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The newsletter of Rotary Club of Wetherill Park



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Jim chaired the meeting receiving apologies from PP Keiran, Ashley, Helen and Vicki


Pres Jim was our Sargent & took delight in extracting fines from us all.

Chris had a chance to win the \$14 for the Joker Draw but unfortunately thanks to the great shuffling of Roy she only managed to find the 3 of spades.

Chris is desperately looking for volunteers to help her man the food stall for the Cancer Relay for Life. Lunch & dinner on Saturday 27th & breakfast on Sunday 28th September. Unfortunately a number of members who would normally be able to assist her are away so she is keen to hear from those who can help her asap please.

Only 6 days to go to take advantage of the early bird special (saving \$30) for 2008-2009 Fees. Please BPay, cheque or C/Card \$300 by 31 July. Contact June on 0418 633 653 with any queries. If you haven't received your invoice please let me know urgently as no invoices have been returned to us.

Jes as Youth Director has received an application for a student to attend the Siemens Science Experience which was approved for payment by the Board Members present.

2008	Dates At A Glance 
Tuesday 29 th July	Board Meeting
Sunday 3 rd August	Clubs Open Day at Fairfield Showground
Sunday 3 rd August	District 9690 NYSF Interviews
Saturday 9 th August	Rotaract Club of Springwood Farewell Dinner (see flyer attached)
Sept 1-Sept 11	Rotary Club of Inverell – Tag along bash - Car Rally
Monday 1 st September	RAWCS Walk – Kokoda Track PNG
Sat/Sun 27/28 September	Relay for Life – Cancer Council- Brennan Park, Smithfield – Contact Chris urgently if you can assist please
Sunday 2 nd November	District 9690 Christmas Pantomime at Club Marconi



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Important Information

The Centurion Club

For \$100 a year you can get a tax deduction, have the money count towards a Paul Harris Fellow for yourself and your contribution counts towards the money our Club has to pay to Rotary International for dues etc.

Here's a chance for you to make a difference to the world. Just by forgoing one cup of coffee each week you could help change the lives of a number of people.

If you have any queries please contact either Lyn Tester (District Registrar) on 4774 0737 or myself on 0418 633 653.

A couple of jokes from Roy

Donation:

Father O'Malley answers the phone.

Hello, is this Father O'Malley? **It is!** This is the Internal Revenue Service. Can you help us? **I can.** Do you know a Ted Houlihan? **I do!**

Is he a member of your congregation? **He is!** Did he donate \$10,000 to the church? **He will.**

Confession

An elderly man walks into a confessional. The following conversation ensues:

Man: 'I am 92 years old, have a wonderful wife of 70 years, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Yesterday, I picked up 2 college girls, hitchhiking. We went to a motel, where I had sex with each of them three times.'

Priest: 'Are you sorry for your sins?'

Man: 'What sins?'

Priest: 'What kind of a Catholic are you?'

Man: 'I'm Jewish.'

Priest: 'Then why are you telling me all this?'

Man: 'I'm 92 years old I'm telling everybody!'

WE are looking for a Volunteer to be Editor for August.

Please let Pres Jim know if you are interested.

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN



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By: **MOHAMMED REZAUL KARIM**

I worked very hard to become a Rotarian and my effort was rewarded.

I believe more efforts should be put into encouraging **Rotaractors** to continue their service as part of Rotary. If not, so much knowledge, skills and initiative are lost instead of contributing to sustainability in the development of the organization,

I joined (the) **Rotaract** Club of Chittagong Downtown as a Chartered member in 1987 and led the club as a Board member, Director, Secretary, Treasurer and finally President, growing up with the guidance of our sponsoring Rotary Club and also the District. We were partners in service creating and building confidence and helping to build skills as leaders of the future.

Having grown up through serving others, I began to realize and truly appreciate what partners in service (our Rotary Leaders) were.

Rotaract, which has about 186,000 members in almost 140 countries is Rotary's service program for young people ages 18–30. But the problem is that after **Rotaractors** turn 30, Rotarians often don't invite them into their clubs. Membership in Rotary clubs is only by invitation.

We were not invited to join Rotary so a group of ex-**Rotaractors** formed their own club.

Most of us are Past Presidents and the past leaders of **Rotaract** Clubs and we united and formed a new Rotary Club in 2001, The Rotary Club of Chittagong Sagorika (Club ID : 58008) R.I. District 3280. Bangladesh.

Please let me say that I have Rotary to thank for my international network of professionals and friends as well as my better understanding and interest for other people's ways of living. Most important, wonderful things happened for my life, when I found my life partner Rtn. Shalma Rahman Monee, a Chartered President of **Rotaract** Club of Midtown Sunflower and a Rotary Foundation Alumnus (GSE team member to the USA in 2001). Again thanks to Rotary.

I would say to all **Rotaractors** and young girls and boys who are exploring their interests and fulfilling their dreams to expand their horizons should strive to become part of Rotary when they become an adult, as it can be one of the most rewarding experiences any individual can have.

Rtn. Mohammed Rezaul Karim
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