

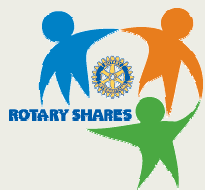
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# Rotary



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Club of Wetherill Park

All members of the Rotary Club of Wetherill Park are invited to attend the weekly meetings to share some fellowship and enjoy the pleasure of each others company.

**Apologies were received from.... Helen and Vicki**

Please reply to this email with apologies, so we can order the right amount for the Tuesday buffet breakfast. Many Thanks

**“Pot” gone again** - Joker collection raised \$26-00 so the Jackpot was \$47.00. Ticket F91 was drawn – lucky for the Jim K who drew the JOKER. The pot is going off very frequently. Come and join us and grab your share.

**“You’ve got to be here to be in it to win it.”**

**RESRA night – Monday 16 June 2008 at Smithfield RSL Club – 6.30pm**

**All arrangements for the evening covered and tasks assigned to ensure successful evening.**

**DGE Paul Erickson and Suzanne will be our Rotary guests. The Guest Speaker will be the DEMO – Graham Tomkinson.**

**There are five 2008 Recipients: They are -**

Name	Service
Wayne Crisford	NSW Police
Elizabeth Kusilek	State Emergency Service
Frank Rodighiero	NSW Fire Brigades
Graeme Cocks	St John Ambulance
Kerry Ayyildiz	NSW Rural Fire Service

**Come and recognize excellence in our community’s Emergency Services – Ambulance, Fire Services, SES and Police.**

**Thanks to Director Bill and his assistants, particularly, Jes, Brian, Keiran, Roy, Peter and Harry for the logistical and organizational support of this project.**

## World Youth Day

Latest information has been received through District 9690 Past Governor Harley Tarrant. No change in numbers at this stage, so we're looking to cater for 920, not all of which will be residing at the venue.

The WYD Standard Operating Procedures for Clubs have been refined and the Board will review them at its meeting on 17 June. While we may have access to all necessary material – BBQ, Tent Cover, tables etc, we will need a commitment from members to carry through with this project. The SOP recommends a team of 7 for each 400 diners (1 supervisor plus 6 team members). Obviously for a larger group we will require more volunteers.

Chris our coordinator will be discussing the project directly with WYD BBQ contact to clarify information. Please let Chris or Jim K know your availability to assist with this project. We will need volunteers to be available for set up so we can be ready to start the cooking at 11.30am. The meal service will last about 2 hours followed by a tidy-up/clean-up at the end of the meal. So we are looking for coverage from about 10.00am to 3.00pm.

## District and Other Clubs' Activities/Projects

### **REMINDER – Help Eradicate Polio through participation in the Polio National Immunisation Days – India – 8 September – 20 September 2008**

**Amy member wishing to participate in this wonderful adventure (an help eradicate polio at the same time) please contact PDG Lloyd Roever as shown below. He will provide you with full details.**

**Lloyd. C. Roever.  
4 Tallwood Drive,  
North Rocks N.S.W. 2151**

**02 9630 7209 (H): 02 9630 6974 (F): 0418 416 218 (M)**

For the Club Golfers – Remember the Charity Golf Day of Rotary Clubs of Silverwater-Homebush Bay and Concord on 26 June 2008.

Date: Thursday 26 June 2008.  
Venue: Concord Golf Club.  
Entry Information: Individual entry is \$80.00 for 18 holes of Golf, BBQ Lunch & welcome pack (cap, balls & tees).  
Dinner only \$70.00: Golf and Dinner Package \$130.00.

For further information/brochure/entry forms please contact the Rotary Club of Concord or Rotary Club of Silverwater-Homebush Bay.

## Coming up – Something for everyone!

Purple – Latest Added

Monday 16 June	RESRA – 7p for 7.30p – Guest Speaker, Held at Smithfield RSL
Tuesday 17 June	Joint Board Meeting – Marconi – 7.15p
Tuesday 24 June	Keiran’s Finale – Wrap up of a Great 2007-08
Saturday 28 June	District Changeover
Friday 4 July	Wetherill Park Changeover – Venue: Oscar Room, Marconi Club
Wednesday 16 July	World Youth Day BBQ – Contact Chris H to advise availability to assist
Sunday 3 August	Clubs Open Day at Fairfield Showground
Sunday 3 August	District NYSF Interviews
Sept 1 – Sept 11	Rotary Club of Inverell – Tag Along Bash – Rally
Sept 1	RAWCS Walk – Kokoda Track PNG
Sat/Sun, Sept 27 & 28	Relay For Life – Cancer Council – Venue - Brenan Park, Smithfield (TBC)
Friday 10 October	Our Spring Ball has been penciled in for 10th October. Anyone interested in helping on the Ball Committee, please contact Jim K.

Wetherill Park 2008-2009 Board positions are:

President	–	Jim Kyan PHF
President Elect & Club Service	–	Brian Bragg PHF
Secretary	–	Roy Hilton PHF
Treasurer	–	June Bragg PHF
Community Service	–	Chris Hunter
International Service	–	Peter Reeves PHF
Vocational Service	–	Renzo Valleri
Youth Service	–	Jes James PHF
Public Relations	–	Roy Hilton PHF
Membership	–	TBA
Immediate Past President	–	Keiran Slattery PHF

### **“Rotary 2020: The Next Generation” PRESIDENTIAL MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE Canberra, ACT, July 11-13 2008.**

**Membership attraction and retention is a very important activity for this Club especially in 2008 -2009. Any members wishing to attend this seminar to discover and develop strategies for improving our membership attraction and retention please contact President Elect Jim Kyan**

## INTERNATIONAL INSIGHTS



### Project Amigo

Helping poor children in Mexico  
Offering international volunteer opportunities  
Fostering fellowship among Rotarians

Here is an interesting project sponsored by the Juneau Rotary Clubs.

Maybe there is something within Australia where we can "Make Dreams Real" in 2008-09

#### Special Work Week for Juneau Rotary Clubs

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Juneau Glacier Valley, along with Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Juneau Gastineau created their own custom-made Project Amigo Winter Work Week the end of January, 2008. Leaving behind their world of ice and snow, they let the warmth of Colima and her people seep into their bodies and hearts. It was an extraordinary time – they built shade structures over the public washing areas used by the women at the labor camp in Quesería. They distributed books and used clothing to poor rural primary schools. And they savored their week in the sun until the very last minute.

*"I thought I might make a small difference in a child's life, but found they have made a big difference in mine. I hope this experience dances in my Alaska dreaming forever. When all else fails, just touch a child..."*

-- Virginia Smiley, Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary

*"As many who have gone before us know, it is not easy to state our feelings in a simple sentence or two, but I'll try. I have been in Rotary for shy of 29 years and have always been very active, but Project Amigo is clearly the highlight of my Rotary experience.*

*Meeting the children, seeing their faces and knowing that there has been tremendous progress in education because of your work simply goes to the heart in all ways. It would be easy to get overwhelmed with all the things that "could or should" be done, but more important is what has been accomplished. Seeing the children who have advanced their education and learned other ways that they can give back and help in their own community while moving forward themselves.... well, it's very impactful on us as individuals.*

*I also am one to look for important "forks in the road" of life ..... chance meetings that are not chance. When Leslie and I walked into the "Hall of Friendship" in San Antonio at the Rotary International Conference, we could have gone any one a hundred different directions, but our decision to have lunch, Leslie's decision to go look for a table to sit while I got the food, and Ted's offer to her to join him at his table.....was it all "chance"..? That simple set of actions opened the door for many Juneau Rotarians to share the experience of Project Amigo. Leslie and I only regret it has taken us this long to be among those who travelled to help"*

-- Craig and Leslie Dahl, Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary

### **December 2007 Work Week**

The event that launched Project Amigo in 1984 (a Christmas party for 45 children in a poor rural village) enjoyed its 24th annual repetition with more than 200 children in attendance this year. The volunteers who helped make the party happen included Rotarians and non-Rotarians and their families from California, Nevada, Arizona, Georgia, and Washington, as well as Rotarians and their wives from the Club Rotario de Colima. They wrapped more than 500 gifts, fitted all the kids with new shoes, and served them pozole and cake at the Fiesta.

During the week, the group learned that three migrant labor camps in Colima were facing a crisis. Workers had been brought in from southern Mexican states to cut sugar cane; but the sugar processing mill was on strike. Therefore, the workers were without work or wages --- and food. Passing the hat among the volunteers and the Colima Rotarians brought enough income to supply all three labor camps with rice, beans, cooking oil, cereal and sugar to tide them over until the strike ended and they were able to work.

*"This was my first adventure into the heart of Mexico and it has been amazing. We fed the hungry, clothed the needy, and loved everybody (everything a vacation and service are all about)."*

-- Liz Taylor, former Rotary Youth Exchange student (to France) from Susanville Rotary

*"This is our fifth year with Project Amigo. We do a lot of volunteer work, and Project Amigo is the most rewarding experience of all. We strongly believe that education is the key out of poverty – and we so appreciate being with Project Amigo's staff and other volunteers who are working toward the goal."*

-- John and Margery Cox, Casa Adobes Rotary

*"Project Amigo lights the way to success for so many children who will make a difference in the world tomorrow."*

-- Carolyn Anderson, Valley of the Moon Rotary

### **Vision Work Week 2008**

Twenty-five volunteers from the US and Canada, working with local Rotarians and Project Amigo scholarship recipients, helped 1,159 poor children and adults in four rural communities to a life with better vision. The clients received thorough vision tests and examinations by volunteer optometrists from Oregon, Kentucky and California, before being fitted with appropriate correctional glasses donated by Lions International. The jubilation expressed at the distribution station, as a clearer world came into view, energized the whole team over and over again. Fitters went into bouts of laughter as older gentlemen expressed their wonder and joy at being able to see the pretty volunteers at the other side of the room.

*"This was one of the most gratifying and wonderful weeks of my life. What a gift to meet and serve the great people in this area of Mexico."*

-- Catherine Fleshman, Bear Creek Valley Rotary

Thanks June for this little gem.

### **EVEN BETTER THAN A CREDIT CARD**

Jack wakes up with a huge hangover after attending his company's Christmas Party. Jack is not normally a drinker, but the drinks didn't taste like alcohol at all. He didn't even remember how he got home from the party.

As bad as he was feeling, he wondered if he did something wrong.

Jack had to force himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins next to a glass of water on the side table. And, next to them, a single red rose!! Jack sits up and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. He looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotlessly clean. So is the rest of the house. He takes the aspirins, cringes when he sees a huge black eye staring back at him in the bathroom mirror.

Then he notices a note hanging on the corner of the mirror written in red with little hearts on it and a kiss mark from his wife in lipstick:

**"Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to get groceries to make you your favourite dinner tonight.  
I love you, darling!  
Love, Jillian"**

He stumbles to the kitchen and sure enough, there is hot breakfast, steaming hot coffee and the morning newspaper.

His 16 year old son is also at the table, eating. Jack asks, "Son... what happened last night?"

"Well, you came home after 3 A.M., drunk and out of your mind You fell over the coffee table and broke it, and then you puked in the hallway, and got that black eye when you ran into the door.

Confused, he asked his son, "So, why is everything in such perfect order and so clean? I have a rose, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me??"

His son replies, "Oh THAT... Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you screamed,

**"Leave me alone, I'm married!!"**

*Broken Coffee Table \$239.99*

*Hot Breakfast \$4.20*

*Two Aspirins \$.38*

*Saying the right thing, at the right time. . PRICELESS*