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President Pete's Report

Firstly my very "Special Thanks" must go to Roger Dunn, John Goddard and John Corney who have looked after the "Fort" so marvellously well! Whilst, I was tripping around aboard on holidays. Secondly, it was just sensational to see so many new faces at our Club Assembly Meeting on Monday night.



One of our Club's biggest "Challenges" is establish a strong financial base and healthy income stream from the greater community so as to effectively achieve our Club Goals and Financial Commitments in 2007 – 2008 and beyond. To achieve this goal the Club has established its "Financial Planning and Fund Raising Committee". At the Committee's its inaugural meeting which was held at our Club Assembly. The following a broad based strategy was proposed by the team:

1. To clearly status what the Club's current financial position and authorities.
2. To review and evaluate the financial budgets presented to the President by each Club Director, so as to ascertain the known and forecasted Club's financial commitments and the required level of funding needed to support the same.
3. The development of a "Major Fund Raising" event to be staged before December 2007. Such as a "Charity Bowls-Challenge".
4. Implementation of the Club's Financial and Fund Raising Plan for 2007 -2008.

Our Club Assembly was a successful night of planning and I especially thank all those Directors and Members in attendance. Your contribution to the Club Goals and Espirit de Corps is greatly respected by all.

To begin our Club's fight against one of our greatest foes that being death by chronic disease - through poor health & fitness. At our Club meeting on Monday 20th August 2007, Megan Ramsay, who is a Dietician and Research Officer with "Continental", a subsidiary of Lever and Kitchen. Megan has just returned from a working tour in Europe will addressing members and friends of Rotary on "Good Health Through Good Diets".

This will be a "Partners and Friends Night". An another great opportunity to bring along a potential new member.

MOST WANTED

Whilst by a majority we have all our "Bases Loaded", the Club given the known commitments of Graham Stevens and Chris O'Brien – Desperately still needs a Savvy, Committed and Computer Literate "**RIM Editor**". I will give every assistance and support you may need! So I look forward to your application for this esteemed position.

Cheers

President Pete

The Epping Mission Statement...

"To improve the well being of our community and foster international understanding through action by Epping club members embracing Rotary ideals"

Monday 2 July 2007

CLUB MEETINGS CALENDAR

EPPING ROTARY MEETS EACH MONDAY 6.15 FOR 6.30

BORONIA GROVE RAWSON STREET EPPING

Apologies to Neil Anderson 9876 1676 by midday Monday

Date	Topic	Avenue of Service	Comment
Mon 13th August	Helen Games RC of Glenhaven E.Timor Teacher Training	International	Hospitality: Wal Dover Intro: Stephen Wright Thanks: Hannah Gordon
Mon 20th August	Membership Night Health/Well-being Topic	Club	Hospitality: Peter Tugwell Intro: Katrina Scott Thanks: Peter Slattery
Mon 27th August	Greg Smith Local State Member	Community	
Mon 3 rd September	Austerity Night The Shack	International	
Mon 10 th September	RYLA An organiser's perspective	Youth	Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly
Social & Service			
Sat/Sun 8 th -9 th September	District Conference Planning weekend at Bathurst	Club	Graham Stevens

What's on this week?

East Timor Teacher Training
Helen Games

Club Service - Bathurst Weekend

Support for the Bathurst weekend has been tremendous. We now have about 50 people from Epping and Carlingford clubs coming away with us for the weekend. We are all booked in to the Country Comfort and I am working on a program that will let us see Bathurst and the surrounding areas, see the conference venues and have a bit of fun and fellowship. There is still room for a few more people if you want to come

We sent the Conference brochure off to the printers last week and that together with the registration forms and accommodation details will be distributed at this Friday's President's meeting. Our keynote speakers will include Bathurst Legend Dick Johnson, Olympian Duncan Armstrong, Jurist John Dowd and Miss World Australia 2007 Caroline Pemberton and we have not finished yet.

I will give you an update on the accommodation at the meeting

PP Graham Stevens

Community Service Report

Well to date the Community Service Plan for the Epping Rotary has 13 projects for the year. The usual December Harbour Ferry Trip, Community Chest Raffle & support for the Red Shield Appeal will be place in this years program along with other staples.

This year we have three new projects;

One: Rotobesity Project an initiative of Graham Stevens with many more details about this being advised in the coming weeks after Graham & Steven Scott have fine tuned further details. A primary goal of the project is to engage the local community in a Million steps program whilst providing some educative and moral support co-ordinated by our club.

Two: The Club is supporting the Achieve Foundation to host it's Inaugural Achieve Ball on 1st November at the Waterview Function Centre Homebush. Achieve Foundation a locally based disability service provides supports to people across the Northern Sydney area in Employment and Accommodation.

Promotion for the Event is underway and was announced at the local Epping Club when the organization announced its name change from Hornsby Challenge to Achieve Foundation by the MC & organizational Ambassador Duncan Armstrong OAM.

John Corney & Katrina Scott will be working on the project.

Please promote this worthy cause to local business and community members. Any queries please speak to John Corney, Katrina Scott or Anne Bryce and / or Contact: event.coordinator@achievefoundation.org.au

Three: World Youth Day – Epping Rotary Club has the opportunity to participate in feeding the masses (along with other 9680 Clubs)in the upcoming 2008 World Youth Day. In return for our efforts we will be able to bring in some further income for the Club whilst helping to host quite a large event.

Financial Status of the Community Service Plan for 2007 -08 is for a small initial outlay of \$500 for the Rotobesity project & the cost of meals for the Community Service Awards night. Other than this we expect the Community Service Plan to bring income into the Club via the Community Chest Raffle, World Youth Day Sausage Sizzle. Exciting news is that the Epping Rotary Club was successful with an application, submitted by DG Monica Saville, for funds to run the Epping Fair in 2008 our the CSDE Clubs program. Monica was picking up the \$19,000 cheque from the local Epping RSL club this week.

Anne Bryce
Community Service Director

Epping RSL and Epping Rotary



This photograph of The Epping Club President, David Taylor presenting DG Monica with two cheques totalling \$27,000.00 was taken at the Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE) Grant Presentation Ceremony on Thursday 9th August at Parramatta Leagues Club.

Due to the diligence of DG Monica and the generosity of The Epping Club our Club has received this money with \$8,000.00 going to RYDA and \$19,000.00 earmarked for the Epping Street Fair next year.

This money has now been invested in a term deposit for three months in an interest bearing account earning 6.25% and all the interest earned will be paid to our Club.

Since 2004 our Club has received a total of \$67,000.00 from The Epping Club through this grant scheme for Rotary projects since 2004.

PP John Edwards

Why we love children

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out, and in and out, and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in, or stay out!'"

One summer evening, during a violent thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light, when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mummy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room." A long silence was broken at last, by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

A little boy was doing his maths homework. He said to himself, "Two plus five, that son of a bitch is seven. Three plus six, that son of a bitch is nine...." His mother heard what he was saying and gasped, "What are you doing?" The little boy answered, "I'm doing my maths homework, Mum." "And this is how your teacher taught you to do it?" the mother asked. "Yes," he answered. Infuriated, the mother asked the teacher the next day, "What are you teaching my son in maths?" The teacher replied, "Right now, we are learning addition." The mother asked, "And are you teaching them to say two plus two, that son of a bitch is four?" After the teacher stopped laughing, she answered, "What I taught them was, two plus two, THE SUM OF WHICH, is four."

A little girl asked her mother, "Can I go outside and play with the boys?" Her mother replied, "No, you can't play with the boys, they're too rough." The little girl thought about it for a few moments and asked: "If I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?"

And it's true!!! Another gem from the desk of "The Artful Dodger".

The Three Monicas!



It is not often that one finds three Rotarian Monica's attending the same Rotary meeting.

This photograph was taken during DG Monica's visit to the Rotary Club of Erina on Tuesday 7th August.

From left to right are PP Monica Hart, DG Monica and Monika Hansen.

PP John Edwards

Out & About with Paul & Stan

A Thought from our RI President. In the august edition of Rotary down Under RI President Wilf. Wilkinson records special thoughts about membership. In his article under the heading of "Share the gift of Rotary", he expresses them in the following excerpts:"So many things I've seen as a Rotary leader have made me proud to be a Rotarian. But I know that being proud is not sufficient .we must share our pride with colleagues, friends and family members and we must seek out qualified men and women whom we'll be proud to see as Rotarians. When we ask someone to join Rotary we are not imposing a burden. We are giving a gift. We are sharing with another person the wonderful, amazing force that is Rotary. So I urge each of you, as proud Rotarians to share Rotary with a qualified individual."

A River Cruise ,Train Trip and a Loss on a Metro. It was good to see President Peter back in the chair last Monday Evening. Starting off at Migennes in France, Peter, Sue and Sue's parents PDG Don and Judy Durie enjoyed a seven day cruise down the L'Yonne river to La Roche, followed on by a short visit to the UK for Peter and Sue. Thence to Estonia and a stay in Tallinn, hiring a car and driving into the countryside and enjoying the National Parks there. An overnight train trip took them from Tallinn to Moscow, where the border Guards were not that keen to let them cross ,as they were two hours early for entry compared to that indicated in their visas! Although it was wet and rainy they enjoyed the Kremlin, Red Square and the rich culture of that city.. They then journeyed on to St.Petersburg , traveling again by train, where the Hermitage was a highlight of the visit.. The celebration of Sue's mother's eightieth birthday in that great city was a most happy event for all, however, a trip on the crowded Metro was not a pleasant experience for Peter for there a pickpocket relieved him of his wallet, cards, cash ,licence and so on –not a pleasant situation -.the police were not that interested, until hotel management visited the police department with him when the unfortunate incident was recorded and a necessary report obtained. Nevertheless it was all a thought - provoking and rewarding trip says Peter

A Background for New Rotarians . Included in this months RDU is a very informative Insert, headed Rotary Basics. The insert covers the wide range of issues and operations in which Rotary and its membership is engaged. Under the Headings of Organization, Responsibilities of Membership, Rotary's Guiding Principles, RI Programs, The Rotary Foundation and Key Meetings it presents an interesting, helpful and worthwhile background especially for new members about the special worldwide operation of Rotary International which they may have recently joined.

New Venture. Congratulations to PP Graham Stevens on the launch of his new consultancy. We noted the announcement and promotion of **Retirement Lifestyle Solutions** in last Wednesdays Weekly Times. This new venture of his starts off in the next few months with full day "Preparing for Retirement" workshops at various locations. We extend to Graham our best wishes for great success as he moves ahead in this new dimension for him.

Thoughts for Today (From Just Do It by one Harry Mills)

Don't be afraid to take big steps. You can't cross a chasm in two small steps -

David Lloyd George

If you don't know where you are going, every road will get you nowhere.

Henry Kissinger

Anniversaries and Birthdays

No Anniversaries this week

Birthdays.

Geoff Saville August 13

Barbara Taylor August 14

Bob Nash August 16

Advance Australia Fair

*Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free,
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts,
Of beauty rich and rare,
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.*

Rotary Grace

*O Lord and giver of all good,
We thank thee for our daily food,
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve thee all our days.*

Notes: