



THIS WEEK:

**7 April
2009**

Rudi Filapek-Vandyck



Rudi has been a journalist for more than two decades, the past thirteen years in finance.

Since moving to Australia in 2000 he has helped establish various publications and projects, both here and overseas.

Rudi's latest venture is *FNArena*, an online newsletter which supplies financial and economic news stories, analysis and commentary on the Australian and global financial markets.

Rudi Filapek-Vandyck is not only the Editor of *FNArena* but also a regular contributor to the *Eureka Report*, other publications and a regular guest on *Sky Business* television.

ANZAC DAY BBQ

Our BBQ King Joe Botta has been working with the President, Patricia Harrison, on the annual ANZAC Day BBQ.



They estimate around 75 people will be needed on four rosters at two locations - Hyde Park and Town Hall.

The BBQ will raise money for the President's Project - YoungCare.

Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:

1. 6:00am to 9:00am
2. 8:30am to 11:30am
3. 11am to 2:00pm
4. 1:30pm to 5:00pm

at the Hyde Park or Town Hall locations.

If you are able to help, please call or email Patricia Harrison who can be reached during business hours on 9233 2100 or at any time on her mobile 0414 858 599. Patricia's email address is pharrison@intersuisse.com.au.

NEXT WEEK:

April 14 - Julian Ledger - The Sydney Harbour YHA Project

ROTARY – People like you and me



The Hon. Senator Kim Carr is pictured addressing last week's well attended luncheon.

Hurry along members!

The Rotary Club of Sydney is now using ClubRunner for much of its administration.

This powerful communication tool also provides an Online Club Directory.

Some members still need to check out this useful website and to update their personal details.

Please visit the site at www.clubrunner.ca/sydney and join the online crowd!

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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



Our newest member, Kaise Stephan, was inducted last week. Kaise is Company Actuary with Munich Reinsurance Group in Australasia. He is also a mean swimmer, having successfully swum the English Channel. He has already been signed up for the MS Mega Swim by our President!

What's for lunch this week:

Hot Dish

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

Dessert

Coconut Tapioca with Licorice Ice Cream

Vegetarian

Vegetable Moussaka

Salad

Smoked Salmon Caesar Salad (no bacon)

Vittoria Coffee & Whittard Teas

It's MUNA Time!

The United Nations Association created Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) to enable young people to simulate the workings of the United Nations Assembly by having teams of about three Year 11 students represent a particular U.N. country in debates on matters of world political and social concern.

St. Andrews Cathedral School has been selected for MUNA and they will represent United Kingdom.

The venue will be the conference facility at the Nan Tien Temple, Berkeley, near Wollongong on the 16 May 2009. Registration is at 8:30am. Our Secretary General will be PDG Jack Dalton, and there will be three adjudicators generally with a Rotary background and wide community experience.

Please contact Karen Loblay if you would like to attend this event.

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Within the last fortnight, all members would have received by post (snail -mail) an invoice for six-monthly dues.

If that invoice is still sitting on your desk at the office or at home, please put it in the mail this week with your cheque or credit card details.

Rotaract Speakers

Geoff Wilbow confirms that speakers for Sydney City Rotaract are as follows:

Wednesday 11 March	Wilhelm Rohde (Done – Thanks)
Wednesday, 8 April 2009	Robert Mitchell
Wednesday, 13 May 2009	Tina Stanton
Wednesday, 10 June 2009	Adrian Pilton
Wednesday, 8 July 2009	Terry Carson
Wednesday, 12 August 2009	Taine Moufarrige

Members are reminded that Rotaract meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm in the Card Room at Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Even though Rotary speakers are only on the 2nd Tuesday Rotarians are very welcome to attend any Rotaract meeting.

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?"



HOLLYWOOD SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS EVENT
BROUGHT TO YOU BY MY SHELTER GROUP
& SYDNEY CITY ROTARACT




WHEN:
SATURDAY,
18 APRIL 2009

VESSEL:
MATILDA III

THREE LEVELS OF EXPANSIVE
ENTERTAINMENT DECKS WITH 360
DEGREE VIEWS

BOARDING TIME:
7.00PM

TICKETS PER PERSON :
\$70 BEFORE 18 MARCH 2009
\$80 AFTER 18 MARCH 2009

TICKET INCLUDES OPEN BAR OF
BEER, RED, WHITE & SPARKING
WINES, SOFT DRINKS & JUICES, FINE
CUISINE PREPARED ON BOARD BY
EXPERIENCED TEAM OF CHEFS

DRESS CODE:
**YOUR FAVORITE
HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITY**

DEPARTURE FROM:
**THE COMMISSIONER STEPS,
WEST CIRCULAR QUAY**

LOCATED ON THE WALKWAY BETWEEN
INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL AND CIRCULAR QUAY

DEPARTURE TIME:
7.30PM RETURNING AT 10.30PM

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE ON TIME
FOR BOARDING TO AVOID BEING LEFT BEHIND

100 % PROFIT WILL GO TO THE WATOTO
ORPHANS IN AFRICA. MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

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Directors Report

A fortnight ago, our Director of the International Service Committee (ISC), **Ian Conley** updated the Club of their activities.

The focus of the ISC is to foster and support projects in the South Pacific and South East Asia regions with a focus on education and assistance for the disadvantaged.

We currently have three formal Sister Club relationships: Makati (Philippines), Singapore and, our latest addition, Hong Kong. We have chosen these particular clubs as they have a similar profile and size to ourselves in their respective countries and we believe that this will facilitate an effective collaborative relationship on jointly sponsored projects and initiatives.

Some of the key projects we are working on this Rotary year:

Opportunity International 'SMS' project.

This is a follow-on from the work we have done with OI in the past and is a joint project with the Makati and Singapore clubs (hence SMS) to provide a total of A\$100,000 of microfinance loans to selected recipients in the Pasay region of Jakarta. Some 50% of this funding is being requested from Rotary International and, although current conditions have delayed this contribution, we expect our submission to be successful later in the year.

Adrian Golding Gift of Life

This program and fund was established in 1995 and over the years this initiative has helped fund the expenses associated with life-changing surgery for many children from the South Pacific region. In these cases, surgery is provided in Australia and requires the young patient and a carer to be here for the duration of the treatment. The fund currently stands at about A\$150,000 and the intent is to use the income from the fund to meet the costs of treatment not covered by donated medical services.

Fiji Education Grant

We have received a Matching Grant towards this A\$25000 initiative which will be used for scholarships for young Fijians. (Bruce Edwards is leading a Rotary visit to Fiji starting 11 April Places available!)

Second-hand spectacles distribution

Ken Hacker has championed this initiative: we are collecting second-hand glasses and arranging for distribution to destinations in the South Pacific.

Finally, our IS committee is also responsible for promoting our annual Consular Day (Paul Wenham) and for coordinating the Rotary Group Study Exchange (Sue Walker)

Fiducian Golf Day

The Fiducian Charity Golf Day will be held on 14th of May at the prestigious Killara Golf Club.

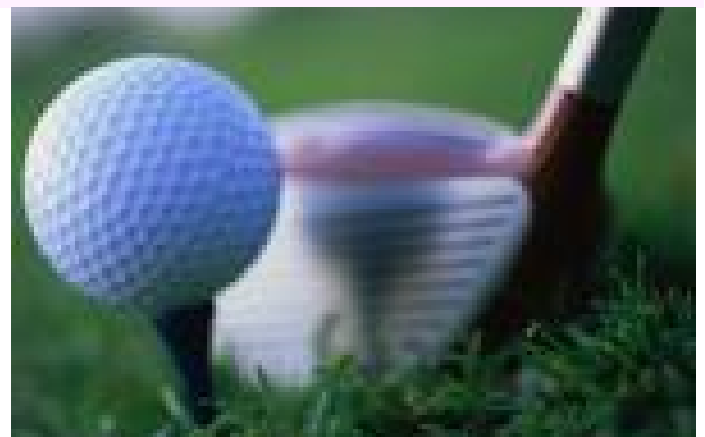
Last year, the weather was great and after a few short lessons by a professional the event started. First time participants John Given and Chris McDiven were tremendous assets for their teams, but unfortunately did not figure in the prizes. There were prizes for the first four teams and for the longest drive and a shot nearest the pin.

A packed lunch was provided along with drinks on the course. There were two wine tasting holes with a one shot penalty for not downing a taste of red or white. After conquering the manicured bunkers and greens, participants met for a drink and then settled down to a sumptuous three course dinner. Former Wallabies star Ben Darwin made an impassioned plea to the near capacity 120 attendees, to contribute generously.

A number of items such as sports memorabilia, wines, ladies cosmetics, chocolates and holiday activities were auctioned and Indy Singh as the auctioneer for the night, brought out a few laughs.

All in all, everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly and the best part of the day, was that we raised around \$50,000 for the President's project, which was to raise money for the Inspire Foundation.

We hope that Rotarians will support the event this year and contribute generously to Youngcare.



Coming Up!

7 April	Rudi Filapek-Vandyck - Journalist and Business Commentator
14 April	Julian Ledger - The Sydney Harbour YHA Project.
21 April	Rev Dirk Ficca - Executive Director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions
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.



Bert Rosenberg in his Burlington Bertie music-hall role at last week's meeting, plus a good selection of jokes, old and new!

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

Happy Birthday this week to these members:

- Julian Farren-Price
- John Craig
- Sophie Dillon



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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