

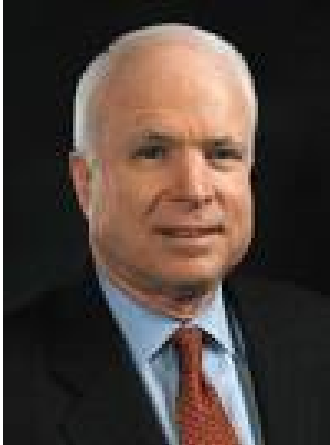


**28th Oct
2008**

THIS WEEK: Ambassadorial Scholars Clayton Solomon and Wilson Nash.



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. 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 an 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!



ROTARY – People like you and me

President's Project 2008/9 Support of YoungCare

A message from the President, Patricia Harrison, given at the Rotary District 9750 Conference.

Have you ever visited an elderly relative in a nursing home? Not the most pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

Have you had to make the unenviable decision to put a loved one into a nursing home? This would have to count as one of the most emotional moments in a family's life.

But how would you feel if it was your spouse or, even worse, one of your children?

So what happens to the 6,500 young people in an aged care facility?

- 21% go outside the aged care home less than once a month.
- 34% participate in a community based activity such as shopping, almost never.
- 44% receive a visit from friends less than once a year

You wouldn't want it for a friend or a child. Aged care is no place for a young person. What is needed is appropriate care, relevant care, dignified care

Youngcare is a charity devoted to providing high level care for young adults who would otherwise have to

live in traditional aged care facilities. These people, ranging in age from 20 to 50, are physically incapacitated through accident or illness, such as Multiple Sclerosis, but still fully mentally alert, requiring a level of care that cannot be provided in the home, and until recently, there was no alternative than an aged care facility.

David and Shevonne Conry were a young married couple in their early 30's when they moved to Sydney from Brisbane to further their careers.



It wasn't long after this that Shevonne became ill and with the disheartening prognosis of multiple sclerosis. They moved back to Brisbane to be near their families. However Shevonne became so ill that it was impossible for her to be looked after in the home and the family had no alternative other than to find her a place in an aged care facility.

David had a group of school mates who used to meet for a beer after work, and one evening David was saying how badly they were all coping with the fact that Shevonne was in the nursing home. You know how guys talk when they have had a few beers? Well it was on. They wouldn't stand for this and decided to build Shevonne her own nursing home. **(Next page)**

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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

Vale Keith Gamble

It is with regret that I announce the passing of Keith Gamble.

Keith was a dedicated Rotarian, having been President of the Leichhardt Club 1965-66 and then a long-standing member of our Club from 1973 to 2004, being awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 1994. Those of us lucky enough to have been in the Upper North Team will remember he and Noelene with much affection.

Keith joined the 234 Squadron RAF in Britain early in World War 2, fought in the Battle of Britain and then transferred to 75 Squadron RAAF in Milne Bay before being based in Darwin. History states that he was instrumental in shooting down the last Japanese aircraft over Australian soil during World War 2. Until his retirement he ran a successful Manchester importing business in St Mary's, but still found time to regularly attend Rotary meetings in the city.

David Hunt had remained in touch with Keith who had only recently moved to a nursing home, and had found him in relatively good spirits on the weekend before his death.

I have sent a letter of condolence to Noelene on behalf of all members of the Club.

President Patricia

What's for lunch this week:

Hot: lamb cutlets with mash served with rosemary & cranberry jus
Dessert: Lemon tart with whipped cream
Salad: Smoked salmon & prawns salad
Vegetarian: Egg plants with tomato pesto stack.

YoungCare (continued)

The twist to this story is that they won't just talking, they actually did build Shevonne her own nursing home, and thus Youngcare was born.

At the time that I was invited to be President of our Club I had been through the experience of looking at nursing homes for my mother, and had been most distressed to find that young people were living in the same circumstances. I decided that this would be my project during my term as President.

Coincidentally one of our members, through his company, had become involved with Youngcare in Brisbane so it seemed to be the obvious solution – rather than starting from scratch in Sydney we would transfer the Brisbane concept down here.

Several of us went up to Brisbane last December for the official opening of the first YoungCare apartments, and I said to David that he must be relieved now that he had achieved his goal he could relax, but I was very pleased when he replied that he would not be stopping until there was an appropriate bed available for every young person in Australia who required one.

The Adam Scott foundation has donated \$2.5m to build a second facility on the Gold Coast which should be ready early in 2010.

YoungCare in Sydney

The Rotary Club of Sydney is assisting Youngcare to build the third facility in Sydney. We are assisting with finding suitable premises, obtaining relevant government and council authorities and grants, raising funds, but probably most importantly raising the awareness of the general public about what we are trying to achieve.



If you would like to assist this worthwhile cause, please email Patricia Harrison at pharrison@intersuisse.com.au or on 0414 858 599.

More information about YoungCare can be found at www.youngcare.com.au.

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?"

NEWS FROM OUR OUTWARD EXCHANGE STUDENT

Krystal has recently completed a District questionnaire on her experience as an exchange student in Bad Nannendorf, Germany, and the following is a summary of her answers:

Tell us about your Host Club and Family:

The club regularly has around 30 to 40 members at meetings, all men, but wives are invited to special interest subjects and on outings. The club does a lot of projects around youth and school as most of the members are teachers or their wives are teachers.

Have been with my second host family since April and am very happy – the host dad treats me just like his 18 year old daughter. There is also a 21 year old son at home and a 16 year old in Florida on youth exchange. The club also has a program where every month a family will do something with you, almost like a second host family. This month I went on a bike tour and also a girl from Japan is showing me how to make sushi. I also went to Stadtfest, a three day event in Barsinghausen where there is a lot of food and things to drink and there are also items performed by local dance schools and school choirs and local banks from about 8 till late at night.

The school I am attending is too big but the teachers are nice and my German is O.K. I can talk to everyone and read the local newspapers, especially a lot about the US election.

What have you learned about yourself and your relationships with others?

This time has been hard because I realised just how close I was to my friends and family back home. I've learnt that not everything is easy and you can't rely on your parents for your entire life. Starting friendships from scratch is really hard when you are older and in a new place, but it can be done. Homesickness? Wow, I had a bit of that but listened to a lot of music and explored my town and Hannover. The hardest thing that I now have to do that my Mum used to do is handle my own finances. I've tried and can sort of do it but will need to learn a little more.

If you were to start your exchange over again what would you do differently?

Learn the language before I go for at least a few months. I found it helps a lot. Find places you would like to go in my country and in my state. Pack less in my suitcase.

So that's the latest from Krystal. It sounds as if she is really benefitting from the youth exchange programme.

She is now more than half way through the year, so we shall hear of her experiences first hand very shortly.

Karen Loblay reports that we still need around \$2,000 to fund the rest of Krystal's exchange trip. Please contact her on 0407 720 700 if you can help.

SOUKUP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Committee for the Soukup Memorial Scholarship would like to remind members of the club to keep their eyes open for deserving students, preferably indigenous, who would like to advance their education in tertiary institutions such as TAFE and University.

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.

Rotary Club of South Sydney

Presents

**4th Annual Community Evening
Botany Bay Seafood Restaurant
128 The Grande Parade Brighton-Le-Sands
Friday 31st October 2008**

7:30pm

Dress: Smart Casual

**Hosted by Scott Gibbons 'Mr Sold'
\$90 per person or \$850 table of 10**

Includes:

3 Course Meal & Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks

Lucky Door Prizes

Entertainment

Auction

Raffle

Supporting:

**International, Wider Community
And Local South Sydney Charities**

Contact:

**Ross Colquhoun, 0411 758 684
George Panselinos, 0419 488 494
John Weyman, 0433 934 951**

Coming Up!

- 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.



ART SHOW: ART SHOW: ART SHOW: ART SHOW: ART SHOW

The Rotary Clubs of Sydney and Kings Cross and Sydney Rotaract Club cordially invite you to attend a prestigious

Art Gallery Cocktail Party
at the
Wentworth Gallery

on
Tuesday 18th November 2008
6pm-8pm

Featured artist: John Wilson

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BERT'S CORNER

POLITICS/ELECTIONS

Show me where Stalin is buried and I'll show you a Communist plot

Too bad all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving cabs or cutting hair

I belong to no organised party – I'm a Democrat

Why don't politicians like golf?
Because it's like their work: trapped in one bad lie after another

Nobody believes a rumour in Washington until it's officially denied

I have orders to be wakened up at any time in the case of a national emergency, even if I'm in a cabinet meeting

RONALD REAGAN

In America any boy may become president. I suppose it's just one of the risks he takes.
ADLAI STEVENSON

If the opposite of pro is con does that make congress the opposite of progress?

Bert Rosenberg

ARE YOU FINANCIAL?

Have you paid your current subscription?

If in doubt, please ring Patricia Harrison as she has master list? Tel. 0414 858

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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