



**21 April
2009**

THIS WEEK: Rev. Dirk Ficca

Make a World of Difference

Rev. Dirk Ficca serves as Executive Director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Dirk worked closely with the religious and spiritual communities of the Chicago metropolitan area to plan and organize the 1993 Parliament event in Chicago.

Given the enthusiasm generated by the 1993 Parliament, Dirk continued to lead the Council's efforts to build a vibrant interreligious movement in Chicago and around the world.

Dirk is an ordained Presbyterian minister and prior to joining the Council served for eleven years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Dirk teaches at DePaul University, the Lutheran School of Theology and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary.



Rotary is...

Rotary is a volunteer organisation with 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. It initiates humanitarian projects that address today's challenges affecting the world today, such as hunger, poverty, and illiteracy.

Rotary club members represent a cross-section of business and professional leaders around the world.

These 1.2 million men and women donate their expertise, time, and funds to support local and international projects that help people in need and promote understanding among cultures.

Rotary International is the worldwide association of Rotary clubs united under a motto of Service Above Self.

Rotary's flagship program is its effort to protect children against polio. It aims to eradicate the disease from the world.

NEXT WEEK:

28 April John Gaden - Anzac Day - Gallipoli

ROTARY – People like you and me

The Rotary Club of Sydney in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Sydney Darling Harbour and the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove

presents:

The 2009 Great Ethics Debate

“That to do good intending bad is better than to do bad intending good”

Be at Parliament House when two debating teams front up to present their case and you too will become a participant in The Great Ethics Debate!

When: Friday, May 8, 2009 6.00 pm for 6.30 sharp start, till 7.30 pm

Where: Legislative Assembly Parliament House of NSW, Macquarie St, Sydney

After the Debate, join the teams for dinner in the Stranger's Dining Room at 8.00 pm.

Cost to be present for The Great Ethics Debate and Dinner is \$150.00... Make sure you book early, as seats are limited!

Booking Form is attached to this Bulletin.

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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

ANZAC DAY BBQ

Please remember our annual ANZAC Day BBQ. A few more volunteers are.

The BBQ will raise money for the President's Project - YoungCare.

Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:

1. 6:00am to 9:00am
2. 8:30am to 11:30am
3. 11am to 2:00pm
4. 1:30pm to 5:00pm

If you are able to help, please call or email Patricia Harrison who can be reached during business hours on 9233 2100 or at any time on her mobile 0414 858 599.

Patricia's email address is pharrison@intersuisse.com.au.



What's for lunch this week:

Hot Dish

Veal Osso Bucco, Tomato Ratatouille, Truffled White Polenta

Dessert

Vanilla Panna Cotta, Lemon Thyme Berry Compote

Vegetarian

Wild Vegetable Ravioli served with Truffled Asparagus & Pecorino

Salad

Oxheart Tomato, Chicken Chorizo & Basil Salad

Vittoria Coffee & Whittard Teas

Shelter Reaches Quake Victims

Hours after a powerful earthquake struck central Italy on 6 April, killing nearly 300 people, a team of ShelterBox volunteers reached the affected areas to distribute 245 containers of relief supplies to hundreds of displaced families.

The quake, Italy's deadliest in nearly three decades, left tens of thousands homeless, and damaged or destroyed at least 15,000 buildings across the mountain city of L'Aquila.

ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organisation supported by Rotary clubs around the world, provides boxes that contain a tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

Fiducian Golf Day

The Fiducian Charity Golf Day will be held on 14th of May at the prestigious Killara Golf Club.

Last year, a packed lunch was provided along with drinks on the course. There were two wine tasting holes with a one shot penalty for not downing a taste of red or white. Afterwards, participants met for a drink and then settled down to a sumptuous three course dinner. Former Wallabies star Ben Darwin made an impassioned plea to the near capacity 120 attendees, to contribute generously.



A number of items such as sports memorabilia, wines, ladies cosmetics, chocolates and holiday activities were auctioned and Indy Singh as the auctioneer for the night, brought out a few laughs.

All in all, everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly and the best part of the day, was that we raised around \$50,000 for the President's project, which was to raise money for the Inspire Foundation.

We hope that Rotarians will support the event this year and contribute generously to Youngcare.

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Late last month, all members would have received by post (snail -mail) an invoice for six-monthly dues. If that invoice is still sitting on your desk at the office or at home, please put it in the mail this week with your cheque or credit card details.

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!

21 April	Rev Dirk Ficca - Executive Director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions
25 April	ANZAC Day Barbecue
28 April	John Gaden - Anzac Day - Gallipoli
5 May	Michael Dureau _ Business Leadership for Rotary
8 May	Great Debate at Parliament House
12 May	Vocational Service Awards
14 May	Fiducian Golf Day
19 May	Citizenship Ceremony
27 May	Rotary Means Business, 6pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.
2 June	Dr Chris Caton, BT Economist
9 June	Soukup Scholarship Awards
16 June	tba
23 June	President Patricia Harrison - Summary
30 June	Barry O'Farrell, NSW Opposition Leader

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.



Rotary International President-elect John Kenny (right) administers the oral polio vaccine to a child held by RI Director Ashok M. Mahajan in Mumbai, India. Suhas Kulkarni, District 3140 polio plus committee chair, and District Governor Bansi Dhurandhar, of District 3140, look on.

Happy Birthday this week to these members:

- No birthdays this week



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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