Sub Committee.

John negotiated funds from the Rotary Club of Sydney for an innovative project to support people in the early stages of dementia. This project has gone on to become a nationally funded program undertaken by all States and Territories through Alzheimer's Australia known as the Living with Memory Loss Program. John was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 1993 for his work in this area.

Since retiring from the Board of Directors of Alzheimer's Australia NSW, John has been very involved as a member of the organising committee of the ADHOC Group, a group of people who meet at AlzNSW dementia-specific Family Resource Centre whose purpose is to give support and pleasure to people living with dementia and their carers. This committee organises and hosts monthly functions such as barbeques, dinners and garden parties working tirelessly on these events to ensure their ongoing success.

The benefits to carers and people with dementia alike is immeasurable. John's continued support of Alzheimer's Australia NSW is invaluable. John is truly a great Rotarian as he believes in leadership by



INVITATION SYDNEY ROTARY INVITES YOU TO

HUNGERFORD HILL WINE TASTING
in aid of Home Hospice

For further information,
please contact Lynn Ralph -
lynn@cameronralph.com.au

Date: Wednesday, 26th May 2010
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Cost: \$40 per person
Place: Bangarra Dance Theatre Studios
Pier 4/5 Hickson Road, Walsh Bay



Experience a wide range of Hungerford Hill wines at the harbourside studios of Bangarra Dance Theatre.

James Kirby, Chairman, along with Hungerford's winemaker, Michael Hatcher, will provide you with expert insight into the wines!

Special appearance by Bangarra's Artistic Director, Stephen Page!

A range of cheese and fruit will be served to complement the wine.

Hungerford Hill will generously donate \$75 for each dozen sold (or \$100/dozen if we order over 30 dozen!)

example in whatever he takes on. Today, the Rotary Club of Sydney recognises John Craig with a Paul Harris Sapphire pin in acknowledgement of his continuing outstanding contribution to Alzheimer's Australia NSW, exemplifying the Rotary Motto of Service above Self and it gives me great pleasure to present to you the Paul Harris Sapphire pin.

Craig Douglas

Craig Douglas joined the Rotary club of Sydney in 2003 and entered with the classification of Accountancy. His mission was to participate in a way that would allow him to formalise some of his community efforts that had been quite prevalent in helping those in need. Craig is a compassionate person who will always try and help not only a mate but a person in need; he thrives when it is in areas where he has expertise. Helping those who could not understand or manage their own finances was a common thread where Craig could assist. He has spent much of his personal time helping those in need and he saw Rotary as a way to partake in an organisation that he felt he could add value and in turn help the community.

In 2002 Craig left a leading second tier firm in which he was a partner to establish his own consulting practice CA Douglas & Associates; the latter merging with Coleman Maher to form Douglas Coleman Maher in 2008.



Craig's key focus is on providing taxation, commercial and business advice to privately owned businesses. Assignments undertaken range from advice to large family owned businesses as to their ideal capital, business and taxation structure, generational succession planning, change management and business growth.

On numerous occasions he has project managed large transactions on behalf of clients including acquisitions, business unit divestments, business sales and dispute negotiations.

On many assignments he has acted for clients as the transaction project manager and also as the clients lead negotiator.

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UPDATES, by Ann Burleigh, International Service Committee

Kenneth Ari: the little bloke has done very well with his post surgical physio and is scheduled to go back to PNG this week. Ian Conley and Ann Burleigh represented Sydney Rotary at a farewell function for Kenneth and his father Ari at Dunmore Lang College, Macquarie University, on Friday. **Certificates of Appreciation** were presented to Ann, Ian, Bruce Edwards and Rex Doughty for their assistance and support. This multi-district, Adrian Golding 'Gift of Life'/ROMAC/Roth Foundation project has been a wonderful local and international success. Many thanks to all involved.

Barbeque specialists required: Joe Botta is on the case again – do you think he might be addicted to the smell of tomato sauce? This is another opportunity for Sydney Rotarians to let smoke get in their eyes. The **Y-FIN fundraiser** at Santa Sabina College Strathfield on Saturday 19th June will require as many bods as we can muster. More detailed info will be available shortly.

Polio Plus - National Immunisation Day in Kolkata, India: You are invited to join a team of Rotarians from District 9750 who will travel to India next January (date TBC but potential departure 9th or 16th January 2011). 5 days, 5 star hotel (Taj Bengal) for \$A1,000 + airfare approx. \$A2,000. Contact Ann Burleigh asap as availability is limited.

Two other opportunities for overseas travel: (i) several Rotarians are heading to the **Solomon Islands** to check on the progress of the Y-FIN project. Direct EOI to Sue Walker or Bruce Edwards. (ii) Would you like to see 'the real Africa' and get some Rotary Brownie points at the same time? **Rotarian Sister Elke Kroeger Radcliffe** who has visited the Club annually for the last few years, extends both a warm thank-you for our (unofficial) support and an equally warm invitation to visit the Tikondane Community Village in **Zambia** as an **eco-tourist**. See www.tikondane.org or talk to Ann Burleigh about joining a volunteer group on a two week working/cultural safari ... do you know for instance, that the Zambian 'Ghost Dance' is recognised by the United Nations as a "World Heritage treasure"? It is only performed for the privileged 'insider' ... that could be you!

Club History Project: the idea is embryonic at this stage but broadly, **the aim is to frame the Club's history in a modern format**. If each Past President supplies a one page overview of 'highlights' of their year in office, including high resolution photographs, these submissions can be edited and collated to form a cohesive Powerpoint presentation which can be readily shared to showcase the Club. The presentation in this format will be able to be loaded onto the Club website and a copy will be given to the Mitchell Library as an adjunct to the Archive they already hold. If the pilot project works well for Sydney Club it can be used as a model for other Clubs in District 9750 to emulate.

What's for Lunch?

Main: Roasted lamb rump, potato mash, wilted baby spinach, onion jam, port wine glaze

Salad: Prawn and avocado salad

Vegetarian: Sun-dried tomato and asparagus risotto

Dessert: Lemon meringue pie with fresh cream

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Ann Burleigh - International Service

James Allen - Service & Awards

Jean Elborn - Youth Services

Hashim Durrani - Membership

Tina Stanton - Club Projects Coordinator

Mark Dyer - Website/Administration

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?"

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CITATIONS

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Craig had only been in the club a short time when he was asked to assume the Treasurer's role and Director of the Club. He has thrown his efforts and expertise behind the role and firmed up the finances of the club; he has spent a considerable amount of his personal and professional time on the club finances and also invested his own funds and that of his firm to make our club not only more healthy financially but to strengthen the processes and disciplines to make it a more professional organisation.

Apart from his directorship at The Rotary Club of Sydney, Craig holds several directorships with large private companies and with two prominent Clubs. His time is also spent with not-for-profit organisations in an ad hoc sense when he finds time in between his business, Rotary Club and family.

The Rotary club of Sydney has benefited greatly from Craig's financial leadership and having carried the role of Treasurer for three years has recreated and strengthened the financial position of our club and allowed all members to have confidence that there has been strong financial management and a discipline that will stand the club in good stead for the future.

Craig is truly a great Rotarian as he believes in leadership by example in whatever he takes on. Today, the Rotary Club of Sydney recognises Craig Douglas as Paul Harris Fellow in acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution to the club, exemplifying the Rotary Motto of Service above Self and it gives me great pleasure to present to the three emblems of appreciation given to Paul Harris Fellows – a certificate, a medallion and pin.

Bruce Edwards

Joined the Rotary Club of Sydney on March 30th 1999 and entered with the classification of Actuarial Services. Bruce with the support of his wife Zeny has been from day one a fully active member of our club especially with the International committee and the Rotary Foundation. Within a few years of joining he served as a director from 2002-04 he then took up the challenge of President in 2004 and then having not finished with his enthusiasm for the club once again served on the board from 2006-08.



As President Elect he joined with President Chris Ferris in announcing a joint two year programme. The programme fell into two parts, the first directed towards raising \$300,000 for Wesley Mission to establish EQUIP Youth Mentoring Scheme and the second to raise \$150,000 for the Salvation Army's Careline centre and

its relocation to Five Dock to enable it to meet the growing demand for its help. This project was singled out by the club to mark the Centenary of Rotary International in 2005.

Bruce has played a significant role in the International Service Committee for some years. As The Rotary Foundation representative he has worked collaboratively with overseas Rotary Clubs to secure funding for various aid projects. Bruce has given many voluntary hours to secure hotly contested RI Matching and District Simplified Grants for noteworthy initiatives in eg. Suva, Fiji, Hong Kong, Tonga and the Solomon Islands. He has, at his own expense, visited many of these places to check on the progress of the various projects. Bruce is truly a great Rotarian as he believes in leadership by example in whatever he takes on.

Today, the Rotary Club of Sydney recognises Bruce Edwards as a Paul Harris Fellow in acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution to the club, exemplifying the Rotary Motto of Service above Self and it gives me great pleasure to present to you the three emblems of appreciation given to Paul Harris Fellows – a certificate, a medallion and pin.

Inderjit (Indy) Singh

Indy Singh is the Managing Director of Fiducian Portfolio Services Ltd.. He is a Bachelor of Technology, Master of Commerce, holds a Diploma of Financial Planning and is a Certified Financial Planner.

Born in India he moved to Australia permanently in the late 1980's with his wife Shree and they have 2 children, Jai and Amrita.

Prior to coming to Australia, Indy held positions with United Nations working in Development Programs in Africa. In Australia he worked for 8 years in the Finance Industry becoming a General Manager in Investment and Research within the RetireInvest Group. In the late 90's Indy decided to strike out alone and was a foundation director of Fiducian Portfolio Services prior to its listing as a Public Company in September 2000.

He speaks 3 languages, resides in Pymble and is a member of the Killara Golf Club where he shares a passion for the game with his wife Shree.

Indy joined the Rotary Club of Sydney in 2004 having been introduced to the club by member Harold Bodinnar. He served as Director and Chair of the Youth Committee in 2006/2007 and 2008/2009.

From the outset Indy was involved in the International Committee and decided to take up the challenge to organise an annual Fiducian Golf Day to raise funds for President's Projects from year to year. These golf days have consistently raised \$30,000 to \$40,000 in funds per year for the club.

At the annual conferences of Fiducian, attending advisers from around Australia contribute to Charities by way of a 'fine' procedure for misdemeanours - an initiative also instigated by Indy.

Apart from his personal efforts for the club, Indy, as Managing Director, has agreed to have Fiducian as the major annual financial supporter of the Your City program within the Youth Committee.

Fiducian as a company has 2 other employees as members of Sydney Rotary. Both of them have served as directors of the club and Indy has always been very supportive of their time and efforts on various activities.

Indy is truly a great Rotarian as he believes in leadership by example in whatever he takes on. Today, the Rotary Club of Sydney recognises Indy Singh as Paul Harris Fellow in acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution to the club, exemplifying the Rotary Motto of Service above Self and it gives me great pleasure to present to you the three emblems of appreciation given to Paul Harris Fellows – a certificate, a medallion and pin.





Coming Up!

www.sydneyrotary.com
www.clubrunner.ca/sydney

- 18 May Alan Cameron, former head of ASIC.
- 25 May Professor Earl Owen, Specialist in Microsurgery, Hand and Infertility Surgery.
- 26 May **Home Hospice Wine Tasting - Lynn Ralph, 0417 232 958**
- 1 June Max Cryer, author of "Who Said That First."
- 8 June Vocational Award – Professor Bruce Robinson, Dean of Medicine, University of Sydney
- 15 June The Premier of NSW, The Hon Kristina Keneally
- 29 June Hilary Hannan – Magistrate Childrens Court
- 30 June **Rotary Means Business - End of Financial Year Networking Function**



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

The Duke of Edinburgh International Award for young people and the Rotary Club of Sydney are holding a Festival Day to raise funds for the Y Fin Solomon Islands Youth Leadership and Finance project:

What - Pacific Beat Youth Festival

Where - Santa Sabina College, Strathfield

When - Saturday 19th June, 2010

Come and join in the festivities - Pacific Island music and dancing, youth concerts and stalls, exciting food and shopping. Your attendance and volunteer support will make a real difference to 120 Youth in the Solomon Islands

See you there !

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Pictures from last week's Rotary Means Business, Rotary's networking event for members and their business associates. The next function will celebrate the end of the financial year on 30th June, same time, same place.



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

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**Happy Birthday to
these
members:**

Alex Shaw

This week John Craig
celebrates 37 years as a member.

