



**20 Jan
2009**

This Week Kaise Stephan

Kaise has been involved in the community and in sports over a number of years.

He studied at Macquarie University and holds a Bachelor of Economics degree, majoring in Actuarial Studies, with Honours. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia and now works with Munich Re, one of the world's leading reinsurers. Kaise is currently Munich Re's Appointed Actuary in Australia and NZ.

Kaise has been involved in community and volunteer work since the age of 18, running and co-ordinating a free tutoring program for a period of 10 years, involvement in organising fundraising events related to Westmead Children's Hospital, Brae-side Hospital and various projects for the local Assyrian Community. Kaise had active involvement in the local community and Macquarie University including:

- President of Golden Key National Honour Society whose members are the top 15% of University undergraduates.
- Honours Students representative of the Undergraduate Studies Committee
- He was awarded the Brian Spencer Scholarship for contribution to Macquarie University
- President of the Assyrian Australian Academic Society in 2001 and 2002
- Involvements in Fundraising Committees for the Assyrian Church of the East.

In terms of sports involvements, Kaise has trained in Swim-

ming, Karate and Water Polo.

For swimming, he participated in competitive pool swimming at various levels up to Regional and only once made it to NSW State Championships.

For Karate, Kaise participated in various Karate tournaments winning the Under 16's Australian National title for Goshin Ryu in 1990, Best and Fairest National title in 1990 and Tasman Title (Runner-up) against NZ in 1991.

For Water Polo, he was the school's waterpolo team captain and a member of Macquarie University's waterpolo team.

The last 3 years saw Kaise train for an attempt at swimming the English Channel, considered by many in the world to be the Everest of Swimming.

The attempt occurred on 13 July 2008 and was dedicated to raise funds for Cancer Research, to the Oncology Unit at the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Kaise decided to swim the Channel and raise funds for Cancer following his 12 year old cousin's diagnosis with Leukaemia.

The campaign which became known as Channel Crossing For Life, an official fundraising campaign of the Children's Hospital at Westmead is now \$50,000 off its target and once the target is reached, it will enable the hospital and its oncology unit to commence and complete the assigned 3 year research project.

Kaise will talk more about his journey of Channel Crossing For Life and dramatic day of the attempt at swimming the Channel.



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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

**Happy Birthday
this week to the
following
members:**

- **Adrian Pilton**
- **John Koch**
- **Chris Barry**



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?"

What's for lunch this week:

Hot: Roast lamb with seasonal vegetables

Dessert: Tiramisu

Salad/Vegetarian: Smoked salmon with petite salad served with lemon aioli

WHY ATTEND?

birmingham
21-24 JUNE ENGLAND
2009 100TH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION



By participating in an RI Convention, you'll gain a broader appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service. And seeing a convention may move your invited guests to become Rotarians too. Here are some other great reasons to attend a convention:

- **Service projects.** Find out how fellow Rotarians developed their service projects by visiting club and district project booths. You can also partner with other Rotarians in an international project or exchange.
- **The Rotary Foundation.** Learn more about PolioPlus and other Foundation programs during plenary sessions and workshops that show how Rotarians take humanitarian action and promote peace and understanding throughout the world.
- **Development of future club leaders.** Expand your network of international contacts by getting to know Rotary leaders and members from your own district, and become more involved in district plans.
- **Club administration.** Attend a special workshop for incoming presidents and the Presidents-Elect Luncheon, where you can meet and exchange ideas with fellow leaders.

Family fun. With so much to do around the event, you and your family can plan a memorable vacation around the convention.

Maximizing your convention experience
Take advantage of pre-convention meetings, RI luncheons, and host events before the official start of the convention.

- **Showcase your club or district humanitarian service project** in the Club and District Projects Exhibition.
- **Organize an event!** Request a form by contacting uae@rotary.org
- **Get involved behind the scenes** of this major RI meeting by volunteering to be a sergeant-at-arms. Sign up when you register, or stop by the sergeant-at-arms office on-site during the convention.
- **Organize a group to attend** from your club or district. You may even receive a rebate for your collective efforts! Special forms are available for tour groups by contacting ri.registration@rotary.org
- **Say yes to personal information sharing** when you register, and you'll receive information about local attractions, events, and activities from convention organizers and the local Host Organization Committee.

Coming Up!

20 Jan	Kaise Stephan - 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
17 March	Elaine Henry, CEO The Smith Family (Recipient of 2008-09 Community Service Award)
24 March	Jim Patrick - Cochlear
31 March	Senator Kim Carr
14 April	Julian Ledger - The Sydney Harbour YHA Project.
19 May	Citizenship Ceremony
16 June	Glenn Stevens, Governor of the Reserve Bank

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.

Did you know?



- ◆ The Rotary Club of Sydney meets every Tuesday at lunchtime.
- ◆ We've got a great venue for lunch.
- ◆ Many nationalities are represented in our Club.
- ◆ We have FUN!
- ◆ We don't wear cardigans!
- ◆ We are raising money for YoungCare to assist young people with high care needs.
- ◆ We're friendly.
- ◆ We network.
- ◆ We are always doing something worthwhile for our community.
- ◆ You'd be most welcome to visit us.
- ◆ Ask any member for more information or email office@sydneyrotary.com

Welcome to Rotary International's problem solving Forum

Each month, Rotarians are asked for their ideas and strategies to address challenges they deal with every day.

Problem: Weekly meetings are uninspiring

You've been appointed the weekly program chair for the coming year. Last year many members complained the weekly meetings were a waste of time.

How will you keep weekly programs for the coming year interesting?

Click on this link:

http://rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/090201_news_yourvoice.aspx

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



Make Dreams Real

Please send your news to the Bulletin Editor,

Tony Benner at Tel. 9279 0261.

rotarymatters@people.net.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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