

The Rotary Club of *Padstow* Inc.

Club Notes for 21 October 2008

Mike Kenny – President

- Welcomed Guests – Dimity Capps, Mrs Capps, Laura Sampson, Mrs Sampson, Emily De Wildt & Mrs De Wildt.
- Welcomed back Alex Thomas.
- Relay for Life 22/11/2008 (Saturday).
- Emailed everyone re the United Nations Email.

Glenda Murray – Secretary

- AlphaStor – (Automated Secure Data Storage) Orientation meeting Tuesday 4th November 2008 – 7:30pm at Big Al's Clubhouse, Unit 7/99 Kurrajong Avenue, Mt Druitt.

Allan Sweet – Treasurer

- Padstow on Parade finances not finalised yet.

Julie Harris – Community

- Some results of Padstow on Parade:
 - > Bookstall \$588.50
 - > Pony Rides \$400.00
 - > A1 Amusements \$1,100.00
 - > Kang \$25.00
 - > 66 Paid Stall Sites..... \$7,850.00
 - > Profit so far \$13,600.00
- 29 Club members and 10 partners helped out on the day.
- Thanks to the members who handed out fliers at the railway stations.
- Thanks to committee members.
- Channel 9 sent an email saying it was the best day of its type with which they had been involved.
- President of the Padstow Chamber of Commerce expressed his thanks for the day.

Garry Metcalfe – Rotary Foundation / International Service

- Spit to Manly walk is on this Sunday if the students can get there – as there is track work on all the railway lines going into the City.
- RAWCS – New Guinea trip will have to wait until after the wet season. The school needs to be rebuilt after the flood.
- Kids pantomime is on at Club Marconi on 2nd November 2008. It is best to buy the tickets in advance. See Allan.

Alex Thomas – Membership / Vocational

- No report but stood up and told us about his arthroscopic surgery on his knee on 4th July 2008. He has been off for 16 weeks. His knee was swollen to the size of a football and it took him 20 days to get home from hospital.
- Thanked everyone for their support. He appreciated the Fulcrum being on-line.
- The last time he was at Rotary was for the Changeover. It was good to be back.

Sharon Bond – Youth

- RYDA – 20th November 2008 at Penrith – Peakhurst High School has a minimum of 110 students attending. Offered to take our members in the Bus. Thanked us for the bus sponsorship.
- RYLA – 2 new applications.

Joan Wells – Attendance

- 33/41 – 80.49%
- Apologies from Maurie Abbott, Kevin Bouffler, Lorraine Cody, Cliff Dailey, Colin Duff, John Earls, Geoff Hayman, and Keith Roffey.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mike Kenny

- An organisation is offering 1st aid training. For every 20 students they will donate between \$800 and \$1,000 to ARHRF.

Keri Sweet

- Shoebox project sent shoeboxes to East Timor the 1st year. District Governor Nominee Marilyn Mercer from the Rotary Club of Hawkesbury wants to send shoeboxes to the Broken Hill region via local Rotary clubs and School of the Air. They should be geared towards kids and adults and they don't need to be restricted to being small or even shoeboxes. They can adult things like moisturisers, make up etc.
- Sharon Bond will contact Marilyn Mercer about using ROK kits.

David Edmunds

- An important date is coming up on the 4th November, 2008 – Melbourne Cup Night. Whole program is set. Hopes everyone will come. Traditionally a hat night, but this year everyone is to come as "something to match your name".

Melinda Heywood

- John Brogden will be speaking at the ARHRF Christmas Dinner on Thursday 11th December 2008. Cost \$50 per person.
- The Club has been asked to run a barbecue at Parramatta Road, Annandale on a Saturday from 10am to 2pm sometime in the next couple of weeks. Any takers?
 - > Not really, too much on, not in our area.
 - > Kaye Townsend has a friend in Rotary Club of Marrickville who might be interested – name and mobile number passed to Melinda.

David Edmunds

- Looking for expressions of interest to see "The Wind of Shaolin" which is a martial arts, song, and dance entertainment based on the famous Shaolin Monks. It is on at the State Theatre between 9th February & 1st March 2009. It is \$75 a ticket. A tick sheet was handed around.

Terry Martin

- Daryl Melham sent a letter re availability of funds for equipment. Club has applied for a computer and printer for use by the Club Secretary.

Kaye Townsend

- Announced that Peter has a new appointment in the Communications & Public Relations Department and Kaye is staying in her appointment so they will be here for another year.

Keri Sweet

- Introduced the speakers and spoke about the Youth activities of the District.

Dimity Capps – GUEST SPEAKER

- Was recognised with a High Commendation from ROYA (Junior Award).
- Dimity, a year 10 student at the East Hills Girls Technology High School spoke about her Mission Trip to Ethiopia early in 2008. This was a hands on trip where students built a 500 metre pipeline from the river to the "All Boys Orphanage". This saved the boys 12 trips a day to fill up the water tank at the school.
- A garden was also created for crops (squash, watermelon etc) – not only to make the orphanage self sustaining in food but also to have food to sell to help pay for teachers.
- The mission members had to attend a 10 day Boot Camp at Tewantin (run by Team Mission Australia) prior to going to Ethiopia. They were allowed 1 duffel bag containing 15kgs of gear to see them through 6 weeks in Ethiopia. There was an obstacle course they had to run every morning to help get them fit. Part of this was "The Wall". The Wall was high and there was no ladder but they had to get over it with the help of their team members.
- The orphanage students loved to play soccer and whenever they weren't in school or doing chores they were playing soccer. The boys also had an exercise regime every day.
- It took 17 hours to arrive at the orphanage on a packed local bus.
- As a result of the Ethiopian trip Mrs Necyporuk recommended Dimity for ROYA.
- Dimity is busy fund raising for a Mission trip to Cambodia in 52 days.

Laura Sampson & Emily De Wildt – GUEST SPEAKER

- Attended RYPEN at Springwood for 3 days from 12th to 14th September 2008.

- They both loved it though they were nervous and felt daunted when they arrived. The Rotarians and Rotaractors were very kind.
- Some of the speakers spoke about things to help the RYPEN delegates with any problems they might have – trouble at home, resumes and interviews for jobs, why some kids stuff up.
- They were put into colour groups and both Laura and Emily were in the Green Group.
- The groups did team building activities, designed banners for their group, nominated a group leader.
- The food was very good. There was a bush dance and they had heaps of fun except they had to dance with boys.
- The Rotaractors were mentors.
- Some other activities they enjoyed were:
 - > Walking through the Blue Mountains
 - > Trying to find out how to pry apart a frozen t-shirt without breaking it
 - > Building a water tower out of bits and pieces.
 - > Making up a skit for Saturday night (the Green group won this)
 - > Initiative games – 10 mins at each activity
- One of the delegates was a good musician and he played his guitar while he sang.
- On the last day there was a reflection about what had been learned. It was agreed that we are fortunate in Australia.
- Laura and Emily thanked the Club for sponsoring them
- The camp was really great and life changing. We are still friends with the other delegates and hope to have a reunion soon.

Mike Kenny – Thought for the Week

Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything." (Muhammed Ali)