



THIS WEEK:

# Tashi Tenzing

*Tenzing & the Everest Sherpas*

23 Feb  
2010

ROTTARY MASTERS

Tashi Tenzing was born in Darjeeling, India and is the youngest son of Pem Pem who is Tenzing Norgay's eldest daughter. Tenzing, with Sir Edmund Hillary, made the first ascent of Everest on 29th May 1953.

Tashi's mother is also a climber. She was a member of the 1959 International Women's Expedition to Cho Oyu, in Nepal - the 7th highest mountain in the world - an expedition which ended tragically in the death of two climbers.

Tashi then went on to the University of New Delhi, but his first love has always been the outdoors and, especially climbing. He established the Delhi University Climbing Club and excelled at all the climbing and outdoor adventure courses at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute in Darjeeling. This Institute was established by his grandfather, Tenzing Norgay, after Everest to offer professional climbing instruction to all Indian people.

Since leaving University Tashi has been almost solely employed in leading trekking and climbing trips in the Nepal, Tibet, Pakistan, Kashmir, and Indian Himalaya. He has trekked widely in Nepal, Kashmir and Ladakh and in the eastern Himalaya of Bhutan and Sikkim.

Since his childhood he has emulated his grandfather's love of mountain exploration and he has managed to maintain this quest by researching and leading many new treks and expeditions. However the desire to climb Everest has always been in Tashi's heart and his passion for this never waned.

He knew one day his time would come. His elder brother, Sonam - a lawyer in Sydney - and elder sister, Yangzen is a teacher in Darjeeling - have not inherited Tenzing's love of climbing but they fully supported their younger brother's aspirations and had full confidence in his ability to maintain the family tradition.



In 1993 Tashi led the 40th Anniversary Everest Expedition to mark the 40th anniversary of the first successful expedition of his grandfather, Tenzing Norgay Sherpa. At last his dream seemed in reach but it was also important to him for the sake of his Sherpa people who supported him to the fullest in this bid. His team were successful, getting two members to the summit on May 10th.

Sadly Tashi's uncle and climbing partner, Lobsang Tshering, fell to their deaths on the descent from the summit. Tashi missed the summit by just 400m having to turn back with snow blindness.

Tashi is now a successful business owner, author and mountain climber. He motivates corporations and organizations with his knowledge of the work ethic, focus and determination of his people, the Sherpas of Mount Everest

## ROTARY – People like you and me



The beautiful new Audi Lighthouse was the venue for "Dancing with the Cars" on Saturday night.

Well over 100 Rotarians and friends enjoyed the huge dance floor, shows and tuition from the dancers from the Step Up Dance studio plus special performances by music legend Don Spencer and the Australian Children's Music Foundation.

A detailed report, including funds raised, will be presented at next Tuesday's Rotary luncheon.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the event.

### Australian Citizenship Ceremony 2010 OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CLUB MEMBERS

Sydney Rotary will once again be hosting an Australian Citizenship Ceremony in May. As a Club member you are welcome to nominate family, friends or work colleagues to participate as part of the 10 people who will be inducted on that day.

Timing is tight as the Department of Immigration and Community (DIAC) needs several months to complete lead up formalities. The process for our group is actually streamlined compared with the standard procedure.

If you have anyone interested in taking out Citizenship through our club in May, please contact committee member Ross MacKenzie (0417 444 447 - or Rex Doughty 0415

284 848) on or before 23rd February (latest) - we need to have details to DIAC before Thursday 25th February.



ROTARY DISTRICT 9750

**WOMEN IN ROTARY**  
*Celebrating Women's Achievement*  
**INAUGURAL DINNER**

*Wednesday 17 March 2010*  
*Parliament House*  
*The Stranger's Dining Room*  
*6.30pm for 7.00pm*  
*Cost: \$95.00 per person*

**Guest Speaker: Angela Catterns**  
*ABC Broadcaster and Social Commentator*

You are invited to this wonderful celebration  
to participate in the inaugural awards  
to women in our community.

**Registrations are now open.**

Please contact  
Janice Hall (District Chair)  
janicehall@optusnet.com.au or 0402 40 18 50.

Registrar: David Guillaume  
Post cheques to: PO Box 4057 TOWRADGI NSW 2518  
Fax : (02) 4284 3951  
Enquires to: (02) 4284 3951 or  
conference@rotaryd9750.org.au for registration form

**Please diarise this important and fun evening:**

**Rotary Club of Sydney Jewish House Function**  
at Jewish House Flood Street Bondi NSW 2026  
Date 7.00pm Wednesday 24 March 2010

**A rather special fun evening of Jewish  
Food and Humour**

**Price to be finalised - About \$ 75 per person**

**Numbers limited so book early with:-  
Bert Rosenberg, Joe Botta, Terry Carson, Ken  
Hacker, Mark Jacobs, Tina Stanton and Paul  
Vertes.**

## What's for Lunch?

**Hot:** Old Barramundi fillet, parsley potato, seasonal vegies,  
lemon butter sauce

**Dessert:** Bread and butter pudding

**Vegetarian:** Roast vegetable stack, mesclun salad and  
tomato basil sauce

**Salad:** Smoked salmon and avocado salad, seeded mustard  
dressing

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**James Allen - Service & Awards**

**Jean Elborn - Youth Services**

**Hashim Durrani - Membership**

**Tina Stanton - Club Projects Coordinator**

**Mark Dyer - Website/Administration**

## 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?"**

## Celebrating Lyn Knight's 50th Anniversary with Sydney Rotary

In February 1960 Lyn Knight was inducted as a member of Sydney Rotary Club by the then President, Sir Bernard Freeman.

Shortly after his induction, he was appointed as the honorary fundraising consultant to a District Committee charged with the task of raising \$400,000 to build two International Houses, one for each of Sydney University and the University of NSW.

The total sum raised, together with a subsidy from the Government, enabled both projects to be funded and completed by 1967.

In 1970 Sydney Club was riding high, for in that year it was the sponsoring Club of Rotary's International World Convention. This event attracted over 17,000 Rotarians from all over the world and was a mammoth organising task.

The next year, Lyn was appointed Club President and up to that time, was one of the youngest Club members to be appointed President.

After the hype of the International Convention, Lyn and his 350 member club initiated a major activity programme undertaking and completing 60 ordinary-type large and small projects which gave all members the opportunity to give rewarding and satisfying service above self to the community and to help them to support Rotary ideals.

In 1982, he was elected District Governor and immediately set up the Australian Retirement Planning Foundation.

Dozens of Rotarian specialists from many clubs volunteered their services and time to act as presenters and organisers of the events. In return for his remarkable leadership, Lyn was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1973.

In 1999 Lyn suffered a bad accident when he fell off a ladder which saw him in hospital for 38 weeks for over 30 medical procedures, including quadruple bypass surgery.

This all meant that his mobility was considerably impaired and he has not been able to attend regular club lunches for the past 10 years.

We look forward to welcoming Lyn back to the Club on Tuesday and to help him celebrate his 50th anniversary of Club membership.

## HAITI UPDATE

It is now six weeks since Haiti was rocked by a catastrophic earthquake and there is still an urgent need for secure shelter which can stand up to the Haitian climate.

**At last week's Board Meeting, it was decided that Sydney Rotary would donate three ShelterBoxes.**

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) member Jane Nash has just returned to the UK from Port au Prince. She says the importance of getting people into tents cannot be underestimated.



'The rains are going to be really hard and it's going to take a long time to get transitional housing up and running.

Our tents will withstand heavy rain. Would you want to be in a tarpaulin sheet in a torrential downpour when the ground will be soaked? The look on one woman's face when I gave her a tent was like it was the best thing she had ever had,' said Jane.

ShelterBox General Manager Lasse Petersen added: 'At present the vast majority of people left homeless have yet to receive even plastic sheeting. These families need immediate emergency shelter rather than becoming caught up in policy debates.'



'A tent, as we've already seen, can be a life saving difference to many of the most vulnerable during what is likely to become a very lengthy wait for anything more permanent. It's vital we continue our efforts in Haiti; tents are the number one priority.'

So far more than 7,000 ShelterBoxes and disaster relief tents have been distributed in Haiti and another 1,200 are due to arrive in Port au Prince, Haiti's capital, by Friday. The SRT in Port au Prince already has a planned distribution in place for these boxes.



ShelterBox has committed another 5,000 tents to Haiti, which will provide shelter for another 50,000 people. These will start arriving at the end of February. ShelterBox tents undergo rigorous testing and will be able to stand up to the spring rains which will soon descend on Haiti.

**Please check the Downloads section on ClubRunner for a list of Projects needing Volunteers - Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)**



# Coming Up!

[www.sydneyrotary.com](http://www.sydneyrotary.com)  
[www.clubrunner.ca/sydney](http://www.clubrunner.ca/sydney)

- 23 Feb Tashi Tenzing (grandson of Tenzing Norgay of Mt Everest fame)
- 23 Mar Gabrielle Upton - Legal Counsel at the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
- 24 Mar **Jewish House Function, Flood St, Bondi**
- 30 Mar Dr Robert Frater, VP Innovation, Resmed.
- 29 April **Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day and Dinner, Killara Golf Club**

## Speaker Donations

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Here is latest speakers and their respective charities they have donated their \$100.0 to.

- 1/12 Lindy Hume ACMF
- 8/12 No speaker money donated to Rotary Foundation
- 15/12 Susie Manfred (Winner of the Community Service Award), Lou's Place
- 12/01 John Rawson The Prostate Foundation of Australia
- 19/01 Steve Burrell The Deb Bailey Foundation of Australia

## Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day & Dinner 29 April 2010

Last year the Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day & Dinner raised over \$35,000 for last year's Rotary project "Youngcare". This year, Fiducian will be supporting two worthy charities, Home Hospice and Lou's Place:

- Home Hospice supports families and helps them to manage the trauma and relationships that surround families caring for terminally ill loved ones.
- Lou's Place, is a unique daytime drop in centre in Sydney for women and their children who are in crisis needing some medical, legal or counselling assistance as well as, life/job skills and referrals.

We are hopeful that every Rotarian will help in making the day a success as we work together to support these charities and make a difference in the lives of many.

The cost is \$220 per person or \$2090 for a table of 10 (includes round of golf). A detailed registration form will be placed on Sydney Rotary Club

Runner. Golf carts are limited and if any Rotarian needs one, please let Indy or Elizabeth (Phone 8298 4600) know, so we can reserve them on priority for Rotary.



## ROTARACT

### Rotaract Masquerade Ball

On 17th April the Sydney City Rotaract Club is holding a Masquerade Ball that will be a huge amount of fun plus a fundraiser for charities including the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus.

Rotaract would love to have two tables of supporters and not be outdone by our fellow sponsoring clubs.

[www.sydneycityrotaract.org](http://www.sydneycityrotaract.org)



February is World Understanding Month, and on the 23rd February, Rotary celebrates its 105th anniversary and World Understanding and Peace Day. RI President John Kenny says in his February message that "in this, World Understanding Month, we do well to remember . . . that in all of our service, we reach for the larger goal of fellowship, understanding, and peace."

**Please send your news to the Bulletin Editor,  
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**The Rotary Club of Sydney meets every Tuesday at 12:30pm, Cello Room, 4th Floor, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.**

Rotary District 9750, Club # 18206, chartered 1st May 1921

**The Rotary Club of Sydney, GPO Box 1523, Sydney, NSW 2001, Tel. +612 8014 8073**

**Happy Birthday to these members:**

**Joe Botta  
Barbara Woodward  
Taine Moufarrige**

**Rotary International  
105 years old today!**

