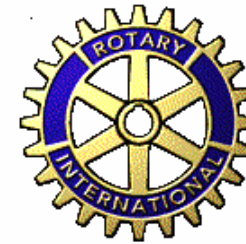


A typical ShelterBox



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Tonight's Program:

Happy birthday to us.

The Club of Cabramatta Inc is 48 years old. We welcome everyone here tonight to celebrate this happy event and we hope that you will all enjoy your evening with us.

WOMEN'S WIT AND WISDOM

Absence does not make the heart grow fonder, but it sure heats up the blood.

Elizabeth Ashley b. 1939 American actress

PERSISTENCE

It's the constant and determined effort that breaks down all resistance, sweeps away all obstacles.

- Claude M. Bristol

LAST MEETING: PDG Bill opened the meeting at 6.35pm and welcomed guests, our guest speaker for the evening, Phil Smith, visiting Rotarian, Peter Farrell, Vera our exchange student, Jean Howie, Carol Begovich and Sue Lumley to the meeting. It was our High School student evening with teachers and students from 8 of our local high schools. PP Geoff introduced the schools along with the teachers and students and gave out handouts. PP Geoff then gave a short talk on the origin and values of Rotary, its statistics, RYLA, the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program and our aim for the eradication of polio by 2009.

PP Geoff introduced our guest speaker, Phil Smith from ShelterBox. Phil spoke passionately about the project which was the idea of Rotarian Tom Henderson a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall UK. He was a former Royal Navy search and rescue diver and had an idea to ease human suffering resulting from earthquakes, floods, volcanoes, wars and civil unrest. He said that 2 billion children had been immunized against polio and more funds need to be raised. Shelterbox began in 2000 and it is a house in a box that weighs 55kg the first were consigned to Gurujat, India following an earthquake. The cost is \$1,200 Australian and this will provide shelter, comfort and basic survival equipment for at least 10 people. He showed a video of the Shelterbox from the start to now. There are 240 ShelterBoxes now stored in Australia for future deployment nearby and there are 4 Australian fully trained as members of a ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) and the target for 2007-2008 is 20 more to follow. Questions were answered from the floor.

A school offered to get Phil along to an assembly and will raise \$1,200 for a box.

Rtn Kay Farrell passed a vote of thanks to Phil for his address.

Attendance: 80%

Guest of Club: Vera Eberie Exchange student and Katherine Fenech Editor of the Champion

Guest of Member: Phil Smith from ShelterBox, Carol Begovich, Jean Howie and Sue Lumley

Apologies: PP David Butterfield, PP Greg Houston, PP Max Law and PP Boris Satara

Visiting Rotarian: Peter Farrell—Liverpool West

Leave of Absence: PP John Grujovski

Raffle: won by a student from Bossley Park HS and Liverpool Girls HS

DIARY DATES:



- 9. 3.2008 Family of Rotary District Picnic Day
- 29.3.2008 Shout—more details later
- 31. 3.2008 Launch of POTYA
- 4-6. 4.2008 District Conference— Mudgee
- 14. 4.2008** Meeting transferred to 15. 4.2008
- 15. 4.2008** Motor Neurone speaker meeting to be held at Liverpool Catholic Club
- 4. 5.2008 Assembly—St Marys High School
- 12. 5.2008 Nominations close for POTYA
- 17. 5.2008 Rotary Race Day—cost \$110.00 per head
- 15-18. 6.2008 99th RI Convention—Los Angeles
- 23. 6.2008 Awards Night—POTYA Marconi Club
- 20. 7.2008 Liverpool Super Swap—meeting Fairfield Showground—gates open 6.00 am.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

No celebrations this week members!



Participating Schools and Club Guests were:

Bonnyrigg High School,
Cabramatta High School,
Liverpool Girls High School,
Mary McKillop College,
Prairiewood High School,
St Johns Park High School,
Westfield Sports High School and
Patrician Brothers College.