

## CHICAGO, CHICAGO, de de de da.....

The Chicago 'mob' presented us with some highlights of the recent trip there for the Convention.

Population of Chicago is 3.5 m people

42 000 Rotarians and partners attended the convention (10 from Padstow) held at the McCormick Centre an extremely large complex of exhibition halls and meeting rooms built especially to house large conventions trade fairs etc., and with a seated assembly of 18000.

Chicago itself is divided North and South by the Chicago River with lots of opening bridges which disrupts the traffic. The river was the main means of transport many years ago as it eventually flows into the Mississippi. Consequently the river became so polluted as it flowed back into Lake Michigan and polluted the water supply, that a lock was dug to close off the river and reverse the flow.

There are lots of different styles of architecture in Chicago and as time goes on the face of the city is changing and many old disused warehouses are being converted to apartments.

Barry McConville was at the opening session with the Rotoractors.

The Friday feeding Frenzy was held at the Webber BBQ grill, with 2 additions from Port Lincoln and Bernadette who had taught at Picnic Point and visited our club and is now teaching in a very tough Chicago High School

On the Saturday morning several streets were closed off for the Centennial Parade and for over 2.50 hours Rotarian from all over the world along with high schools bands and marching girls and cheer leaders. Decorated floats and even the Canadian Mounted Police. The yachties had a float and John and Merrill marched with them. District 9690 had a float with DDG Lloyd wrestling a crocodile and 'Steve Irwin' standing by. A large contingent of Aussies marched along side in bright shirts carrying kangaroos. The weather was perfect.

Saturday night more special dinners held with Kevin and Joan Home Hosted at Brookfield Zoo. Taken by small train around the zoo too an evening of good fellowship and food with about 60 other Rotarians. Both Joan and Kevin won prizes in the raffle

The Untouchables tour was great fun as the (real) characters such as Al Capone, Bugs Moran and John Dillinger were names to fear in the Chicago of the 1920's Gangs from North v gangs from South of the river. At this time of prohibition, bootlegging and murder.

On the Sunday morning a fun run was held before the opening Plenary session.

The Theme of the convention was Celebrate 100 years of Rotary. Our own Roger Climpson was the MC for the convention and did an excellent job. All the speakers were excellent

Kevin and Joan attended the AGM of the International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians to witness John Milne being inducted as International Rear Commodore.

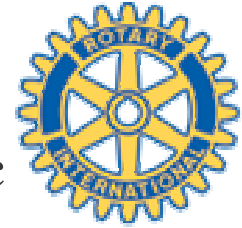
Trevor attended the baseball which was a great experience with 45000 spectators and one section held especially for Rotarians.

Attendees were: Kevin and Margaret Bouffler, Barry and Lucille McConville, Barry and Joan Thompson, John and Merrill Milne, Joan Wells & Trevor Withnall

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### PROGRAM

2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	DG's Visit <b>Partners</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Transferred meeting – RC Como Jannali
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Panania Markets
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	MUNA Presentation + RYPEN (Courtney Dailey) Board Mtg
21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	BBQ Bankstown Airport
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Rotary Youth Vocational Awards
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Panania Markets
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	EHGTHS Garden Fair
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	YEP Opera House Visit
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Club Assembly & Committee meetings

## President Keri

- President Keri welcomed everyone and toasted Australia.
- No Secretary this evening so Keri read out the Thank You card from Bill & Irene Little for the wonderful changeover night.
- Survey received from Bankstown Council to update their records, sent to PP Veronica.
- Joan has produced an updated Club Directory; please check your details are correct.
- Email received from Keith re the calendar for the program of guest speakers. Please put your suggestions forward
- Emma, the exchange student from France has emailed Keri and is very excited about her upcoming exchange.
- First Presidents Meeting is to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 6.30 for 7pm.
- Ken reminded members that Club Dues are now due.

Barry McConville advised that a meeting has been set down for Rotary Youth Vocational awards – suggest that it be a transferred meeting. Scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> September, school yet to be chosen but will be in the Bankstown District. Beverley Hills is now also part of our School Directorate and will be included in the awards, although not part of our Rotary District.

David Edmunds attended the meeting of Padstow on Parade at the Mayoral Offices with Kerry Sibio. The Council are most interested in Padstow on Parade Project. Unfortunately, they are unable to help us with funds – we missed out on the CDSE funding but we are now nominated to possibly receive funding from another area. Fingers crossed. We should find out on the 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Next meeting for Padstow on Parade is 8<sup>th</sup> August 6pm for dinner – meeting 6.30 at the Club.

David also showed the club the logo which he is organising to be printed on banners which hopefully will hang between the shops to promote the fair.

Five letters have been received, with money, for stalls. Now trying to work out how to approach Clubs etc for sponsorship. Council have added to documents. Club will need to provide financial support. It is the Silver Jubilee of this area and it has been suggested that this be part of the promotion on the banner. Please advise Keith of any suggestion by members on the presentation sheet. He would like feedback and will confirm speakers two months in advance.

Thank you to David for organising tickets to The Tales of the Silk Road. It was splendid Chinese Ballet.

Joan would like confirmation of numbers for the 2/8 for the official District Governor's visit.

Keri would like all directors to make a **short interesting report** on what your committee is doing this year.

Gary reminded us about the applications now available for ROYA and RYPEN (14 – 17 y.o). Please nominate someone you may know.

Kevin with attendance figures 28/34 82.35%

Apologies received from Sharon (Newcastle) Colin (meeting) Frank (meeting) Jean, Veronica (school) Kaye (hospital Wednesday) and Glenda.

Thank you to all those who helped at RPA on Saturday. Everything was cleared by 12 pm. Not sure of the scrap value.

Keri advised about the up coming ROYA Award on 6<sup>th</sup> August at Penrith Panthers. STEP (Short Term Exchange Program)

New program being launched at the next Presidents meeting (12/8/05). Setting up new program – Direct Exchange similar to YEP- same requirements. Main difference is that it is short term 8 – 11 weeks and direct exchange. Inbound Student stays at Outbound students home. We will send out first week of December and be returned in time for Uni sign on.

We will host about the time of year the Safari is held and students will go on Safari with YEP's. This year suggesting they go to Canada as English speaking and have contacts there already. Training to be provided in conjunction with YEP. Cost to Club minimum – no Blazers, meals at meetings, visas etc. Club to finish interviews by 9/9/05 Selection Day 9/10/05. Training weekend 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2005. 25/2/05 compulsory debriefing. This year – recommend year 12's, future years age 15 – 18.

Parents to pay airfares and quotes are being organised with several sources including the YEP travel agency. It should be noted the STEP is not in competition with Rotary but seen to fill a need for students who do not want to say away a whole year.

Barry Thompson presented certificates to members who were not present at the Club changeover for which a donation has been made on behalf of each member to ARHRF.

Correspondence received from Bankstown Band and communications restored.

Victory in the Pacific Day – club to cater for this event on 21/8/05 at Bankstown Airport. Sausages and Hot Dogs.

Event not to be recognition of war so would like The Salvation Army to make a display of its contribution during peace and war. Bryce and Peter agreed to do this.

David Edmunds advised us of a tour to Newcastle by Catamaran leaving the Opera House Steps at 9.30 on 6/11/05 and returning by 3801 to Central at 5.30. Please advise David if you would like to go. 40 places only. \$100 p/person Possible Discount if more than 20 booked.

### Help the Clubs' Club.

We are asked to support the Club by making up some tables for Mike Matheson evening on 6/8/05. It is \$5 per ticket. The club is trying to promote itself and would appreciate our support. Are you a member of the Club?

- Michael Kenny advised that he will try to reorganise the date of the National Park walk because of the Newcastle outing.
- Joan advised that Geoff Kennett was talking to John Laws and spoke favourably of ARHRF and the Safari. He is to speak at the ARHRF dinner