



## THIS WEEK!

**24 FEB  
2009**

**Tuesday looks like being on of the highlights of our year!**

It is our annual

Consular Day when we are joined by members of the Consular Corps in Sydney, one of the oldest and largest Consular Corps in the world whose origins date back over 100 years.

Substantially representatives of the countries comprising the Consular Corps are of very senior rank with some having Ambassadorial status.

Sydney is seen as one of the elite postings and is strongly sought after by Diplomatic representatives.

The Consular Corps in Sydney enjoys strong links with the State Government, Department of Immigration and Citizenship and the Office of Regional Development as well as various Chambers of Commerce and community groups.



The current Dean of the Consular Corps is Mr Pedro Colombi, Consul General of Argentina, and the Deputy Dean is Mrs Nelida Hernandez Carmona, Consul General of Cuba. And, of course, the Honorary Secretary General of the Consular Corps in Sydney is Rotarian Paul Wenham, a member of our Club.

Also joining us will be Past District Governor Phil Lacey, a director of the Australian Rotary Health Research Foundation and Treasurer Ron Beslich.

Another very important visitor will be David Conry, CEO of YoungCare. We will be making presentations to both of these organisations.

**And finally, we are to welcome into honorary membership of our club a prominent NSW person.**

So please come along and join us.

It should be an action-packed meeting!

### NEXT WEEK!

**3 March: John Brogden - Lifeline and its work on Depression.**

## ROTARY – People like you and me

### DRAMATIC MESSAGE ON OPERA HOUSE SAILS: “END POLIO NOW – THANKS ROTARY”

Rotary International will celebrate its 104<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, February 23, by beaming the words “**END POLIO NOW – THANKS ROTARY**” on the sails of Australia’s famous icon, the Sydney Opera House.

On the same night, a similar message will be beamed on other well known world buildings such as the British Houses of Parliament in London, UK, and the United Nations Building in New York, USA, to highlight the pending culmination of Rotary’s twenty year crusade to rid the world of the crippling childhood disease, Poliomyelitis.

“By illuminating these historic landmarks with our pledge to end polio, Rotary clubs are announcing to the world that we will not stop until the goal is achieved,” said Jonathan Majiyagbe, chair of The Rotary Foundation, which oversees Rotary’s polio eradication program. “We hope people everywhere will see these words – either in person or through the media – and join with us and our partners in this historic effort to rid the world of polio once and for all.”

Since 1988, Rotary has been in partnership with the World Health Organisation, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF – along with other humanitarian organisations and national governments - to achieve this lofty goal. It will be only the second time in history that a major

disease has been eradicated from the world’s population – smallpox being the first.

When Rotary launched its Polio eradication program, there were more than 350,000 severe cases of the disease worldwide each year. In the year ended June 30, 2008, there were fewer than 2,000 cases contained in just four countries.

Such has been the success of the campaign that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation of Microsoft fame has also thrown its considerable resources behind the program, recently awarding Rotary two challenge grants totalling US\$355 million, which Rotary has pledged to match with an additional US\$200 million, with all of the resulting US\$555 million earmarked for polio eradication. Rotary has also played a major role in convincing donor governments to contribute over US\$4 billion to the effort.



Rotary International Public Relations General Coordinator Bob Aitken said the “light show” on the sails of the Sydney Opera House will commence at around 8.30pm on Monday night and continue into the early hours of Tuesday morning.

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY

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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](mailto:annburleigh@ozemail.com.au)

## Australian Citizenship

### Members please note...

Do you have any friends, family, colleagues planning to become Aussie Citizens? If yes, perhaps they would like to join us at our annual Australian Citizenship Ceremony in May (Tuesday 19th) and get a free lunch in the bargain?

The Department of Immigration and Community (DIAC) will be officiating over a ceremony to induct 10 new Australians at our luncheon on that day.

DIAC are quite happy to include any friends or associates of club members and we have taken up this opportunity for several people in past years.

If interested please contact Rex Doughty on 9231 2133 (business hours) or [rex.doughty@fiducianfs.com.au](mailto:rex.doughty@fiducianfs.com.au) without delay as we will need to get formal paperwork underway very soon.

## What's for lunch this week:

### Hot Meal:

Blackened Roast Chicken Thighs on Sesame Steamed Spinach, Creamy Potato & Tomato Herb Salsa

### Vegetarian:

Roast & Marinated Vegetable Moussaka

### Salad:

Smoked Salmon Caesar Salad (no bacon)

Aria Bread Rolls / Butter

### Dessert:

Chocolate Mousse with Summer Fruits

Vittoria Coffee & Whittard Teas

## Your Event's Committee

It's time to shake off the doom and gloom, grab your **Forward Planner** and note the details of this important function ...

### What?

**The Rotary Club of Sydney 'Great Debate' & Dinner**

### Where?

The Stranger's Dining Room, NSW Parliament House

### When?

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

Those who have attended previously will know that it is a lot of fun. Those who haven't are in for a treat.

We've had some terrific debaters in the past and hope to harness the wit, wisdom, passion and intelligence of equally high profile contenders this time.

So ... if you enjoy a bit of rigorous verbal sword crossing, fine wine and food in a prestigious setting *and* a chance to relax with like-minded Rotarians and their partners, colleagues and friends ... put this date in your Diary now and mark it '**Not to be missed**'.

But wait – there's more ...

**Yum Cha and Trivia  
A Persian Dinner**

*What where when how much?  
Settle petal; you'll find out soon!*

More details shortly ... all proceeds will be directed to **YoungCare**.

### Ann Burleigh

Events Director, **Rotary Club of Sydney**

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President Patricia Harrison is still seeking swimmers to participate in the 24 Hour MS Mega Swim in July

Patricia is organising a team to swim in this 24 hour relay and so far around 10 people have expressed interest in joining the team.

You don't have to be a marathon swimmer, just enjoy doing completing laps. It helps if you can swim!

And we have a sponsor who will put in \$10,000 to see us complete the swim. (To the person who asked, the \$10,000 goes to MS and not to the swimming team!!!!)



## 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?"

# Do You Wanna Dance?

Last week's guest speaker spot started off so innocently with Jean Elborn's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) participants taking to the stage.



And then it got interesting!



Members were told how the RYLA people broke the ice at Stanwell Tops on the first day with a session of hugs.

Then they broke the news! All members of Sydney Rotary were going to be given the opportunity to participate. A variety of hugs were demonstrated, like the A-Frame hug and members nervously watched and wondered how they could escape this ordeal.



And then it was on as our camera-



man wandered around the room trying to keep a straight face as Rotarians moved outside their comfort zones.



This was followed by a segment which included Karen Loblay

chopping firewood without an axe!



## CHATSWOOD ROTARACT CHARTER DINNER

When: Friday, 27 February 2009  
Where: Roseville Golf Club 4 Links Ave, Roseville, NSW 2069  
[www.rosevillegolf.com.au](http://www.rosevillegolf.com.au)  
Time: 7.00pm  
Cost: \$50  
Theme: When we were young  
RSVP: Friday, 6 February 2008 to [Charterdinner@chatswoodrotaract.org](mailto:Charterdinner@chatswoodrotaract.org)



## Celebrating Rotary's 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Rotary is one of the largest and most influential international humanitarian service organizations in the world.

Founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, today Rotary has over 1.2 million members who belong to more than 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. As volunteers, Rotary members serve the needs of their communities worldwide.

Our Club joins Rotary clubs around the world in recognising the day, also known as Rotary's "World Understanding and Peace Day."

Rotary members conduct projects to address today's humanitarian challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns while encouraging high standards in all vocations.

Rotary members strive to build goodwill and peace, and provide humanitarian service in their communities and throughout the world.

Rotary's top philanthropic goal is to eradicate polio worldwide. To date, Rotary has contributed nearly US\$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries.

Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents.

In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$4 billion to the effort.

For more information, visit [www.rotary.org/endpolio](http://www.rotary.org/endpolio).

## Saving the Best for Last

Incoming President John Given has two places to fill for his term.

He is seeking an Hon Secretary and a Bulletin Editor.

Please volunteer your services to John as soon as possible, These are the best jobs in the Club and the most powerful!!!!

# Coming Up!

- 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 Club Committee's Showcase  
**26 March Rotary Means Business, 6pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**  
31 March Senator Kim Carr  
14 April Julian Ledger - The Sydney Harbour YHA Project.  
**25 April ANZAC Day Barbecue**  
28 April John Gaden - Anzac Day - Gallipoli  
5 May Jim Patrick, Cochlear  
**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 Glenn Stevens, Governor of the Reserve Bank  
23 June President Patricia Harrison - Summary  
30 June Barry O-Farrell, NSW Opposition Leader

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.

## GET CONNECTED

The Rotary Club of Sydney has started using new computer software to maintain its membership records. The records will be kept of a system called ClubRunner, which is used by many Rotary clubs across the globe.

### What does this mean for members?

- You will be able to update your own contact details.
- The membership directory will be online and always up to date (provided you keep your information current)
- The website will have a reminder on your profile when you are rostered for a particular Club duty.
- You will be able to upload your own photograph for your profile and club
- Club documents and reports will be readily available for members to peruse.

Check out the site now: [www.clubrunner.ca/sydney](http://www.clubrunner.ca/sydney)

Login and other instructions are attached.

## Happy Birthday this week to these members:

- Barbara Woodward
- Joerg Hofmann
- Taine Moufarrige



**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**

## Simply Google these sites to get connected!

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**You Tube**



Joe Botta needs you and your friends to volunteer for ANZAC Day service at the Club's regular Barbecue.

It's more than just a barbecue - it is also an annual social event for many members.

## MAKE-UPS

If you visit another Rotary Club or related meeting, please make sure you email Membership Director Harry Fox with the details -

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