



It's RYLA Time

**17 FEB
2009**

This week we are pleased to welcome back some of our RYLA participants. The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program equips young leaders in our community with the skills to facilitate positive change in our world.

On Saturday, 17 January seven young people nominated by our club were driven down to Stanwell Tops Conference Centre to join around 80 from our District for the week-long live-in program. This year's RYLA-rians were a microcosm of multicultural Australia and included two young women with disabilities (one totally blind, another confined to a wheelchair).



The Extravaganza Dinner on Tuesday had a circus theme and was attended by 230 persons, including seven from our Club. It was amazing to see how in three days a group

of strangers had been able to unite in such a manner as to feed and entertain us.

By the time the camp finished on the following Saturday the participants were speaking of their experiences in "life changing" terms. It reaffirmed our belief that our youth programs are a great avenue of service to our community. They empower young people to look beyond themselves to shape a life of Service Above Self.

So come along on Tuesday and hear from these young people the difference that the RYLA camp has made to their lives.



A big vote of thanks to Jean Elborn who has run this programme for many years now, and also to all of the Rotarians who helped with transport to and from Stanwell Tops.

We will also be introducing Raymond Rez, an outward youth exchange student from our District who has just returned from 12 months in Brazil, and who will give us an insight into what he experienced in South America.

LOTS OF THINGS TO DO!

Catch Up With Old Friends

John Craig, Tony Tinworth and Joe Botta have been busy organising a function for all present and past members and partners at the Killara Golf Club on Sunday, 22 February at 6.00 p.m.

At this beautiful venue, they invite you to sip a glass or two and catch up while the sun sinks slowly into the west. This will be followed by a BBQ of prime steak or chicken accompanied by delicious salads, then sweets and tea or coffee. Drinks from the bar will be at your own expense.

So come and join the boys for a happy evening of good food and fellowship for only \$45 per person. You can reserve a spot by calling John Craig 9449 1717; Tony Tinworth 9489 6649 or Joe Botta 9144 2805. See you there!

Rotary's 104th Birthday

If want to have a really intensive Rotary weekend, you might be interested in attending the 104th Birthday Celebrations for Rotary with former World President Bill Boyd as the Guest Speaker.

The bad news is that it is the night before our big Killara BBQ and it is down in Sutherland. The good news is that you don't need a passport to travel down to the Shire on a Saturday night!

Details are as follows:

Saturday 21st Feb

Sutherland United Services Club

6.30 for 7.00pm start \$40.00 per person

Bookings to secretary@rotaryd9750.org.au

Payment by cheque made out to "RI District 9750"

District Treasurer, 3 Westleigh Drive, Westleigh 2120

Meet the Consular Corps

Next Tuesday we will be joined by Sydney's Consular Corps. Paul Wenham reports:

The Consular Corps in Sydney is one of the oldest and largest Consular Corps in the world whose origins date back over 100 years.

Substantially representatives of the countries comprising the Consular Corps are of very senior rank with some having Ambassadorial status.

Sydney is seen as one of the elite postings and is strongly sought after by Diplomatic representatives.

The Consular Corps in Sydney enjoys strong links with the State Government, Department of Immigration and Citizenship and the Office of Regional Development as well as various Chambers of Commerce and community groups.

As you can see, there is plenty going on in the Club. Please check the back page to see who will be visiting the Club over the next few weeks.



President Patricia Harrison is still seeking swimmers to participate in the 24 Hour MS Mega Swim in July

Patricia is organising a team to swim in this 24 hour relay and so far around 10 people have expressed interest in joining the team.

You don't have to be a mara-

thon swimmer, just enjoy doing completing laps. It helps if you can swim!

And we have a sponsor who will put in \$10,000 to see us complete the swim. (To the person who asked, the \$10,000 goes to MS and not to the swimming team!!!!)

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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



Anne Henderson from The Sydney Institute addressing members on her book on the life of Dame Enid Lyons.

What's for lunch this week:

Has everybody noticed the big difference in the food that is being served to members? Come along and taste it for yourself!

Hot Dish

Slow Braised Pork Neck in Master Stock on Ginger Asian Greens with Black Vinegar Dressing

Dessert

Vanilla Rice Pudding with Caramelised White Peaches

Vegetarian

Lemon, Pumpkin & Forest Mushroom Risotto

Salad

Harbour Prawn, Avocado, Iceberg Salad with Tomato Mayo Dressing

Patricia's change of vocation

It would seem that at this time of my life, it is time for a career change – to either employment or real estate, but I will need your help.

The following emails have come through this week, and if anyone can assist with these matters, please either phone or email me.

1. From the RC of Bordeaux, France

Daughter coming to Sydney in March for 6 months. Looking for a position as an intern or paralegal with a law firm. Currently a lawyer associate with Dewey & LeBoeuf Law Firm specializing in environmental law.

2. From the RC of Tongeren, Belgium

Son, 25, a mechanical engineer with a specialty in biomedical techniques and a master in management. Coming to Sydney for 12 months and requests assistance with a residence and also a job.

3. From the RC of Stockholm Vasa, Sweden

Grand-daughter studying design in The Rocks, looking for a one bedroom apartment or studio around Kirribilli/ Neutral Bay or the city.

With thanks

Patricia Harrison

Australian Citizenship

Members please note...

Do you have any friends, family, colleagues planning to become Aussie Citizens? If yes, perhaps they would like to join us at our annual Australian Citizenship Ceremony in May (Tuesday 19th) and get a free lunch in the bargain?

The Department of Immigration and Community (DIAC) will be officiating over a ceremony to induct 10 new Australians at our luncheon on that day.

DIAC are quite happy to include any friends or associates of club members and we have taken up this opportunity for several people in past years.

If interested please contact Rex Doughty on 9231 2133 (business hours) or rex.doughty@fiducianfs.com.au without delay as we will need to get formal paperwork underway very soon.

Rotary's 4-Way Test

It asks the following four questions:

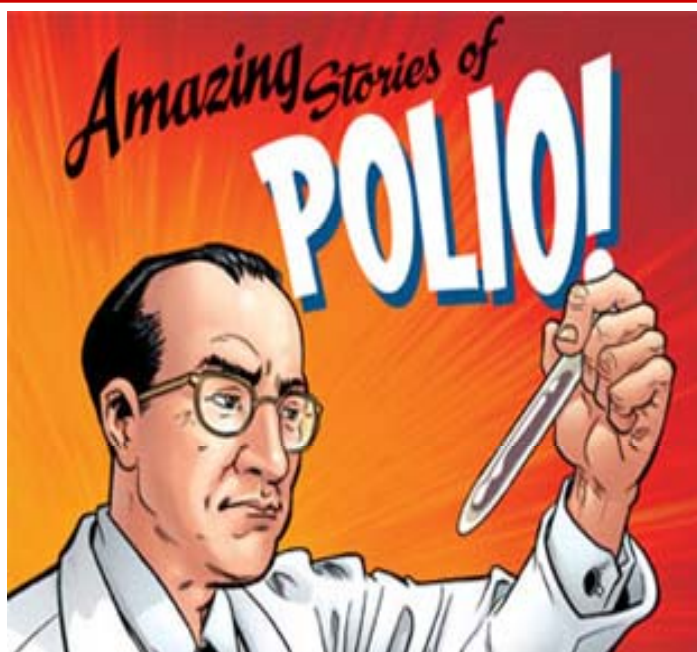
"Of the things we think, say or do:

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?"

Coming Up!

- 17 Feb RYLA Presentation
- 22 Feb **BBQ Dinner at Killara Golf Club for past & present members & partners**
- 24 Feb Consular Day
- 3 March John Brogden - Lifeline and its work on Depression.
- 10 March David Richmond - Coordinator General, Dept of NSW Premier
- 17 March Elaine Henry, CEO The Smith Family (Recipient of 2008-09 Community Service Award)
- 26 March **Rotary Means Business, 6pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**
- 31 March Senator Kim Carr
- 14 April Julian Ledger - The Sydney Harbour YHA Project.
- 28 April John Gaden - Anzac Day - Gallipoli
- 5 May Jim Patrick, Cochlear
- 12 May Vocational Service Awards
- 19 May Citizenship Ceremony
- 16 June Glenn Stevens, Governor of the Reserve Bank

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.



In the pages of The Rotarian, you've read of the efforts by Rotarians to end polio, the Gates Foundation grant, and Rotary's challenge. In the February issue, we're trying to cover this topic with a new twist. Take a look at our 16-page illustrated feature, "Amazing Stories of Polio," which explores some of the history and science behind the disease and its eradication. For a preview http://www.rotary.org/R1documents/en_pdf/polio_comicbook.pdf

Happy Birthday
this week to these
members:

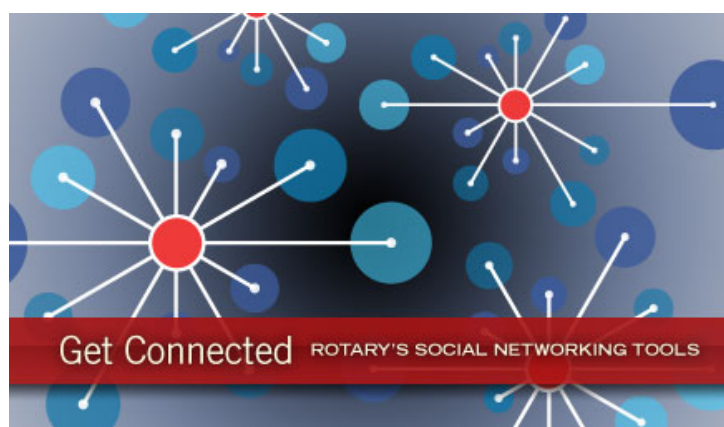
- Tony Tinworth
- Michael Grace



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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