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The newsletter of Rotary Club of Wetherill Park



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– Editor: Peter Reeves

Attendance last week was very disappointing. Please advise Roy Hilton of apology if you are unable to attend meeting. It's only fair to your fellow Rotarians and Marconi to allow for planning.

Joker Jackpot – there was no draw last week.

The next night meeting will be Tuesday 14th October at Marconi. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Angela Finch from the University of New South Wales. Angela is the recipient of our sponsorship for research into prostate cancer from last year's ball. Let's show our support by attending the meeting.

Club Classifieds

Charity Ball

The Rotary Club of Wetherill Park Charity Ball needs a chairperson for the September 26th 2009 event. There's plenty of time to do it, if we start now, but if we leave it –time left behind is irretrievable.

Contract President Elect Brian Bragg for details of job and generous remuneration package. (Something like the eternal gratitude and the promise that the Brian and June's next born will be name after the successful applicant)

Club Dues now over Due

The dues cut off was the 31/8/08 for the 2008-2009 fees. Payment of \$330 was required. If you haven't finalised your fees please make payment by BPay (please let June know if this is how you paid), cheque or C/Card. Contact June on 0418 633 653 or Roy (Secretary) 0418-448544 with any queries.

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 June Bragg on 0418 633 653.



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| 2008 |  Dates At A Glance |
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| Tuesday 14 th October | Night meeting at Marconi. Guest speaker Dr Angela Finch. Recipient of our sponsorship for research into prostate cancer. |
| Sunday 2 nd November | District 9690 Christmas Pantomime at Club Marconi |
| Wednesday 5 November | Pride of Workmanship – Smithfield RSL |
| Tuesday 11 th November | District Governor’s visit (better all be there) |
| Friday 21 November | Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program |
| Saturday 26 th September 2009 | Rotary Club of Wetherill Park Charity Ball |

Around the Clubs

Holroyd Rotary Club

Golf Day 24 October Cost: \$100 - golf, breakfast, lunch & drinks
Brian is looking at getting names for a team from Wetherill park. Please contact him if interested

Doll & Bear expo - Merrylands RSL - 19 October

Wetherill Park Rotary Club

8 Feb 2009 Dodge Ball Competition - start organising your teams of 5 players now - Stewart will provide more details in future weeks.

Interlink Editor

Peter Reeves has accepted the role as editor for September whilst still working from Canberra three days a week. This edition is being written at a hotel in Canberra. Please help.

Please send your information for items for Interlink to Peter Reeves address preeves@rimsconsulting.com.au.

We are looking for a Volunteer to be editor for **October**.

Please let Jim Kyan know if you can spare an hour a week to put the newsletter together.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Make Dreams Real **for the world's children**



Alice Hanson/Robyn Images

All children have dreams. In some countries, they dream of receiving a special toy or a puppy. But in other parts of the world, children dream of getting enough to eat or going to school. They dream of having clean water to drink and medicine when they fall sick. These are not impossible, or even unreasonable, dreams. But they are dreams that go unrealized for the 26,000 children under the age of five who die every day from preventable causes.

This year, I am asking Rotarians to give these children a chance to dream and to help make their dreams real. How can we do this? We can continue to work in our service emphases of water, health and hunger, and literacy. We can build wells and sanitation systems, furnish bed nets to protect from malaria-bearing mosquitoes, and provide rehydration salts to stem diarrheal diseases. And we can develop literacy programs that will enable parents to climb out of the cycle of poverty that contributes to child mortality.

These and other, relatively simple, actions are what will *Make Dreams Real* for the suffering children in our world. By attending to basic needs, Rotarians can help to reduce the deplorable number of needless deaths. Children who have enough to eat and clean water to drink can grow and learn. With access to basic medicines and vaccines, they will thrive. These healthy, educated children will become adults who are able to raise and support a family — and dream of a happy future for their children.

We can *Make Dreams Real* for thousands of children simply by giving them a chance to live the kind of life most of us take for granted — a life with enough food, clean water, and access to health care and education, a life that will extend far beyond their fifth birthday.



D.K. Lee



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Just for reading the rest of Interlink

What's a guy to do?

A guy found a penguin and showed him to a policeman.
The policeman said, "Take that penguin to the zoo, now."

Next day the policeman sees the man with the penguin again.

The policeman stops the guy and says, "I told you yesterday to take the penguin to the Zoo, what on earth are you doing with the penguin in your truck again?"

The guy says, "What is there to do? Yesterday I took him to the zoo and today I'm taking him to the movies."

An apple for the teacher

It was the end of the school year, and a kindergarten teacher was receiving gifts from her pupils.

The florist's son handed her a gift. She shook it, held it overhead, and said, "I bet I know what it is. Flowers." "That's right!" the boy said, "But, how did you know?" "Oh, just a wild guess," she said.

The next pupil was the sweet shop owner's daughter. The teacher held her gift overhead, shook it, and said, "I bet I can guess what it is. A box of sweets." "That's right, but how did you know?" asked the girl. "Oh, just a wild guess," said the teacher.

The next gift was from the son of the liquor storeowner. The teacher held the package overhead, but it was leaking. She touched a drop off the leakage with her finger and put it to her tongue. "Is it wine?" she asked. "No," the boy replied, with some excitement. The teacher repeated the process, tasting a larger drop of the leakage. "Is it champagne?" she asked. "No," the boy replied, with more excitement. The teacher took one more big taste before declaring, "I give up, what is it?" With great glee, the boy replied, "It's a puppy!" SURPRISE!

JUST A TAP ON THE SHOULDER

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, 'I'm sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me.'

The frightened passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

The driver replied, 'No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab.....'

I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years.