

### Guest Speaker cont.

- Daniel is now studying at U.T.S for an Arts degree. He lives in a Christian hostel in the Villawood area. Daniel acts as a mentor for young Sudanese boys and he coaches the Sudanese Soccer Team.
- Daniel hopes to return to Sudan with a degree to help those who are still in the refugee camps.
- He has received several donations but still needs more. The cost of airfares to Sudan via Egypt is about \$3,500 of which he has about \$1,500 pledged. We asked Daniel to give us a detailed list of his expected costs and we will then see how we can help him.

### Oh to be retired!!!

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day the wife and I went into town and went into a shop. We were only in there for about 5 minutes. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, "Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a dumb ass. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tyres. So Mary Called him a s#\*^ head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him the more tickets he wrote. Just then our bus arrived. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.

### Rotary Grace

*O Lord and giver of all good  
We praise thee for our daily food  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve Thee all our day*

### **PROGRAMME**

- 07 Oct..... Lyn Tester - The Centurion Program  
11 Oct. .... Panania Markets  
14 Oct..... Final Arrangements for "Padstow on Parade"  
**19 Oct..... "PADSTOW ON PARADE"**  
21 Oct..... RYPEN Reports  
28 Oct..... Warren Bond - Report on Sri Lanka  
28 Oct..... BBQ for Trade night at Canterbury (3 or 4 only needed)  
01 Nov..... Spit to Manly Walk  
02 Nov ..... Family of Rotary Pantomime at Marconi Club  
04 Nov..... Melbourne Cup  
08 Nov..... Markets  
18 Nov..... Christmas Night at Mc Arthur TAFE (\$25.00)  
22-23 Nov..... Relay for Life BBQ

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Presentation of Special Stroke bed to Bankstown hospital

**TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME**  
Trevor's Travels and Travails

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## Club Notes for 23 September 2008

### President Mike

- Trade night BBQ at Canterbury. Only 3 or 4 needed on the night. Cliff Dailey to arrange.

### Glenda Murray Secretary

- Invitation to A.R.H.R.F. Christmas dinner at Epping Club 14 December and Charity Golf Day 27 February 2009.
- Various newsletters: Careflight and Smith Family.
- From Daryl Melham an application for Volunteer Grants (to Terry Martin to follow up).
- A letter of recommendation from E.H.G.T.H.S on the excellent RYDA training program.
- Thank you letter and book for PP Col from Fred Hollows foundation for last year.
- Donation Letter re person from East Timor who illegally entered the country during the World Youth Day celebrations. Certificate of appreciation from The Exodus Foundation.

### Julie Harris Community Director

- Thanks to all who helped with the Garden Fair, Markets and BARBECUE. About \$1,000 was raised at the Garden Fair and about \$900 at markets.
- Relay for Life postponed to 22/23. BBQ arrangements remain the same. Pledge Books are still valid.

### Ken McMillan act. Vocational Director

- Vocational Youth Awards again were a great success. 18 High Schools and 55 students were presented with their certificates. Moorebank H.S.

### Veronica Necyporuk Principal of EHGTHS.

- A very big thank you to all who helped to make the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards a great success again this year.
- Would it be possible to include Belmore Boys High School as, due to restructure of the school district, Belmore is included with Punchbowl BHS and East Hills BTHS? (The club agreed.)
- Could gift baskets left over from garden fair be sold at Panania Markets in November please? (Agreed, and stall to be allocated.)

### Garry Metcalfe International Director

- The Youth Exchange visit to The Opera house and Aquarium is on Saturday 27 September.
- Don't forget Laurence's wish list and dinner list.

### Barry McConville – Report on Funeral of PDG Ken Nicholls OAM

- Barry reported on the wonderful work Ken had done with Donations in Kind and many, many, other RAWCS and Rotary projects over the many years he had been a Rotarian. Several years ago Ken was awarded the highest service award in Rotary. He was District Governor in 1987-88 and was a member and Past President of Granville Club, and often said that he would come to Padstow if he were not so involved with Granville Club.
- The funeral was a celebration of his life and was attended by about 250 people.

### Veronica Necyporuk

- The Rotary Advancement Program has received three applications for assistance. Two are for study assistance and one for a mobility Scooter.

### Keith Roffey

- Pres Mike Julie Harris Joan Wells and I attended Bankstown Hospital for the presentation of the Special Stroke Bed and mattress donated by the Club from proceeds of Padstow on Parade. The bed will be of great assistance to the nursing staff and patients. The bed has a plaque attached to the foot of the bed "Presented by The Rotary Club of Padstow". (There is a photo in the "Torch").

### Kevin Bouffler Attendance and Welfare

- Last week at the Awards the attendance was only 22/40 -55% shocking!! Tonight it is a lot better 30/40- 75%.
- At Ken Nicholls funeral there were 4 eulogies: Ken's son, PDG Jack Elliott, PDG Barry Thompson, and PDG Barry McConville.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Daniel Leutthong (from Sudan), with Elizabeth, Bev Pedder's fellow counselor.

- Elizabeth gave an outline of Daniel's life and showed a DVD on the refugee compound in Kenya where Daniel lived before his father smuggled him out and his mother escaped to Egypt. He was 5 years old.
- Daniel is now 20 years old and has not seen his mother or father for 15 years. He would dearly love to see his parents again and hope to do so in December.
- He is an outstanding young man and has worked hard at school and was offered a scholarship to go to St. Johns College at Sydney University but his marks were not quite good enough to get into the course so he had to relinquish the scholarship.