

ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY CBD

BULLETIN

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CLUB FORUM
WELCOME TO THE NEW ROTARY YEAR
2008-09
NEW YEAR – NEW TRENDS
PRESIDENT
JIM HARRISON

DK LEE
RI PRESIDENT



JIM HARRISON
CBD PRESIDENT



Dear fellow Rotarians,
The beginning of the Rotary year is always an exciting time, with new club and district officers, a new theme to work with, and a

renewed sense of purpose for our service projects. The beginning of this particular Rotary year is, of course, especially exciting for me as I look forward to meeting Rotarians throughout the world and seeing firsthand the many remarkable projects you are carrying out.

In planning how your club, and each one of you, can Make Dreams Real this year, I ask you to consider the millions of children who never even have the chance to dream. Every day, more than 26,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes. As appalling as that number is, it is a decrease from the figure of 30,000 that first caught my attention and spurred me to bring this matter of grave concern to Rotarians. UNICEF's State of the World's Children 2008 report states that "by 2006, the most recent year for which firm estimates are available, the annual number of child

deaths globally fell below 10 million, to 9.7 million, for the first time since records began." I would guess that some of the improvement in child survival rates can be directly attributed to Rotary projects that have been successfully addressing problems related to health, hunger, water, and literacy for a number of years now. So

I asked myself: "What would happen if 1.2 million Rotarians focused their service efforts on keeping even more children alive?"

I think we already know some of the answers. If Rotarians provide insecticide-treated bed nets, fewer children will succumb to malaria. If we dig wells and address sanitation problems, more children will have clean water to drink and more hygienic surroundings. And if Rotary clubs carry out effective nutrition projects, we can save some of the almost five million children who die each year from undernourishment. UNICEF estimates that fully two-thirds of the 9.7 million deaths in 2006 were preventable. With Rotarians working to provide vaccines, oral rehydration therapies, accessible health care for mothers and newborns, and other relatively simple interventions, I'm confident that many more babies will not only survive but go on to live healthy, productive lives.

Let's Make Dreams Real by giving these children the chance to grow up and have dreams of their own.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM	
6.00	PRE - DINNER DRINKS
6.45	CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: Chairman – Past President Graham Steer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
by **ROTARIAN DOUG KERR**

I wish to acknowledge we are holding this meeting on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. I wish to pay my respect to their Elders, past and present, and to all the Gadigal people and the Eora Nation.

THE TOAST AUSTRALIA	
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS BY President Jim Harrison	
ADDRESS:	District Governor Barney Koo
DELIBERATIONS AND MODUS OPERANDI 2008-09 President Jim Harrison	
MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT: DK LEE	
REPORTS AND STRATEGIES: CLUB DIRECTORS	
MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS & EXCHANGE OF IDEAS	
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS President Jim Harrison 	
CLOSE: ROTARY 4 WAY TEST	

**MEET YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR
BARNEY KOO AND LORRAINE**



Barney is a Charter Member of OUR RC Sydney CBD (previously a member of RC Sydney). He was Chairman of the New Model Rotary Club Pilot Project, a founding member of the District Indigenous Australian Goodwill




Committee and founding Chairman of the District Multicultural Awareness Committee. In 2007 he chaired the District Committee that participated in the Inaugural Sydney Christmas Parade, a major PR undertaking involving a Rotary Bus, cash collections and sausage sizzle in support of ARHRF.

Born in Sabah Malaysia, Barney came to Sydney as a high school student. His academic achievements include a MA (Hons) and PhD degrees. His early career was in the clothing and textile industry and property development. More recently, he was CEO of a land development company as well as teaching at university part-time. Barney's interests include sailing, beach-walking, movies, reading, church and travel.

He has been married to Lorraine a former Secretary for 37 years. She was born in Sydney and comes from a Rotary family. Lorraine is a "Friend of Rotary –CBD". They have 3 married children, Melinda to Luke, Ben to Ekayi, Terry to Madeleine and have 2 grandsons, Isaac and Oliver.

Barney and Lorraine are both Paul Harris Fellows, Companions of ARHRF and support our Rotary Foundation in the Major Donor category

DISTRICT 9750 OFFICERS – 2008 2009

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 9750	DISTRICT SECRETARY	DISTRICT TREASURER
		
BARNEY KOO RC SYDNEY CBD	CHERYL DEGUARA RC MENAI	MICHAEL DUNN RC SYDNEY

WINNERS OF THE BIG WINE RAFFLE

We all hoped that it "would be "me" – however

1st **Grace Teng**
2nd **Cathy Manton**
3rd **Michael Heffernan**

In usual "Grace style" she has donated it back to the club!! Many thanks to our most generous member **Grace Teng!**

LINE OF SUCCESSION



DGE Glenn Wran
RC Haberfield
(DG: 2009-10)



DGN David W Brawn
RC Sydney CBD
(DG: 2010-11)

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR 2008-09 – Group A
PP Simon Knight (RC Sydney Cove)



CHANGEOVER DINNER 30 JUNE 2008

CHANGEOVER - What a grand night it was! A magnificent venue, The Cello's Dining Room at The Castlereagh Hotel, fine food and Fellowship and a program packed full of interesting content.

President Russell Galt and President Elect Jim Harrison met and hosted approximately 60 members and guests to the Changeover Dinner last Monday evening.



(Pictured here with Russell is his wonderful 92 year old mother Edith)

Russell officially welcomed the VIPs which included DG and Lorraine Barney Koo, DGE Glen and Fern Wran, PDG Roger and Michelle Kilburn, guest speaker Frank Ifield together with our **Nathans's Bequest scholarship holder Kristine Northey and Honorary member Chris Joannou** and Ali, loyal supporters Lin Knight and Thelma Wansley from Sydney Cove Club, Shiva Sri Ramanathan and Dale Larsen – Drummoyne Club. He also warmly welcomed a Sydney City Rotaractors, Club members and their guests.

Russell outlined the fantastic achievements that the CBD club attained this past year and congratulated all members on their fine effort. He further thanked all members who have taken a position with the Rotary District 9750 Team for 2008-09.

District Governor Barney congratulated Russell and all members as he presented the RI Presidential Citation and the District Public Relations Cup for our fine effort with the Christmas Parade last November thereby lifting the Rotary of the image in the City Sydney and via media to all of the NSW.



DG Barney Koo presents the District Public Relations Cup President Jim Harrison)

Frank Ifield – a legend of Rock and Roll and a great ambassador for Australia gave a fascinating address about his remarkable career in the 70's and through to today where he is now a member of Galston Rotary Club and a strength behind the great musical project of that Club..

Frank amazed us as he related the story when performing in England he was the Star performer with the support act *"The Beatles"* early in their Career!



He also yodeled for the late Queen Mother – How good is that!!! He had the whole audience enthralled including our other "musical entertainer members" Chris Joannou and Kaye Gordon!

Another highlight was the presentation of three Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions to PP Graham Steer, Shirley Doust and Kaye Gordon for "Service above self" to Rotary. It was the first time that all of them were unable to "utter a single word". They were totally surprised and highly honoured to receive such a prestigious recognition. They received a standing ovation.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS KAYE GORDON, SHIRLEY DOUST AND GRAHAM STEER

INDUCTION OF PRESIDENT JIM HARRISON

Following all the excitement of the Paul Harris Recognitions, Russell Galt inducted Jim Harrison as the 13th President of CBD Rotary.

In thanking Russell for his Presidential year, DG Barney Koo congratulated Russell on his leadership and the club for their achievements and dedication to Rotary ideals.

President Jim then outlined his objectives and goals for the coming year. He introduced his Board and is off to a good start by calling for a club forum to be held at his first meeting of the year – 7 July 2008.

(Pictured – President Jim delivers his inaugural Address and introduces his Board for 2008-09

L-R: PP Graham Steer, Amy Hing-Young, Russell Galt, PDG Roger Kilburn, PP Joan Richards, Eugenia Miroshnikoff, Kaye Gordon, Michelle Kilburn and Ben Fung. (Missing – Joaquim Smith who is overseas on Business at the moment)



CLUB NEWS

Breaking News – Past President Russell has had a few days in hospital due to “overdoing it” combined with jet-lag. He arrived back in Australia last Sunday week and came straight from the airport to the District Changeover and then to our Club Changeover next day, after a very busy time in Canada. He just now needs rest!

President Jim on behalf of the Club sent our best wishes along with some lovely flowers of which Russell was most appreciative.

Get well soon Russell – we miss your happy smiling face and it is “Not Fair to all concerned” that we be deprived of your company!

Welcome to the world of Rotary – Katy Joscelyne



Our co-founder of CBD Rotary Chris Joscelyne (far right) “Friend of Rotary CBD”, Past President of Sydney Rotary AND **eClub one** is very proud that his “best friend and wife” Katy was inducted into eClub one on 1 July 2008. Congratulations Katy and welcome to the world of Rotary!

Rotary eClub One was chartered January, 2001, as Rotary’s first club with operations supported by electronic communications, phone, and Internet. More about eClub one in our next edition.

Happy Snaps at the Changeover – thanks to Grace Teng



CBD Rotary Project - Nathans Bequest

Scholarship holder Kristine Northey pictures with Sharon Kerr and Graeme Green (Kristine’s partner). Kristine was chosen from a large number of candidates to undertake a 3 year PHD Scholarship to research mental illness and youth suicide. Congratulations to Kristine.

COMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

July 7 New Rotary Year – President Jim Harrison “New Year – New Trends”

July 21 Ms Patricia Forsythe – CEO Sydney Chamber of Commerce

August 4 – Mr Ian McRitchie

August 18 - Mike O’Hagan speaks about “staying ahead of the changes” - from a managing business point of view

September 1 - Professor Cyndi Weickert from the Schizophrenia Research

FRONT DESK ROSTER for the NEXT FEW WEEKS

	Desk	Meet & Greet
7/7	Ben Fung Kaiser Ahmed	Alycia Inglis
21/7	Ben Fung Benjamin Pittman	Kaye Gordon

**ITEMS TO BULLETIN EDITOR
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**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES
MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE
ANDRE W SIH BY 12 NOON EACH MONDAY OF
ANY APOLOGIES OR GUEST NUMBERS**

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