

# The Rotary Club of *Padstow* Inc.

## Club Notes for 30 September 2008

### Julie Harris – Community

- *Padstow on Parade* posters have been printed so we can put them up in shops.
- We need volunteers to put up banners for *Padstow on Parade*.

### Mike Kenny – President

- I've had an email from John Hugo about Relay for Life. It's on the 22nd of November, at 10am, at the same time and the same place.
- The Christmas Pantomime is on Sunday 2nd November, at Club Marconi, 2pm to 5pm. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.
- We've received a letter from Ian Scott and Rotary Institute leadership training. They're looking for people willing to do home hosting in the Parramatta area.
- The Sydney Friends of Red Cross Hospital Cape Town are having a concert to raise funds for the Hospital on the 11th of October. Tickets are \$55 each. The concert includes a smorgasbord, and will take place at the Sydney International Regatta Centre at Penrith Lakes.
- The next Presidents Meeting is on Friday 10th October, and is for International / The Rotary Foundation.
- De La Salle College has written to the Club about the RYVA Awards. They send their thanks on behalf of parents, students, and the College.

### Glenda Murray – Secretary

- The Rotary Club of Strathfield is having a Golf Day on 23rd October.
- The Australian Foundation for Disability (AFFORD) sent a framed certificate of thanks for the blankets, doonas, and harbour cruise.
- Local federal member Daryl Melham has written to the Club about awarding certificates of appreciation to volunteers.
- The Christmas cards have arrived.

### Joan Wells – Club Administration

- The DG has emailed to ask if anyone would be interested in hosting the inbound GSE team (from District 4710) which arrives on the 9th of February.
- There is a farewell for Max and Grazia Bunter on Sunday October 5th. The Bunters are moving to Canberra.
- The Melbourne Cup is coming up – we need an organiser for a fun night.
- There is an open day for RYDA on Saturday 8th November at Homebush, between 1:30pm and 4:30pm. This is a demonstration only for the benefit of all Rotarians to observe just how the RYDA program functions.
- There will be a benefit concert of *Elton John & Tim Rice's Aida* for ARHRF on the 23rd of October. It will be on at the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.

### Garry Metcalfe – Rotary Foundation / International Service

- Thanks to Maureen and the Bonds for taking charge of the Opera House and Aquarium visits for the exchange students.
  - > (Melinda Heywood) It was a very successful trip. The students really enjoyed it, though one missed out on the Opera House when she arrived too late.

### President Mike

- The date of the hike has to be changed, as we couldn't get a match with the other district. It looks like it will be the 21st of February.

### Sharon Bond – Youth

- I have sent a letter to Qantas thanking them for their donations, and letting them know what has happened with them. Over 100,000 items have gone to 13 countries with the assistance of 14 Australian Rotary Clubs.

- With the Family of Rotary Pantomime, it would be good to sponsor tickets for Ryde School for packing ROK kits.
- We've had a letter from Zid Mancenido asking for assistance to attend The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) next January as part of the Australian delegation. Zid is one of only two delegates from NSW. In his letter, Zid enclosed references from THIMUN and the Prime Minister.
- Applications for RYLA should be in now.
- Peakhurst High School will be doing RYDA in November.

#### **Allan Sweet – Treasurer**

- After a lot of effort, the signatories for the accounts have been done this afternoon.
- The new account for the Advancement Program has been set up.

#### **Kevin Bouffler – Attendance**

- 31 / 40 or 77.5%
- Apologies from Tony Blazek, Cliff Dailey, Julie Harris, John Edmunds, Geoff Hayman, Jean Mullick, Veronica Necyporuk, Terry Pedder, Keith Roffey, and Alex Thomas.
- PP Tom Carr (1969-70) passed away last week. The funeral was today at Ourimbah, and was a gathering of Past Presidents of the Club.

#### **President Mike**

- President Mike inducted Janet Wallis under the classification "Commonwealth-State Govt Admin". Jan was placed on the Youth Committee.

#### **Trevor Withnall – GUEST SPEAKER**

- I bought a plane on eBay for \$20,000 less than I would have normally had to pay.
- I've been to the US 4 times this year on account of the plane.
- There were a few things to fix. For instance, the engine had 2,380 hours (380 hours past the limit) so I got it overhauled in Montrose, Colorado. That took from March to June to do.
- I got a Bankstown firm to ferry the plane from the US to Australia. They wanted to ferry 2 planes of the same speed, but the other plane wasn't ready and delayed mine.
- The departure point from mainland US was Santa Maria, California. I arranged to stay overnight with some friends, and ended up staying 2½ weeks.
- When the other plane couldn't fly, I decided to go back to Australia, but the ferrying firm said they would fly my plane to Hilo in Hawaii. Unfortunately, they had trouble with the electronics and had to return to the US when they were 4 hours out.
- The firm eventually got the plane to Hilo, then 11 days later made arrangements to carry on to Australia 4 days after that. A further 4 days after that date, we left Hilo and flew to Christmas Island (the largest coral atoll in the world). One end of the island was used for nuclear bomb tests, and is now radioactive and fenced off.
- We then flew to Pango Pango, then on to Noumea, and then to the Gold Coast, and straight on to Bankstown Airport. Each leg of the trip from Hilo took a day, but we crossed and re-crossed the International Date Line, so the day and date changed forwards and backwards.

#### **President Mike**

- Daylight saving starts this Sunday.
- ROK kits tomorrow night.
- Padstow on Parade meeting tomorrow night.
- Lyn Tester will be here next week to talk to us about the Centurion Program.