



24 June
2008

Coming to your Club!



Authors, Opposition Leaders, High Commissioners, business leaders, socialites and many more.

All these people will be addressing the Rotary Club of Sydney over the coming months.

They include Dr Brendan Nelson, Max Moore-Wilton, Diana Fisher, Sue Wyndham and James Lukabyo.

So don't miss a meeting!



ROTARY – People like you and me

New Rotary Clubs

This month, two new Rotary Clubs have been established in Sydney. One at Breakfast Point and the other in our district at Double Bay.



Our picture shows our President **Garry Browne** at the official launch of the Double Bay Club, where he acted as Master of Ceremonies and also presented a gift from the Rotary Club of Sydney.

THIS WEEK:

The theme for this week is "an inspiring year" and is the last meeting to be chaired by the 87th President of the Club, Garry Browne.

It will be a meeting with difference featuring a string quartet and a guest appearance by Regine Sturm, our ambassadorial scholar. Regine, who is studying music at the Conservatorium is an outstanding opera singer and will perform for us.

Rotary Looks to the Future

Literacy, health, and the future of Rotary were in the spotlight 18 June at the fourth plenary session of the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles this week.

Dolly Parton, appearing via video, talked to Rotarians about her Imagination Library program, which mails a new book every month to children under age five and which Rotary clubs have been helping expand.



In a powerful speech, Stephen Lewis, co-director of the advocacy organisation AIDS-Free World, saluted Rotarians for their indispensable role in polio eradication but reminded them that HIV/AIDS is "taking an indescribable toll, especially in Africa."

RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson concluded the session by speaking about the future of Rotary. "Each year," he noted, "hundreds of thousands of young people around the world participate in our youth programs, developing a relationship with Rotary that we must foster, in the hope that some of them, if not all of them, will one day become Rotarians and be the very future of Rotary."

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AROUND THE CLUB

Members will recall that **Peter Abrahamson**, CEO of the Helicon Group, late last year relocated to Shanghai. Helicon Group is an ASX listed start up that commercialises high end Western medical devices and pharmaceuticals in China. Helicon will shortly launch its first "clever technology" being the burn and tissue engineering technology developed by 2005 Australian of the Year, Professor Fiona Wood which was successfully used to treat victims of the Bali bombings. Peter has joined his local Rotary Club, but will re-join our Club when he returns to Sydney.





Jocelyn Murphy AM is retiring after 19 years at the YWCA, 17 as CEO. She is excited about spending more time on other interests including her grandmotherly duties around the world. She said however she will never leave the Y, it will always be in her heart. "This will give me more time for Rotary," Jocelyn quipped.

Diana Richards and hubby Thomas attended the Audi cocktail party to witness the draw of our art union.



Since no one at the party was a winner, **Joerg Hofmann** kindly offered another draw, which Diane won - a free weekend to go scooting around the countryside in this very flash \$300,000 Audi R8, plus 3 nights accommodation at a luxury resort. Tough for some! Joerg was a little worried about Diana driving a manual car - no worries, Diana is a country girl and can handle any vehicle!

Congratulations to **Helen Shao** on her new job as a Practice Development Manager at Axa.

We are still waiting for the report on Rotary's involvement with the MS Society's Mega Swim where we joined other Clubs in providing refreshments. We heard that **Rex Doughty** arrived at 2am for his shift. Sadly, no pictures as **Geoff Wilbow's** camera had a flat battery. Anyway, we hear that a good job was done by all the volunteers!

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this week: **Harold Bodinnar, Rex Doughty, Indy Singh, Greg Haustorfer, Kev Hoffman and Jeff Mansfield.**

Congratulations also to **Don Bell** and **Ron Hardwick** who each celebrate 31 years in the Club this week.

Please send us your news or news of your fellow members. Just email rotarymatters@people.net.au and type away!

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?"

Rotary Means Business

All members are invited to attend the next Rotary Means Business networking function on Wednesday 25 June, 6pm and 7:30am on the 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh St, Sydney.

Please email rotarymatters@people.net.au to let us know that we can look forward to your company.

Australia Faces Obesity Crisis

As we digest the news that Australia is now the fattest nation in the world, our minds turn to what's for lunch next Tuesday.

Although Sticky Date pudding is on the menu, it is not compulsory. You can order a small dish of fruit salad. Ann Burleigh suggests having a salad and then enjoy the pudding without a guilty conscience.

What's for lunch this week:

Veal scaloppini served with creamy mushroom sauce
Dessert: Sticky date pudding with cream

Salad: Grilled goat's cheese salad with balsamic reduction

Vegetarian: Vegetables stir-fry served with hoisin sauce and rice

What's Been Happening...

Creativity, an Addictive Delight

Last week our member Dr John Nutt, AM, took us on a fascinating journey as he shared his unique creative engineering experiences.



He said great Architecture is the fusion of Great Art and Great Technology. Art is the product of a creative mind and reflects the culture of a society.

Technology is the delivery of scientific endeavour and draws upon the experiences of past generations. Innovation is fundamental to its development. What attitudes underpin its encouragement in business?

John Nutt illustrated the influences of the Sydney Opera House and used the Millennium Bridge, London and the Water Cube Swimming Centre, Beijing Olympics to demonstrate the legacy.

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EXCELLENCE

Good Design

'The solution best adapted to necessity, but very superior to it.'

Excellence

'Good design to a rare degree.'

Creativity

The search for original ideas with the rejection of many.

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Creativity – an Addictive Delight

He is a former Chairman and CEO of Ove Arup and Partners, Consulting Engineers, in Australasia, helping to found the practice in 1963, and overseeing its development for 25 years until his retirement in 1999.

Your Chance to Hear Rotary World President

Dong Kurn Lee, the World President for Rotary International 2008-09, will address a luncheon on Tuesday 15th July at Rosehill Gardens Event Centre, Rosehill. Cost is \$60. Email rotarymatters@people.net.au to be sent full details.

Can You Host Johanna?

We are in urgent need of a host family for our soon-to-arrive Rotary Exchange Student, 16-yr old Johanna from Austria.

Johanna arrives on 7th August, and will be attending Monte St Angelo School in North Sydney, so we are looking for host families with access to a train line, or to a bus line that either goes thru North Sydney or can connect to North Sydney.

We are seeking host families for either of the following time periods:

August – end October 2008

November 2008 – end of January 2009

Here are the simple facts about hosting Johanna:

- 1) Hosting is for a 12-week period. This allows Johanna to become a real member of your family (not just a 'guest!').
- 2) Anyone can host. You don't have to be a Rotarian. You don't have to have children her age, or even children at all! You don't have to know what an iPod is! You only need to provide a stable and friendly home, and the enthusiasm to help a young person experience the best year of their life.



- 3) You don't have to speak German. Johanna is fluent in English and here to improve her speaking!
- 4) How will you keep the Johanna busy/entertained/etc? Johanna is obliged to attend school while she is here. Enjoying the many wonderful things our city has to offer can easily keep the free time occupied! Rotary organises a number of activities for the exchange students, and they quickly make friends a school!
- 5) Is there any cost? While Johanna is living in your home, you provide room and board and include her in family activities as if she were your own child. Johanna's schooling is generously provided for free, and the Club provides a monthly allowance.
- 6) She must have her own room....we can't expect 16 yr olds to share a room, can we?
- 7) She has been through a rigorous selection process and received training on how to be a great exchange student. These are no normal 16 year olds...they are very special young people!
- 8) Rotary provides a Counsellor (that's me!) for Johanna and the host families, to make sure everything is going ok, and to sort out any problems that might arise.

I urge you to seriously consider this wonderful opportunity. Hosting is a fantastic experience which I can recommend whole-heartedly!

If you are interested, but need to know more, call me on the numbers below!!

Regards,
Lynn Ralph
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Coming Up!

- 25 June** Rotary Means Business, 6pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.
1 July Changeover Luncheon, 2008/09, President Patricia Harrison
8 July Luncheon - "The Year Ahead" with Patricia Harrison
15 July Luncheon - Ugandan High Commissioner, James Lukabyo
22 July Luncheon - Dr Brendan Nelson, Opposition Leader
29 July Luncheon - Sue Wyndham, author of "Life in His Hands." story of Aaron McMillan and Dr Charlie Teo.
31 July Social - Indian Dinner, Surjits, Angel Place, CBD.
5 Aug Luncheon - Sarah Garnett - Footpath Library
12 Aug Luncheon - Max Moore-Wilton
19 Aug Luncheon - Lesley Hughes, Ecologist on Climate Change
17-19 Oct District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney.
16 July Christmas Dinner

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Sydney Rotary

~~You're invited~~
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Rotary Club of Sydney Changeover Lunch
Induction of 2008-2009 President
... **Patricia Harrison** ...



Tuesday 1st July
12.30pm. Cello's Dining Room
RSVP: 0414 858 599
as soon as possible please.

An Indian Dinner: Thursday 31 July 2008
More details shortly

Xmas Dinner: Tuesday 16 December 2008
This is an Early bird notice for your busy, busy Diaries.
It will also be our last Rotary meeting for 2008.
There are several other functions in the pipeline.
We'll keep you posted.

Cheers ... **Ann Burleigh**

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

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. With two big luncheons over the next two weeks, please book in early!

annburleigh@ozemail.com.au

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

If you or any of your associates, friends, or family members would like to make a Tax deductible donation to one of the Rotary causes and projects that we as a club can manage, we would love to hear from you.

The Soukup scholarships are an example of families donating funds for the purpose of education and it is being managed by the reputable Rotary Club of Sydney.

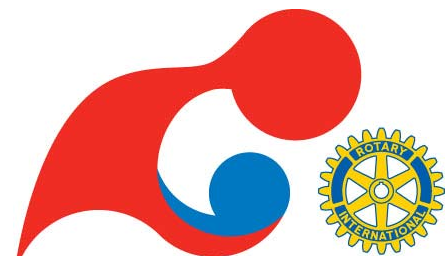
We at Rotary can claim not to charge any administration fees on our management of donations or funds.

Please consider donating to YOUR Club.

How are we doing?

Attendance for May: 36.4%

Members as at 31 May 150



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