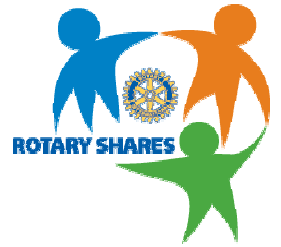




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Welcome to Interlink. This will be a combined Interlink for the week of 27 February & 4 March. Last Wednesday night we celebrated our Club's 15th Birthday. There were 48 attendees which comprised - Charter Members: Pres Keiran Slattery (& his lovely wife Anne), Ian Dolan, Pat Sergi, Joe Viglione (& his lovely wife Kath), Peter Zipkis, - long time members: John Andriano, Joe Di P (& his lovely wife Janine) & regular fellow Rotarians & their partners, together with sponsors for Carols in the Park & recipients of the proceeds from this great Rotary & Community Fund raiser. A special thanks to our District Governor, Jennifer Scott & her husband Ian for supporting us & to Anna Gonzales (our NYSF Student who shared her excitement & experience with the NYSF) & her mother Lucy.

Certificates of appreciation were given to our sponsors of Carols & presentations were made to our major recipients of the proceeds from Carols. These were accepted by BJ Graham & Darren Nation on behalf of the Horsley Park Rural Fire Service & Catherine Jurca & Ray Davis on behalf of the Fairfield Meals on Wheels. See photos attached. Minor recipients – 1st Fairfield Heights Scouts, St John's Ambulance, Green Valley Youth Choir, Marion Primary School, Horsley Park Primary School and Our lady of Victories Church - had already received their donations.

Last Breakfast Meeting

Apologies: Peter & Chris

A very full breakfast meeting with discussions covering a range of issues.

1. As International Director I had received an email from Penrith Club asking if we would consider making a donation towards RAM (Rotary Against Malaria) for which their Club is in the process of applying for a matching grant from Rotary International. The general consensus of the meeting was that we would donate \$250 for this worthy cause hopefully making up this money from the sausage sizzle we are manning at Wetherill Park on Sat 15th March.

Still with International Projects I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming combined meeting with Holroyd on Monday 10th March where the proceeds from the raffle & the Sergeants fine session going towards the cost of a Shelterbox (\$1,200). The remaining balance will be split between both Clubs and a Shelterbox will be donated in both names.

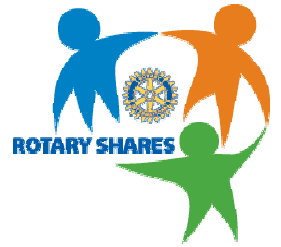
Another project we are considering applying for a matching grant for is SWLD Water Project (Safe Water for Life and Dignity) which Robert & Mairy Guthleben's Club in Orangevale USA is applying for a grant for also. At the Board meeting we had discussed donating \$AUS1,000 with the matching grant this could become \$3,000. To provide 20 villages with wells in and around Tanzania will cost \$US56,368.

2. Regarding the "Mitre 10 fix up Australia" project the local scout group is being considered. If we proceed with this community project we will need willing helping hands.



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3. Bowel scan brochures are available for distribution Sat 8th & Sat 15th March. If you can spare some time please make contact with Chris.
4. The BBQ in the parking area of Wetherill Park Marketown on Sat 15th March is looking for willing helpers to cook & sell the sausage sandwiches for a gold coin donation which will be used for the RAM donation. At the same time Bowel Scan brochures will be given out at the local chemist. Please contact Chris if you can either help with the BBQ or handing out brochures.
5. Brian presented Pres Keiran with a Certificates of Appreciation for our generous donation to the shoebox appeal prior to Christmas. A Participation Certificate was also received for Anna Gonzales for her time at the NYSF which will be presented to her at a future breakfast meeting.
6. Brian & Roy did a great job of presenting the songs we are submitting to District for the Conference. Brian singing the more traditional song to the tune of Waltzing Matilda & Roy getting down & rapping out. Be prepared to come along and help us cut a record (sorry its disc now isn't it) which can be presented at the Conference when we win.....
7. Pres Keiran to approach Fairfield Golf Course & confirm the date of 16th May for our Holden Scramble. By mutual consensus the Wetherill Park Autistic School was felt to be a worthy recipient again this year of the proceeds from the day. Helen to approach Giovanni at the school.
8. Joker Draw – Keiran drew Jes' ticket – Unfortunately for Jes the \$24 jackpot remains in the Club after having been taken off twice over the past couple of weeks.

District Conference - Mudgee

This is your last chance to register for the Conference. To date we have 8 attendees. Pres Keiran & Anne, Jim B, Peter , Helen, Bill, Brian & June

Registrations close 23rd March. The program begins Fri April 4 - free wine tasting 4-6pm (I'm sure Drew will be present for this) followed by a bush dinner & dance. Sat April 5 - Carnivale is the theme for the dinner. I will be purchasing maracas if anyone is interested. Don't forget to dress up & wax down.

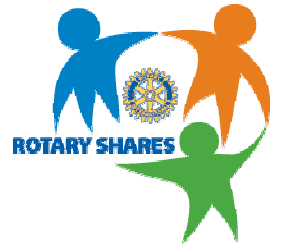
Interlink Editors needed.

We are still looking for volunteers to be our guest Bulletin Editors in the months ahead. The New Year – What a perfect time to try your hand at something you may not have done before. I'm sure I heard that Stewart will be editor for the month of April. Please email President Keiran with your 4 week commitment.



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2008	Dates At A Glance
Friday 7 March	Presidents Meeting – Panthers – 6.30p for 7p – District Resolution Nominees to attend
Sunday 9 March	Family of Rotary Picnic day
Monday 10 March	Combined Meeting with Holroyd Rotary – Merrylands Bowling Club– 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Please advise June if you will be attending
Saturday 15 March	District celebrates 40 years of ROTARACT.
Tuesday 25 March	Board Meeting – Marconi 7.15p
Fri. 4 – Sun. 6 April	District Conference at Mudgee – Registrations close 23/3/08
Monday 21 April	Evening Meeting – Marconi – 7p for 7.30p Speaker TBA
Tuesday 29 April	Board Meeting – Marconi – 7.15p
Sunday 4 May	District Assembly – St Mary’s Senior High
Friday 9 May	Presidents Meeting – Panthers – 6.30p for 7p– District Chairman report
Friday 16 May	Wetherill Park Golf Day – Fairfield Golf Course
Saturday 17 May	Rotary Health Race Day – Rosehill Racecourse
Tuesday 20 May	Board Meeting – Marconi – 7.15p
Monday 26 May	RESRA – 7p for 7.30p – Guest Speaker & Venue TBA
Thurs. 5 – Wed. 18 June	International Convention – Los Angeles
Tuesday 17 June	Joint Board Meeting – Marconi – 7.15p
Saturday 28 June	District Changeover
Friday 4 July	Wetherill Park Changeover – Venue TBA

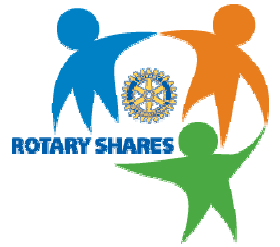
REMINDER OF COMING ACTIVITIES

- World Youth Day2008 - Rotarians Volunteers needed for Home Hosting. If you are able to help please advise Keiran.
- The 99th Rotary International Convention... Los Angeles 15 - 18 June 2008Start looking into it now. Check Website: www.wprotary.com.au
- District 9690 – Family of Rotary Picnic Day. Sunday 9th March 2008 from 11am, BYO family, friends, food and drink. Old fashioned Picnic with three legged, egg and spoon sack race: balloon and bubble blowing all day long for all ages. Trophy for club with highest number people present. “Wren” Picnic ground-Nurranginy Reserve, Doonside



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o **District 9690 Pantomime at Club Marconi – Sunday 2 November 2008.**



NYSF Student Anna Gonzales



District Governor Jennifer Scott congratulating us on our 15th Birthday



Major Sponsors - Diana & Darren Oakes
- Wizard Home Loans



Major Sponsor – Dr Beryl Pham
– Horsley Park Medical Centre



Sponsors of Carols in the Park
– Amazon Outdoors, Joe Viglione;
Merrylands Music, Roxanne & Roy Hilton;
Mitre 10, Renzo Valleri & Weigtech, Bill Robb



Major recipient
– Rural Fire Service, BJ Graham & Darren Nation with
Carols Committee Member, Roy Hilton and Pres Keiran

Special thanks to Andrew Borg who works from sun-up to long after the sun has gone down on the electrical work for Carols

Thank you to all Rotarians, family & friends who made this Community project the great event that it was - enjoyed by not only the children but mums & dads , aunts & uncles too.



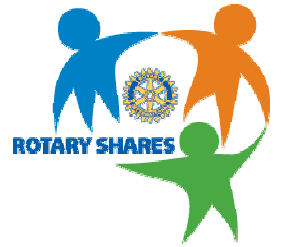
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Catherine Jurca & Ray Davis

Let's make this years carols just as enjoyable & rewarding to all concerned.



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Roster for Bowel Scan Leaflet Hand Outs + Market Town BBQ

<u>Chemist / Location</u>	<u>Volunteers Sat 8th March</u>	<u>Volunteers Sat 15th March</u>
Barone's - Fairfield	Brian & June	
Pennas Chemist - Edensor Park	2 x VOLUNTEERS REQ'D for Either Saturday	
Chemistworks - Stockland Mall	Helen + ????	
W.P. Pharmacy - Market Town		Vicki + ????
BBQ at Market Town on Saturday 15th March	Set-up: 9.00 am to 10.00 am	Brian, June & Keiran
	Cooking: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm	Peter R; Jim B; Jim K; Chris; + 3 or 4 more Helpers Required
	Pack-up: 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Roy at 3.00 pm; + Someone with tow bar to tow Rotary Trailer Req'd

BANNED FROM KMART.....

[A word of warning as to why you shouldn't take men shopping against their Will.](#)

After Brian retired, I insisted he accompany me on my trips to Kmart. Unfortunately, Brian was like most men found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunately, I like most women loved to browse. One day I received the following letter from the local KMart.

Dear Mrs Bragg,

Over the past few months, your husband has been causing quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behaviour and may be forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against Mr Bragg are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras.

1. June 15: Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in people's carts
2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. July 7: Made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
4. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&M's on lay by.
5. September 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
6. September 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?'
7. October 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
8. November 10: In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' by using different sizes of funnels.
9. December 3: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'
10. December 18: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a foetal position and screamed 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'
11. December 21: And last, but not least Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here!'

Regards,

John Smith, Manager