

### Richard and Shireen (HR)

Went to Seagate which has 11,000 workers. People sleep outside the plant waiting for a job.

Unions are outlawed in Thailand.

Also visited a PET bottle plant.

### Kate (Police)

Well received by the Police and media.

Visited a prison in which trustees are allowed to carry batons.

- The prison had a good vocational program.
- 99% of women in prison are there for drug-related crimes.
- Lots of prisons have day care centres as children are kept with their parents up to 3 years old.

Thai tourist police speak English and look after tourists.

Thai police have to pay for their own handcuffs, the fuel for cars, and replacement guns.

Much emergency equipment in Thailand is donated from overseas.

Visited the River Kwai, where thousands of Allied prisoners died building bridges on the River Kwai during World War II.

Still have contact with a Thai policeman who did a Masters in gangs.

### Richard (Life in Thailand)

Most homes are built on stilts.

Most villages focus on one industry, so there are pottery villages, silk villages, etc.

Went to Pattaya for recreation at end of exchange. Pattaya is like Kings

Cross, only 10 times worse.

Visited a cobra farm, where a guide was bitten three times during the course of demonstrating snake handling to visitors. Cobras are the local snake, and are common.

### Keri Sweet – Thought for the week.

Chinese proverb: Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish, and you feed him for life.

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# SERVICE Above Self

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### Programme

06-06-2006 Primary Schools Night

10-06-2006 Panania Markets

11 to 14-06-2006 [RI Convention](#)

13-06-2006 Club Assembly & Committee Meetings

20-06-2006 (Board Mtg)

27-06-2006 Captains Night & Farewell to Thibaud

02-07-2006 [District Changeover](#)

04-07-2006 Club changeover

08-07-2006 Panania

Markets

### Keri Sweet (President)

GSE Team Leader Paul Erickson has been confirmed as District Governor Nominee, taking up the position of DG for 2008-09.

Invitation received to RC Springwood's changeover – 3rd July at 6:30pm

Cancer Council's Relay for Life is taking place on 1st and 2nd July.

RC Granville's 50th anniversary is coming up – organising group to go.

Ambassadorial Scholar applications need to be in by 31st July.

RC Kuranda is selling Rotary year diaries for \$5.95.

Georgene sent a card thanking the Club for our condolences on the loss of her Dad.

RC Como-Jannali changeover 7pm 7th July, \$43 per person.

Board members reports needed for the changeover report.

### Keith Roffey (Club Administration)

Committee structures for next year have handed out.

### Joan Wells (Public Relations)

The Rotary brochures are now available.

To celebrate the Club's 50th, a Rotary Ball would be a good idea.

- We would need 350 attendees, sponsorship, and a band.
- Revesby Workers Club available 26th May 2007.
- Bankstown Sports Club could do a 3 course meal.

Family of Rotary Picnic Day on next Sunday, 4th June, 11am to sunset.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Keri Sweet

Will be attending RC Holroyd to see Lyn Tester become President.

### Terry Martin

Went to RC Ingleburn. They have 2 Rotaract clubs and are now looking at women membership. The meeting vote to ask the board to look at women membership wanted 2/3 majority – it succeeded by 13 votes to 6.

### Bryce Steep

Thanks to everyone for a fantastic result for the Red Shield Appeal. We got our best result ever, covering 94% of the area, and exceeding the target of \$30,000 by \$10,000.

The morning after the Appeal, directed a person to the Salvation Army's Youthlink service, a beneficiary of the Red Shield Appeal.

A Day of Thanksgiving afternoon tea will be held on Saturday, 3rd June, between 2:30-4:00pm.

### Garry Metcalfe

DIK this weekend.

Farewell to Emma and Thibaud Feeding Frenzy on Monday 26 June.

### David Edmunds

Emma went to Adelong to see the old gold diggings, then went to see sheep shearing, and afterwards to Wagga Wagga. She had a lovely time.

### Warren Bond

Went to RC Como-Jannali Rotaract's Trivia Night. They had 35 tables and raised \$8,500.

### Kevin Bouffler

66.11%

## GSE REBOUNDS

### Paul Erickson (Team Leader)

The team consists of Team Leader Paul Erickson (School Principal), Kate Linkater (Police), Gregory Neal (Police), Shireen Ryan (Human Resources), and Richard Easton (Human Resources). Due to family requirements, Greg was unable to attend.

The team went to the southern parts of the District of Issan. This was advantageous as most of the time was spent in small rural towns.

The uniform chosen for the exchange was the Brisbane Conference shirt.

On arrival in Thailand, the group were given orientation by a PDG.

The group took their own computer and data projector. This turned out to be a wise move as other teams visiting Thailand with their presentation on CD often found themselves without the hardware.

"Home hosting" was often defined as staying in the hotel that a Rotarian owned.

A cheque for \$4,800 was presented to the Thai district (3340) for blankets.

At Conference, all Rotarians arrived in their club's uniforms.

Scouting is compulsory in Thailand. One day a week the students and teachers wear uniform to school.

Most schools have no water; for those that do, it's usually putrid. A lot of schools are putting in water purifiers.