

ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY CBD



BULLETIN



The Rotary Club of Sydney CBD
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ST PATRICKS DAY - MEETING

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 each year.

The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over a thousand years.



On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon.

Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink, and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irishmen serving in the English army. Over the next thirty-five years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies, like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

In 1848, several New York Irish aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants.

In Australia every major city enjoys a parade or if not we all certainly celebrate St Pat's Day, especially as most of our forebears arrived in Australia – "in one way or another"!

St Patricks Day - Quotes

"That's the Irish all over - they treat a joke as a serious thing and a serious thing as a joke". - *Sean O'Casey*
Irish Quote;

Dance as if no one were watching
Sing as if no one were listening
Live every day as if it were your last!

Irish- Toast

There are many good reasons for drinking,
One has just entered my head.
If a man doesn't drink when he's living,
How in the heck can he drink when he's dead?



MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM
 6.00 PRE – DINNER DRINKS
 CHAIRMAN: PAST PRESIDENT GRAHAM STEER
 6.30/40 CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"I wish to acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, the traditional owners on whose land we hold this meeting tonight. I pay respect to elders past and present"

ROTARIAN: Georgina Finn
 THE TOAST TO AUSTRALIA - SAA Graham Steer

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
 BY PRESIDENT JIM HARRISON

REPORTS

MEET YOUR NEW MEMBERS
 Moeroa Tiatoa (Moi) and Mano Tairi (Mano)

Presentation to Club of Multicultural Poster
 By DG Barney Koo

ST PATRICKS DAY ENTERTAINMENT

IRISH DANCING AND MUSIC

Irish Songs by "Singer Extraordinaire"



Larry Stellar

*Also a "specially imported"
 Irish Singer*



(Is it Tom Jones?)



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – Raffle Draw
 PRESIDENT JIM HARRISON

CLOSE: ROTARY 4 WAY TEST



POLIO ALMOST ERADICATED FROM THE WORLD THANKS TO ROTARY



After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, **but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.**

Your contribution will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk.

The stakes are that high.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

MISSION

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

DIVERSITY AND ROTARY

Rotary International recognizes the value of diversity within individual clubs. Rotary encourages clubs to assess those in their communities who are eligible for membership, under existing membership guidelines, and to endeavour to include the appropriate range of individuals in their clubs.

A club that reflects its community with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity is a club with the key to its future.

MOVING TOWARD THE FUTURE

In 2001-02, Rotary International began developing a strategic plan to guide the organization as it entered its second century of service.

In June 2007, the Board of Directors approved the RI Strategic Plan 2007-10, which identifies seven priorities:

Eradicate polio.

Advance the internal and external recognition and public image of Rotary.

Increase Rotary's capacity to provide service to others.

Expand membership globally in both numbers and quality.

Emphasize Rotary's unique vocational service commitment.

Optimize the use and development of leadership talents within RI.

Fully implement the strategic planning process to ensure continuity and consistency throughout the organisation.

CLUB NEWS Notes from the Board

MEMBERSHIP

New members – Welcome to Moeroa Tiatoa (Moi), Mano Tairi and Shelley Sammut, who were inducted by PRIP Bill Boyd as members of the Rotary Club of Sydney CBD (Maori Satellite Group) (bringing our total for the Group to 5).The induction was held at the Rotary District 9750 Anniversary Dinner to celebrate RI's 104th birthday on 21 February 2009.

Friends of Rotary CBD – Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd and Lorna Boyd – were inducted as “FOR-CBD” at the above function by President Jim Harrison. We welcome Lorna and Bill to the club.

Resignation: Jane McRae – Jane’s resignation was accepted with regret at last Board meeting.

Leave of absence – approved by Board

A number of members are on leave at the moment to 30/6/09 for good and sufficient reason, including: **Virginia Binns, Bruno e Silva Castro, Kaye Gordon, Alycia Inglis, Sharon Kerr, Fredric Naboya, Sarah Overton, Caroline Soucek-- Michael Kenyon to 30/3/09 as well as a couple of exempt attendance**

CLUB SERVICE

NEW DINNER RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

It was noted that members have been advised of the new reporting procedures for dinner meetings.

Emails regarding attendance or non attendance at CBD Rotary Dinner meetings is sent to all members, Friends of Rotary and other Bulletin subscribers before each meeting. **Members and others are asked to reply “YES or NO” inviting guests and details of dietary needs.**

It was also agreed that if a member accepted or apologised for the meeting on the Friday morning and found their circumstances changed by Monday, contact Roger Kilburn or Joan Richards by phone immediately.

Further – if a member indicates that they are attending and **does not arrive on the night – they will be charged for the meal unless previous arrangements have been made or extenuating circumstances prevented attendance.**

Those on leave of absence or exempt – need not reply unless they decide to attend a meeting, during their leave of absence period.

NEW BOARD RESOLUTION AND DIRECTIVE

RE NON REPLIES AND/OR NON ATTENDANCE

IT WAS RESOLVED; THAT ANY MEMBER NOT REPLYING AT ALL TO THE “MEETING EMAIL” WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE MEAL

Reason: If we do not hear from members one way or another following our email, they will be counted for catering. The hotel charges CBD Rotary for the number of members unless we advise otherwise.

We cannot keep on losing money because members do not reply- it is NOT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED!!

(Sorry about this folks – but it only takes 30 seconds of your time –to answer an email but “forever” for us to calculate numbers - we have an unenviable job to do and we are even busier than most! (Ed.)

Key College Working Party 8.30 – 3.30pm Saturday 28 March 11 ALBION ST SURRY HILLS

A working Bee will be held at Key College (the School for Street Kids) as a Club “hands on” project. Many of you have asked that we do this type of project **So here it is!!!** We will need people with expertise (see below) and the rest of us as labourers! You will need to bring plastic buckets, cleaning gear, cleaning rags, brooms and anything that you think we will need to give Key College a thorough clean.

It is impossible for Min Bonwick (Principal) and Ben the only other teacher, to teach and do everything else (and even more!) for these kids with special needs, as well as trying to find time to get these jobs done.

You will be provided with morning tea and lunch per favour of “The Richards” travelling Kitchen!

We need to..... Wash down and paint hallway and ceiling. Anyone with tall ladder????

The entry hallway is approximately 6.5 metres in length and 4 to 4.5 metres in height.

RECTIFY A LEAK IN THE ROOF - CAN ANYONE HELP SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

There is some problem with the flashing of the roof above which is corrugated iron between the walls of the two adjacent buildings. We would need to rectify the leak prior to painting the ceiling.

In order to this, **we need someone with expertise to advise us on this item.**

Floor in Class Room needs cleaning

Art Cupboard Cleanup. Tidy up the art cupboard and cull some rubbish.

Pantry. Generally tidy and clean the pantry.

Re-organise library shelves and books.

Computers - Remove unwanted material, empty temporary files, empty recycle bin, clean up the registry and defrag the hard drive on several computers.

Court yard. General clean up.

T.V. Aerial – help improve the TV reception to allow the reception of commercial and ABC broadcasts.

This might involve installing an outside aerial.

Anyone with knowledge in this area?

Painting and general tidy of office area

Wash down the paint and in one place apply an undercoat/sealer to some new carpentry work.

Trailer load of Rubbish – Anyone with a trailer?

It might not be possible to do all of these jobs on one occasion. Min has indicated that she is available on Saturday 28th March for our first attempt.

WHAT WE NEED. As many members as possible to help with this wonderful “hands on project” (a project which needs *no money – just a little time!*)

It is a great socialising time for us all as we work!

Advise Joaquim Smith if you can spare a few hours to join the Working Bee. Street Parking available.

E: joaquim.f.smith@gmail.com

(Names will be taken at tonight’s meeting – so check your diary.

SERVICE PROJECTS (continued)

The following Projects are coming up

Indigenous Children's Breakfast and Fitness Program

A cheque will be presented to Carrie Bendeich, Deputy CEO of the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) on **18 May – at Rotary CBD Indigenous Gala Meeting Dinner to be held at The Castlereagh Hotel** for this project.

Vocational Projects

Pride of Workmanship Awards - 1 June 2009

Nominations will be called soon.

RYPEN candidates needed for May event.

Projected Projects

Polynesian Project - Project for new Rotary year

Corrective Services Unit assisting incarcerated Islanders. Including pre-release and post-release programs, focusing on reintegration into society.

Maori Satellite Group project

Redeveloping links with culture

ONGOING PROJECTS

Elsie Women's Refuge – always need clothing for women, babies and children.

Contact Diane Malcolm or Shirley Doust

CLUB NEWS AND GOSS!

SHARE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

One of our women members has a lovely large apartment in a very nice area and is looking for a flatmate. Please call Joan Richards for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lorraine and Barney Koo- became grandparents again to baby Dylan Koo, on 6th March, 2009 at 11.17pm weighing 7lb 9oz. His parents are Ben and Ekayi.

"He is our 4th grandson and gorgeous" says Lorraine!

Return Thanks "I would like to thank RC Syd CBD for the lovely sympathy card and kind thoughts on the passing away of my dear Dad Daniel Chen. It was lovely to see our Rotarian friends from different Clubs who joined us at the Thanksgiving Service". **Lorraine and Barney Koo**

CHINESE NEW YEAR – Fundraiser for Australian

Rotary Health Research Fund HELD ON 6 March

Grace Teng invited a group of Sydney CBD members along to the District 9750 fundraiser for the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund for Mental Health, organised by Ron Yeo, President of Haberfield Rotary Club. It was a great night which included a 10 course Chinese Banquet together with entertainment and fundraising

Congratulations are extended to Ron Yeo for an excellent evening and wonderful night of fellowship.

As usual – CBD members entered into the bidding on auction items with gusto and won them.

The next day a few people wondered why they brought home yet more paintings to hang on their walls – but it was all in the name of raising money for an excellent cause.

Pictured – L- R Ron Yeo stands in front of auction items and watches the Dancers



Above– some of the wild bidding or was it singing? Joan and Ron, Peter Kommander (Fivedock), Kaye Gordon AND Shirley Doust (not Pictured – Jim Harrison, Russel Galt and Julie, Grace Teng and David Doust)

Home from Hospital – Doris Cope

Welcome home Doris following recent surgery. You were to receive a signed get well card..... but those **mentioned above** lost it *on the way home from the party!!* Can you see why? Our best wishes for a speedy recovery Doris!

Donation of Commercial Copiers

Joaquim Smiths firm, Tokio Marine & Nichido Insurance upgraded their commercial Copier, Scanner, Fax Machines recently and Joaquim was given authority to donate them to deserving organisations.

The PCYC at Mt Druitt received one and The Maori Women's League the other.

Rotary CBD thanks Tokio Marine & Nichido Insurance for a wonderful donation and to Joaquim for the work and foresight to help deserving organisations.

This is what Rotary is about – it is NOT ALWAYS handing out money!

Shelley Sammut's Company – Ray White

Annandale also donated goods and equipment to **Elsie Women's refuge** last week.

Special thanks to Shelley!

A NEW BABY arrived at Elsie Women's Refuge

You may remember that recently, we took a collection and asked for baby clothes for a young pregnant lass found wandering in the streets of Sydney ready to give birth. She found shelter and care at the Women's Refuge. Neither she or the Refuge had anything for a new born baby. We were able to obtain through **Shirley Doust and club members all necessary items to help the new mother.** Pram, baby carrier, bath tub, clothes and many other items were gathered and presented.

And – yes! She had a baby boy last week and together with the baby has now been able to leave the Refuge to stay with a friend.

WHAT OUR MISSING MEMBERS ARE DOING

Michael Kenyon and Fred Shaw are sailing on the high seas again. Fred writes travel items on Cruising – not a bad gig if you can get it!!!

Fred has organised an excellent night for the Club on **6 April – NEXT MEETING** – when he introduces the **Sydney Street Choir** to club members at the special dinner to present cheques to that organisation. The organisers of the Sydney Street Choir are working hard to assist those living on the streets of Sydney. Most of these homeless people have a mental illness.

The Sydney Street Choir will entertain during the evening and some will tell their story!

Sharon Kerr- is sorely missed from the ranks! But she is finally doing something for herself, besides work!

She is taking part in a Play – “The Women” a comedy written by Clare Boothe Luce, and she attends rehearsal every Monday night! The Play will be ready for opening night sometime in late June – **SO keep a date free!**

Kaye Gordon – is attending TAFE – every evening until end of June when she will graduate with “full honours” in Office Management. She has a full time day job and still has her singing engagements on weekends.

She has not let her Rotary obligations slip. As Chair of Fundraising she has planned with the committee many functions between now and 30th June.

If Kaye can do all this – everyone can buck in and support the functions.

Bruno Castro e Silva – has a new and demanding job within the Woolworths network. He is on leave to 30th June. This pressure of work happens to our members from time to time who hold high profile jobs. We look forward to welcoming back Bruno together with all our other leave of absence members.

Michelle Kilburn – is busy training and preparing the District 9750 Group Study Exchange Team which she will lead to Brazil in April! It will be even more concentrated and demanding when they arrive with 4 weeks of almost 15 hour days as Ambassadors for Rotary District 9750 as well as Australia. **We are very proud of Michelle who gained the important position as GSE Rotary Team Leader to Brazil. We know that she will be a great Ambassador for the Rotary Club of Sydney CBD and for our country.**

Caroline Soucek – is “chief cook and bottle washer” for partner Ross – who recently underwent major surgery. Ross is doing well under the capable hands of “Nurse Caroline”. The club sends best wishes to you both.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

A number of fundraising projects were agreed at Board as follows:

Autumn Raffle – 300 tickets at \$5

1st Prize Dozen Bottles of good wine and gift box of chocolates, 2nd 6 bottles of wine and chocolates, 3rd 2 bottles of wine and chocolates.

Garage Sale - 2 May Benjamin Pittman's

Home in Annandale - This will include many collectable items donated by Ben, fellow Rotarians and friends. All items will be “carry away” size.

VOLUNTEER “SALES PEOPLE NEEDED!

(I just know that it be so much fun! Ed.)

COCKTAIL FUNCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE

15 May – Mary

**McKillop Conference Centre Courtyard
80 William Street, North Sydney**

In lieu of the recent cancelled event for the Brazil Orphans a cocktail party “with a difference” will be held in the most beautiful surroundings that Sydney has to offer. Here you will find excellent food and wine, entertainment, raffles and other different interesting fundraising events during the evening.

Tickets are only \$50 each and that is “the best price in town” for an event of this nature!!

So - - we look to members to send out invitations to all their friends, neighbours and family to come along and enjoy themselves and help the orphans of Brazil!!

The Project proceeds after costs will be donated to The Mary McKillop Sisters who are

working very hard in very primitive conditions in Brazil to save and nurture the orphaned/street kids who are at the mercy of every “low life” in one of the most disadvantaged places in that country.

This project embraces RI President DK Lee's theme to “Make Dreams Real” especially for all the little children of the world!

MARKET STALL AT KIRRIBILLI – A ONE OFF

Saturday 23rd May (to be confirmed)

To sell home made cookies and sweets.

MEMBERS INDIVIDUAL \$30 DINNERS

To date only President Jim Harrison, Shirley Doust, Sally Hetherington, John Hepworth and Roland Gridiger have held their functions.

This is the easiest fund raising function ever

How – invite you friends to Dinner (after telling them it is a “members individual fundraiser” for \$30 pp)

Indicate that the proceeds are for the projects of the Rotary Club of Sydney CBD. Have some printed Club material or even a Bulletin about the club to hand out..

WHAT - dinner/brunch/lunch/BBQ and charge \$30

each. You supply the food and/or drinks or ask them to BYO. **OR – take them to a Yum Cha** or other such restaurant – they all pay for their own meal **PLUS \$30** for the fundraiser.

Or make & sell anything. Sell something on eBay!

All singles are expected to raise \$120 (double for couples) or more if possible.

This is an excellent way to raise funds in your own way – in your own time – before 30 June 2009!





Members rostered should be at the club before 6pm - If you are unable to accept this duty please exchange with another Member

**TONIGHT
16 MARCH**

Desk – Amy Hing-Young, Amanda Clarke
Meet and Greet –Sally Hetherington

EQUIPMENT SET UP AND PACK AWAY
Kim Smith, Diane Malcolm, Roger Kilburn

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6 APRIL

Desk – Shirley Doust, Shelley Sammut, Ben Fung
Meet and Greet – Moeroa Tiatoa, Russell Galt

EQUIPMENT SET UP AND PACK AWAY
Kim Smith, Janet Kayes, Sally Hetherington

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20 APRIL

Desk – Roland Gridiger, John Hepworth
Meet and Greet – Mano Tiari

EQUIPMENT SET UP AND PACK AWAY
Kim Smith, Sally Hetherington



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2009

- 16 March GALA - ST PATRICKS DAY - MEETING
- 6 April GALA MEETING – THE SYDNEY STREET CHOIR AND THEIR JOURNEY
- 14 April **BOARD MEETING**
- 20 April **MICHAEL KELLY** – “The Audacity of Inspiration” Speaking and Presentation Techniques of President Barack Obama.’
- 2 May **Garage Sale at Benjamin Pittman’s**
- 4 May **Job Talks –BY CLUB MEMBERS**
- 11 May **BOARD MEETING**
- 15 May **Cocktail Function “with a difference”**

- 18 May **GALA MEETING – “SHARING A JOURNEY OF HEALING WITH INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS”**
Speaker....Ms Nicole Watson, Aboriginal lawyer and senior researcher at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning UTS.
Dancers and song by a young Aboriginal group

- 1 June **PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS**
- 5 June **Rotary Singles Night - Art House Hotel Pitt Street Sydney**

- 9 June **BOARD MEETING**
- 15 June **RUSSIAN NIGHT CELEBRATIONS**

- 29 June **CLUB CHANGEOVER DINNER**

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