



**18 Nov  
2008**

## THIS WEEK: **JUDITH R. FERGIN CONSUL GENERAL, U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL SYDNEY**

Judith Fergin took up her posting as U.S. Consul General in Sydney in July 2007. She is a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service with the rank of Minister Counsellor.



Mrs. Fergin served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Singapore from 2004 to 2007. She participated in a diplomatic exchange program at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute in Canberra from 2002 to 2003 and served as Economic Counsellor at the U.S. Embassy in Canberra until 2004.

Mrs. Fergin has also served in Jakarta, Moscow, Monrovia, Pretoria, Munich, and Washington, D.C. She participated in the Department of State's 44th Senior Seminar.

She received her bachelor's degree from Smith College and master's degrees from the University of Virginia (international relations) and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces of the National Defence University (national resource management).

Mrs. Fergin is married to Gregory Fergin, a retired senior Foreign Service officer. His last assignment was as Political Counsellor at the U.S. Embassy in Canberra from 2001-2004. The Fergins have two children.



Please see details of this years Caltex Rotary Club of Sydney Awards for Innovation in Teaching on pages three and four.

# ROTARY – People like you and me


**ART SHOW: ART SHOW: ART SHOW: ART SHOW**

The Rotary Clubs of Sydney and Kings Cross and Sydney Rotaract Club cordially invite you to attend a prestigious **Art Gallery Cocktail Party** at the **Wentworth Gallery** on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** 6pm-8pm

**Featured artist: John Wilson**

Ann Burleigh  
Events Director, Rotary Club of Sydney  
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## This Seminar is for You!



Bruce Farquharson of Rotary's District Leadership Training Committee is running a Seminar next Thursday evening on **Goal Setting and Presentation Skills**.

This is an ideal opportunity for members taking on new roles in Rotary or in their own business.

Please turn to page four for more information or to book a place at this valuable Seminar.



## Club's Average Age Lowered on Tuesday

This week we will be joined at lunch by 20 children from the Fiducian Your City Programme.

The tireless Rex Doughty has organised a unique programme of activities that will be a real eye-opener for children from remote areas of NSW, many of whom have not surfed, never been in a lift nor travelled on a bus.

# OUR 2008/2009 BOARD

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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](mailto:annburleigh@ozemail.com.au)



If you look really carefully, you will be able to see the moustache that Ted McKeown is growing for Movember. Click here to donate to this good cause <https://www.movember.com/au/donate>  
Registration Number 1364816

## ARE YOU FINANCIAL?

Have you paid your current subscription?  
If in doubt, please ring Patricia Harrison as she has master list?  
Tel. 0414 858 599

## What's for lunch this week:

**Hot:** Chicken cordon bleu with seasonal vegetables  
**Sweet:** Apple crumble with fresh custard  
**Salad:** Smoked chicken & avocado salad  
**Vegetarian:** Roasted vegetables stack.

# Notice of Annual General Meeting and Call for Nominations

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Sydney Inc. will be held at The Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney on Tuesday 25th November 2008, as part of the regular meeting of the club on that date, commencing at 12.45pm.

### BUSINESS:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 December 2007.
2. Receive from the Board the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2008.

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited to fill the positions of:

President	2010 - 2011
2 Vice Presidents	2009 - 2010
Hon. Secretary	2009 - 2010
Hon. Treasurer	2009 - 2010
5 Directors	2009 - 2010

Any member entitled to vote may nominate a member qualified in accordance with the provisions of the Club Constitution for the election of these Officers and Directors

Nominations shall be in writing, signed by the nominator and carry an acceptance of nomination signed by the member nominated. Forms are available at club meetings.

The attention of members is drawn to the fact that the Nominating Committee for President and Vice-Presidents will be nominating one candidate for the position of President for one year commencing 1 July next but one following and one candidate each for the two positions of Vice-President. Nominations close at 5pm. on Friday, 21 November 2008.

Jean Elborn  
Hon. Secretary

## 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?"

# 2008 Caltex and the Rotary Club of Sydney Awards for Innovation in Teaching

Caltex and the Rotary Club of Sydney are pleased to recognise  
**Ms Fiona Wylie**

for creating and coordinating a computer program that offers the children of Gralee School in Leeton, NSW, new ways to learn.



Ms Wylie has designed a Microsoft PowerPoint program that meets the needs of children with learning disabilities. Unlike commercially available educational software which covers a full curriculum, this program focuses on reinforcing those life skills that are specifically relevant to her students.

Armed with average computer skills and a will to succeed, Teaching Principal Ms Wylie developed her software program three years ago. As her expertise has grown, so too has the interactive component of her lessons.

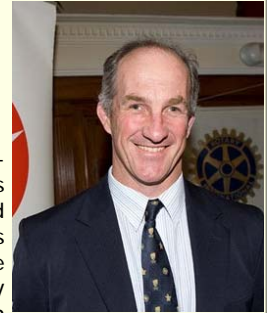
When teaching children with disabilities, repetition is important in mastering a skill. Ms Wylie's computer-based lessons have enabled this reinforcement in a novel and enjoyable way.

Ms Wylie's software has been used to great effect in the primary classes of another local school and the potential to create a marketable product that will assist students with disabilities in the broader education sector is exciting and significant.

It is with pleasure that Caltex and the Rotary Club of Sydney acknowledge Ms Wylie's dedication and determination to enhance her students' learning experience and present her with the 2008 Award for Innovation in Teaching.

Caltex and the Rotary Club of Sydney are pleased to recognise  
**Mr Danny Spillane**

for his creative music program that enables children in isolated communities with little or no musical experience to perform locally and to large crowds in Sydney.



For the past 12 years Mr Spillane, Principal at Kentucky Public School in NSW's northern tablelands, has promoted and coordinated the State Small Schools Marimba Ensemble – a grouping made up of students from 30 small primary schools across the state. The children come together usually twice a year to perform at a variety of venues including Sydney's Opera House and Entertainment Centre.

Mr Spillane's efforts have enabled the ensemble to perform to city crowds who are delighted by the full sounds of the African-styled musical instruments. Having rolled out marimba-playing at the two schools he previously headed, Mr Spillane currently has all the children of Kentucky Public School playing a colourful array of instruments including the marimba, echocellos and "wacky instruments".

The program has seen significant increases in the children's self confidence, focus and concentration. It is a particularly inclusive initiative on several levels: it's not necessary to be able to read music to play in the ensemble; as many boys as girls enjoy participating in the group; and parents, teachers and the children make the instruments at a fraction of the purchase price.

It is with pleasure that Caltex and the Rotary Club of Sydney acknowledge Mr Spillane's enthusiastic commitment to bringing fresh musical opportunities to children across NSW and present him with the 2008 Award for Innovation in Teaching.

Caltex and the Rotary Club of Sydney are pleased to recognise  
**Mr William Adams**

for driving "e2", a program that's providing regional students with access to an unprecedented choice of secondary school subjects.



Orange Deputy Principal Mr Adams is the full-time coordinator of e2 – an initiative that extends curriculum options to students by forming classes across five participating public schools.

Using combinations of video-conferencing, on-line technologies and face-to-face teaching on "Super Wednesdays", the senior students in the collaborating institutions are able to study a range of subjects that would have been unavailable to them in their individual schools. These include Physics, Legal Studies, Drama and Hospitality. e2 also partners with Orange TAFE and Charles Sturt University. "Health2" students can gain credits towards TAFE qualifications and potentially early entry into Charles Sturt.

e2 and its message "every student ... every opportunity ... every day" has attracted great interest from educators and government departments across the state and country. The model has been presented over 50 times in the last 18 months to educational decision makers.

It is with pleasure that Caltex and the Rotary Club of Sydney acknowledge Mr William Adams role in this ground-breaking initiative that puts the interests of students first, and present him with the 2008 Award for Innovation in Teaching.

Caltex and the Rotary Club of Sydney are pleased to recognise  
**Dr Bronwyn Walters**

for devising and driving a program that offers collaborative, new ways for gifted and talented students to tackle genuine, practical tasks.



Head of Science at Tara Anglican School for Girls in Parramatta, Dr Walters has created "Student Managed Authentic Realworld Tasks" Learning, or SMART Learning. The program brings together Year 9 to 11 boys and girls

from seven Sydney schools who work as a management team comprising CEOs, Team Leaders and Special Operations personnel.

Dr Walters' SMART Learning team is currently engaged in an initiative arising from Global Jet Watch, an astronomy program that has enabled the building of an observatory in Tara's grounds. Due to be operational by the year end, the facility will be accessible to the public and the SMART Learning students will be in charge of the operation, offering viewing nights, astronomy camps and conducting scientific research.

The students have established the facility's infrastructure, from creating a web site and logo to writing promotional material about it. The program enables the group of 34 students to explore their full potential as they manage tasks that are real and have consequences. The group is thriving and embracing this opportunity to be creative and prove their capability across the boundaries of individual schools.



## Goal Setting and Presentation Skills (cont)

This first session in Sydney will be held in the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street on Thursday 20th November

The evening starts at 6.15pm with sandwiches and coffee and the two presentations between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm. Cost per attendee \$10.00 for catering.

### Presentation Skills

- Accepting the invitation
- Objectives
- Preparation
- Venue and equipment
- Timing
- Question time

### Goal Setting

- Benefits of goal setting
- Characteristics of effective goals
- Action plans to achieve goals
- Accountability for goals

Please book with Bruce Farquharson by 5 p.m. on Wednesday 19th Ph: 4658 1782 email: [brucevet@ispdr.net.au](mailto:brucevet@ispdr.net.au)

**James Allen went to the MS 'Go for Gold' Scholarship Presentation Luncheon where 13 scholarships went to sufferers of MS using funds raised at the MS Mega Swim earlier this year.**

**He said it was a great occasion and the ways in which these 13 amazing people will use these scholarships was quite inspiring.**

**James is pictured making a presentation to one of the winners, Frances Love. It is hoped Rotary can become more involved in the MS Mega Swim next year.**



## Outstanding Educators honoured for making a Difference

Unity across schools and unwavering support for student achievement were recurring themes in this year's winning submissions in the Caltex and Rotary Club of Sydney Awards for Innovation in Teaching.

Now in its 15th year, the awards program recognises New South Wales teachers who are driving fresh, dynamic programs that significantly benefit students and education. Four outstanding teachers were presented today with awards for their ground-breaking educational programs. Each wins a trip abroad valued at up to \$7,000. The purpose of the trip is to enable the winners to showcase, and learn more about, their individual areas of innovation.

The winning teachers are William Adams of Orange High School, Danny Spillane of Kentucky Public School, Bronwyn Walters of Tara Anglican School for Girls in Paramatta and Fiona Wylie of Gralee School in Leeton.

Mr Adams' "e2" program has succeeded in giving students attending five different public high schools in the Orange area an unprecedented choice of subjects to study.

Mr Spillane's Marimba Ensemble enables children from isolated communities with little or no musical experience to perform to big crowds in Sydney.

Dr Walters established and drives SMART Learning, a program that has gifted students from seven Sydney schools tackling real-life tasks together.

Ms Wylie has created a computer program that offers children with learning disabilities a novel way to reinforce their learning.

The standard of entry in the Caltex and Rotary Club of Sydney competition has been particularly high this year, says Caltex Managing Director and CEO Des King. In previous years the award has been awarded to three teachers; this year it's been extended to four.

"It's a pleasure to acknowledge and reward some of NSW's extraordinary teachers," says Mr King. "These are people who work tirelessly to help students be the best they can be, both now and in the future. Their positive impact cannot be quantified."



# The Rotary Foundation - How did it start?

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI."

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organisation, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation's growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial

Scholarships - was established. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. PolioPlus was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows – people who have given \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.



## Rotary E Club awards Paul Harris Fellowship to Peter Baines

Peter Baines is an expert at creating successful results starting from nothing – no time, no money, no staff, but as Peter says, "No worries". Throughout almost two decades Peter has experienced and led people through some of life's most challenging events.



He has come up against some of the most confronting natural disasters, accidents and acts of terrorism in recent times, making him one of Australia's most experienced disaster management specialists. In recent years, Peter has led both national and international teams following the Bali bombings, the Waterfall train disaster and the Boxing Day Tsunami.

He has first hand experience of what it takes to achieve results in the midst of human devastation, when outcomes can only be

reached through building powerful teams quickly and how to focus on getting the job done in the face of intense environmental, political and media pressure.

Whether it be responding to crisis and disaster or assisting corporate organisations who are undergoing a change process or looking for realignment in their leadership structure, Peter understands that it is results not excuses that we should focus on. He gets results without excuses by believing that Leadership Matters.



# Coming Up!

- 18 Nov Luncheon - Judith R. Fergin, US Consul General  
18 Nov Art Show Cocktail Party - Wentworth Gallery  
25 Nov Luncheon - Indy Singh on the Indian Economy.  
2 Dec Luncheon - Mt Eliza Presentation  
9 Dec Luncheon - Community Service Award Presentation  
16 Dec Christmas Dinner

2009:

A great line-up of speakers has been organised for the new year.

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.

## DARLINGTON PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TALENT QUEST

### HELPING HANDS PLEASE

The 2008 Talent Quest and sausage BBQ will be held on Wednesday 17 December at the School, Golden Grove Street, Chippendale, starting at 4.30pm.

This event is an opportunity to display our range of BBQ, hospitality and people skills.

We need a minimum of 12 to 14 volunteers from 4pm to 7pm.

Based on our 2007 experience – please come prepared in very casual, comfortable clothing and hats, sunscreen plus an abundance of good humour and patience.

Our reward will be the warm glow associated with contributing to a successful inner city community event and for those still standing – an opportunity to recover at a local hostelry.

Please Contact: **Janette Parkinson, (02) 9380 6722** before 5 December 2008

*Ed: I am volunteering - join me*  
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## 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)

**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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## BERT'S CORNER

AMERICA

### OSCAR WILDE

We have everything in common with America nowadays, except, of course, language

The Americans are great hero-worshippers, and they always take heroes from the criminal classes

She behaves as if she were beautiful. Most American do. It is the secret of their charm

Among the more elderly inhabitants of the South I found a melancholy tendency to date every event of importance on the late war. "How beautiful the moon is tonight" I once remarked to a gentleman standing near me.

"Yes", was his reply, "but you should have seen it before the war"

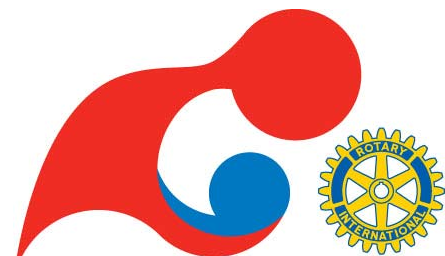
Washington has too many bronze generals.

California is an Italy without its art

America has never quite forgiven Europe for having been discovered somewhat earlier than itself

As for marriage, it is one of their most popular institutions. The American man marries early and the American woman marries often: and they get on extremely well together.

*Bert Rosenberg*



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