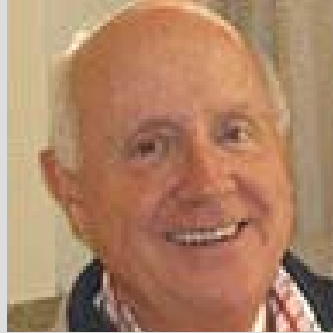




2nd Dec
2008



Vale Doug Markell

It is with much sadness that I advise of the passing of our respected member, Doug Markell.

As you will be aware from recent press reportings, Doug and Alison were on holiday in India and unfortunately Doug became caught up in the terrorist attack and was fatally wounded.

Whilst I am writing this, two of Doug's sons are on their way to Mumbai to collect Alison who is safely installed in the Australian Embassy.

Doug joined our Club in 1983 and during the last 25 years has held several positions – Director, Assistant Honorary Treasurer and President's Aide. He was the perfect President's Aide, with a smile and greeting for everyone on arrival and the meetings certainly ran very smoothly while he held this position.

But what is probably not known is the work that Doug did behind the scenes, and for which he did not seek recognition. If anyone required assistance, a phone call to Doug was all that was needed and he would immediately swing into action.

Rotary was not Doug's only community service. He was a councillor on the Woollahra council and at one time held the office of deputy mayor. He was also an active member of the Sydney Probus Club and in fact was their current President.

Doug will be sorely missed by everyone whose lives he touched. He was the epitome of Rotary's motto "Service above Self".

We shall advise of funeral arrangements as soon as they come to hand.

President, Patricia Harrison

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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

Christmas Dinner

Rotary Club of Sydney members, families and friends are invited to a celebratory Christmas fundraiser.

Proceeds from the evening will be donated to YoungCare. The funds raised will be directed to the building of a dedicated residential facility for young adults with physical disabilities.

The Xmas Dinner will be held in Cello's Dining Room on Tuesday 16th December 2008 at 7pm.

Diana 'Bubbles' Fisher will be Guest of Honour. The Adrian Pilton's Cantorion Male

Voice Choir will entertain guests with their repertoire of classical, sacred and seasonal music.



All enquiries should be directed to Ann Burleigh on 02 4883 7956 or 0416 115 844 annburleigh@ozemail.com.au.

What's for lunch this week:

Hot: Fillet of salmon on bed of mashed potato infused with lemon served with creamy tarragon sauce

Dessert: Fruit salad in brandy snap

Vegetarian: Penne pasta with roast pumpkin, fetta cheese & tomato

Salad: Chicken Caesar salad

THIS WEEK:

MT ELIZA PROGRAMME

Rotary has had a long association with the Mt Eliza Business School (now part of Melbourne University) and was involved in its establishment in 1953.

John Wallace, Club President in 1991 established an annual scholarship to allow someone from a charitable organisation in Sydney to attend a suitable course at the Business School.

The 2007 and 2008 winners of this scholarship, Rod Nadwie Smith from YMCA and Mandy Cranston from Uniting Care have had wonderful experiences during the program and are coming to the Club on Tuesday 02 December to talk about the scholarship and how they have applied their learnings to their respective organisations.

Liz Jeffrey

Rotary Club of Sydney Trip to Fiji and Tonga

A visit is being planned for Club members and families / friends to Fiji and Tonga in the two weeks commencing Monday 13 April 2009. Three Club members and families have already expressed interest. We would love to have others join us. If you think you might be interested in joining us can you please let Bruce Edwards know of your interest NOW.

Expressing interest now will not commit you, but will help us in planning and allow you to contribute your ideas on the itinerary.

The Club has recently obtained a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation to fund a scholarship program in Fiji. So one objective of the trip is to check on progress and see what other support may be required.

The program funds will cover tuition fees for secondary school students who are academically capable but whose parents or carers cannot afford the fees. The program is shared with the Rotary Club of Suva East. Funding has been contributed by both Rotary Clubs, our Rotary District 9750 and the Rotary Foundation. The program is managed by an informal sub-committee of the International Service Committee consisting of Bruce Edwards, John Rawson and Colin Westman.

We have also recently received approval for a similar scheme in Tonga as a RAWCS project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa.

So the trip will include visits to both the Rotary Club of Suva East and the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa. There should also be lots of time for leisure activities and personal time.

So if you might be interested in joining us please let me know as soon as possible.

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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!

- 2 Dec Luncheon - Mt Eliza Presentation
9 Dec Luncheon - Community Service Award Presentation
16 Dec Christmas Dinner
2009:
13 Jan Jessica Brown - "Sister to Sister" Programme
20 Jan Kaise Stephen - Swimming the English Channel for Child Cancer Research
27 Jan Bruce McArthur - Australian Wildlife Conservation
3 Feb Louise Walsh - Funding for the Arts
3 Feb Rotary Means Business - 6pm, Castlereagh Hotel, CBD.
10 Feb Anne Henderson, author of "Enid Lyons - Leading Lady to a Nation."
17 Feb RYLA Presentation
24 Feb Consular Day
3 March John Brogden - Lifeline and its work on Depression.
10 March David Richmond - Coordinator General, Dept of NSW Premier

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.

ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY DARLING HARBOUR

**YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND
JOIN IN THE SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS WITH
CAROL SINGING**

in
**THE SCOTS CHURCH
(MARGARET ST CNR OF YORK ST)**

**WED 10TH DEC 2008
AT 1.00PM TO 2.00 PM**

**NON DENOMINATIONAL SINGING
OF CAROLS WITH THE
SALVATION ARMY BAND**

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

rfernand@bigpond.net.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

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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