



**21st Oct
2008**

Patricia Harrison is pictured giving an upbeat presentation on YoungCare at the annual Rotary District Conference held over the weekend.



Over 20 members from the Rotary Club of Sydney attended the various sessions which included politicians past and present, a High Court Judge, an Assistant Police Commissioner, our own Cherelyn Suzuki, Rotaractors and Ambassadorial Scholars and lots of Rotarians of all ages!



THIS WEEK: The GSE Team from Brazil

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in

paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

ROTARY – People like you and me

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) 17 - 24 January 2009

Applications are now open for RYLA 2009 and are available from Hon Secretary Jean Elborn, or from the RYLA website www.ryla9750.org.au.

What is RYLA?

- one week programme for young people, 19 - 25 who have shown leadership potential.
- aims to develop that potential by providing a wide range of experiences which assist in the individual's personal growth.
- RYLA is a live-in course at Stanwell Tops with a mixture of workshops and lectures.
- also a variety of sports and other outdoor activities.
- one of the highlights is the Tuesday night dinner which the students are responsible for organising to entertain their sponsoring Rotary clubs.



Transport

Jean will need assistance to drive the RYLarians to Stanwell Tops on Saturday 17th January and bring them back on Saturday 24th – can you help?



RYLA Dinner Tuesday 20th January 2009

Put this date in your diary! The RYLarians will be organising a dinner for members of their sponsoring Rotary Clubs on the Tuesday evening at Stanwell Tops. It is always a really fun night. Cost is \$30 per head – please contact Jean if you are able to attend.

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From the President

It was a very special day last Tuesday, with our guest speaker Tony Lund from Disability Services Australia who outlined for us the staggering number of people there are in Australia with a disability and the great work that his organisation does to assist them. This is an area very much in the forefront of our minds as it fits in so well with our project this year, YoungCare.



Thanks Fiducian!

And on that subject, Indy Singh presented me with a cheque for \$3,000 for our project, the result of a fining session at Fiducian's recent conference, and also \$4,000 to sponsor the "Your City" project. Thank you Indy, your continuing support is very much appreciated. Please don't forget, you too can help with this project by billeting out one or two of the young people from the country on Saturday, 15 November and showing them around our beautiful city on the Sunday. There is nothing to make one appreciate Sydney more than acting as a tour guide.

YoungCare Reaches \$50,000

Also two members gave me cheques for \$500 each for our project. A heartfelt thanks to them also. This now brings our fundraising for YoungCare up to the \$50,000 mark.

Changes to Speakers

Unfortunately we have a couple of alterations to our advertised Speakers' Programme. We were to have Helen Grasswill, producer of "Australian Story" along next week, to be followed by Di "Bubbles" Fisher. However Helen will be overseas on a story and Di is recovering from a hip operation so both have deferred their visits. So please watch the "Coming Up" space in "Rotary Matters".

But I am very pleased to advise of alternative speakers. As you are all aware, on the weekend we held the District Conference, and to coincide with the conference is the visit from the Group Study Exchange team from Brazil. They would have been coming along on Tuesday to present to us, but it would have been very rushed. So now we will be able devote more of the programme to them.

The USA Elections

You might recall a few months ago we had a presentation by Clayton Solomon, an Ambassadorial Scholar from Miami Florida, out here studying International Law at University of NSW.

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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?"



The Fiducian cheque presentation.

What's for lunch this week:

- Hot: Chicken Kiev with mash & parsley cream sauce
Dessert: Fresh fruit salad with brandy snap filled with cream
Vegetarian: Roasted vegetables & cheesebake
Salad: Smoked chicken & avocado salad.

Coming Up!

- 28 Oct Luncheon - US Election Candidates - An insight from two Ambassadorial Scholars.
28 Oct **Rotary Means Business, 6pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**
11 Nov Luncheon - Caltex Teachers Awards
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
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.

From the President (continued)

Clayton gave us a brief overview of the upcoming American elections. This time he will be joined by Wilson Nash from Birmingham, Alabama who is studying International Relations at Sydney University.

They are going to tell us what it has been like to be a voter in such a historical election and how they both ultimately decided on a candidate, then discuss what a US Presidential administration would look like under each of the candidates, noting the challenges each will face in the current economic and political climate. Then it's over to you to ask all the difficult questions.

So please come along to these meetings, and bring your friends, so that you can see at first hand two of the programmes that we help to fund by our donations to the Rotary Foundation.

I am sure that you will be impressed by the calibre and enthusiasm of these young people.

See you Tuesday.

Patricia Harrison

James Allen reports there this is a lunch on 9th November that is a follow-on from the MS Mega Swim earlier in the year when 10-12 members assisted with that project. Please contact James for more info j.allen@stantonchase.com

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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Rotary Means Business

The next **Rotary Means Business** function will be held on at 6pm on Tuesday, 28th October at the Castlereagh Hotel.

Rotary Means Business is a series of regular meetings organised to provide Rotarians and guests with the opportunity to meet for the specific purpose of business networking. This activity was one of the original founding purposes of Rotary.

As on previous occasions, there will be no charge to attend. Drinks, including coffee/tea, may be purchased from the bar area.

There will also be a product display area provided.

The better people get to know you and know about your business, the more likely they are to use your services and recommend you to others.



For further information about **Rotary Means Business**, please contact Tony Benner from Sydney Rotary on 9279 0261.



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