

Mike Kenny

- It would be good to have Klara in to each member's home for tea. There are about 40 weeks left of Klara's time with us, and with 36 members, member will need to book fairly quickly.
- Jenny Borjeson, the exchange student from Sweden, would like to present a banner from her home club Göteborg-Marieholm.

Keri Sweet

- Kay Trappett did a makeup at Redcliffe in Queensland.

David Edmunds

- On the 27th of September, 36 people are going to *Varekai*. If you lose your tickets, please let David know as he can get replacements, otherwise you won't get in.
- For *Padstow on Parade*, this time last year we had applications for 4 stalls; we now have 56.

Barry McConville

- Barry has received some photos for the history book. Today is the last day for receiving photos.

Maha Krayem Abdo and Ghena Krayem – Guest Speakers

- The *United Muslim Women's Association* (UMWA) is based in Lakemba. It was established to serve the needs of Muslim women in NSW. The speakers addressed the myths and misconceptions associated with Islam.
- The stereotype of Muslim women is that they are covered in black and are repressed by, and subordinated to, men.
- About 7 years ago, Ghena worked as tipstaff to Justice Windeyer at the NSW Supreme Court
- Ghena is now a lecturer in Constitutional Law and Legal Ethics at Sydney University.
- When travelling by train, Ghena notices that the seat next to her is the last to be filled.
- PM John Howard said that integration demands that people learn English and to treat women with respect
- Bronwyn Bishop said that girls shouldn't wear scarves at school as it represented a rejection of Australian values. The UMWA extended an invitation to Bronwyn to spend a day with Muslim women to see if there was a contradiction between Muslim and Australian ways.
- Islam is not a violent religion, but people will see what they are looking for. Ghena rejected terrorists as indicative of Islam, calling them criminals, and not good Moslems.
- The Qu'ran is seen as God's word. It teaches exemplary moral character, good citizenship, to follow the laws of the country, and to contribute to the community.
- A myth about Islam is that it was spread by the sword. Instead, people accepted Islam because they respected its ideals.
- There is no distinction in Islam between men and women. 1400 years ago, Islam gave women the right to inherit property, to enter into contracts, and to keep their names when entering into marriage.
- Those societies where Muslim women are repressed suffer because of the culture, not because of the religion.

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Bryce Steep presents a gift to the guest speakers

Programme.

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| 13-9-2006 | Wednesday transferred meeting Beverly Hills GHS Youth Vocational Awards.No Tuesday Meeting |
| 19-9-2006 | Club Assembly |
| 24-9-2006 | Youth Exchange trip to Opera House. |

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Minutes of 05 September 2006

President Keith Roffey

- Welcome to our guest speakers, Maha Krayem Abdo, Manager of the United Muslim Women's Association, and Ghena Krayem, lecturer in Constitutional Law and Legal Ethics at Sydney University.
- September is New Generations month, which focuses on youth.
- The next Padstow on Parade meeting has been moved to Monday the 11th so that it doesn't clash with the next Board meeting.
- Thanks to Joan for the articles and photos in *The Express* concerning the Careflight rally car.
- Joan's article on Shelterbox was printed word for word, so well done there too.
- The TAP program will be presenting a concert this Thursday in which all 25 members will be active.
- We've had a reminder about the Hawkesbury Race Day which will be raising funds for Careflight.

Kaye Townsend – Secretary

- Letter received from George Trad – he is starting a new radio show on community radio and is asking for sponsorship.
- Bankstown City Council have written to say that the traffic lights should be reconfigured for *Padstow on Parade*, but that this will cost \$138 per hour.
- Flyer received from *Rotary Down Under* advertising the "4-Way Test Mobile Phone Holder".
- MHR Daryl Melham has written asking for nominations for older Australian recognition awards for 2006.
- Copies of Bankstown City Council's *Community Link* circulated.

President Keith Roffey

- Keith is happy to be involved in any of the committees.
- As the birthday celebrations will be marking a milestone in the life of the Club, they are very important.
- Welcome to Jenny Mladineo, International Service Director from the Rotary Club of Wallacia-Mulgoa Valley, and to Jenny Borjeson, on exchange from Sweden.
- Still looking for payments for Conference bookings and the ARHRF dinner.

President Keith Roffey – Thought of the Week

- Humanity cannot go forward, civilization cannot advance, except as the philosophy of force is replaced by that of human brotherhood. (Francis Bowes Sayre)

Tony Blazek – Community

- EHGTHS *Spring Fair* is on this Saturday. We need some workers for an 8am start, and others for an 11am start. We'll be selling sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and drinks. Roster list circulated.
- Mike Kenny has agreed to lead the Christmas Trailer committee.
- Bryce Steep will lead the Panania Markets committee, looking at ways to improve them.
- Terry Pedder will lead the Bunning's BBQ committee.
- John Earls will lead the Club's 50th Anniversary project committee, looking for a suitable project to commemorate the Club's 50th year.
- Joan Wells will lead the committee on the Club's Birthday celebrations.
- The time capsule will be opened in November. The school is interested in doing another capsule to replace it.

Mike Kenny – Rotary Foundation / International Service

- Wish list for Klara circulated

Terry Martin – Membership / Vocational

- There will be no meeting next Tuesday. Instead, the RYVA awards will be held on Wednesday night, from 6:03pm, at Beverly Hills High School. Entrance from the lane off Broadarrow Street.

Joan Wells – Public Relations

- Received a brochure on glowsticks for the Carols. Agreed to purchase 700.
- List circulated for Parramatta Riverside Theatre party to see *Beauty and the Beast* on the 7th of October. \$35 per person.
- Jomo-Cannali Club have invited us to a joint meeting at Loftus TAFE in the 17th of October. \$28 per person.
- Jomo-Cannali is having a trivia night on the 28th of October. \$16 per person, supper included.
- Drinks have been arranged for the barbecue Saturday.
- On *Bert's Family Feud* the metropolitan ambos won \$25,000 for Shelterbox. Rotary got some good publicity from that.
- The October program has been reorganised. The changes are on the web site.
- The "Thank You" night is growing huge. About 30 people can potentially be invited, so we will have to do some budgeting.
- George Eden is having his exhibition and barbecue this Sunday.

Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- 31/36 or 81.11%
- Apologies from Colin Duff, Veronica Necyporuk, Terry Pedder, and Gaille Walton.

GENERAL BUSINESS