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The newsletter of Rotary Club of Wetherill Park



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**– Editor: Peter Reeves**

Whilst Jim and Sandra Kyan are overseas Roy chairs the meeting. Apologies were received from Peter, Helen, Roland, Bill, Pres Jim K, Jim B, Renzo, Vicki, Catherine and Tina. Please notify your club if you will not be attending as it assists with catering.

Joker jackpot \$24 - Alan tried to win again this week but drew the Ace Hearts instead.

## Club Classifieds

### Charity Ball

The Rotary Club of Wetherill Park Charity Ball needs a chairperson for the September 26<sup>th</sup> 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)

### The real Charity Ball Ad

Rotary Club of Wetherill Park 2009 Charity Ball Committee has an urgent need for volunteers to help organise the Charity Ball to be held on 26th Sept 2009.

Members willing to lend a hand should contact President Elect Brian Bragg on 0434 357 517 or email [brianwbragg@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brianwbragg@optusnet.com.au).

Closing date for Expressions of Willingness to Help is 18th September 2008."

### Cancer Relay for Life

Chris is still desperately looking for volunteers to help her man the food stall for the Cancer Relay for Life. Lunch & dinner on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & breakfast on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Unfortunately a number of members who would normally be able to assist her are away so she is keen to hear from anyone who can give her a couple of hours over the 24 hrs so if you can assist please advise her asap.

### 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.



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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 June Bragg on 0418 633 653.

<b>2008</b>	 <b>Dates At A Glance</b>
Sat/Sun 27/28 September	Relay for Life – Cancer Council- Brennan Park, Smithfield – Contact Chris urgently if you can assist please
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	District 9690 Christmas Pantomime at Club Marconi
Wednesday 5 November	Pride of Workmanship – Smithfield RSL
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	District Governor's visit (better all be there)
Friday 21 November	Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	Rotary Club of Wetherill Parl 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

### Breakfast Point Rotary Club

Jazz in Silkstone Park (Tennyson Rd, Breakfast Point) - 14 September 11am to 3pm call 9739 6464 for information

### 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.



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## Notes From Jim

No doubt you were aware I just had a little spell in Fairfield Hospital. Sunday 24th Aug picked up by ambulance from Marketown car park.

I was having difficulty breathing from a chest infection that was already being treated by my GP.

After nearly 2 weeks in hospital, they fixed the breathing problem, then they concluded that although I was already a Type2 Diabetic, that the time had come the pill medication was no longer sufficient & from now on I have to inject insulin 4 times a day + they changed all my other existing medications - now on 12 different pills & injections per day!!!

I still have to go to Concord Hospital for sleep analysis testing to check that my current C-Pap sleep breathing apparatus is still sufficient.

They also have lined me up with another specialist for lung function testing.

All their blood tests, heart ultrasound, X-Rays & Cat Scans were all clear! & last of all have lined me up to see a Podiatrist at the hospital as well.

I do not have any complaints about the attention & treatment while there, the meals etc. were excellent except a little light on sometimes for me. (I supplemented this with ice creams & chocolates etc. from the Kiosk)

Now I'm back home, I'll have at least have another week off work, all my client calls are being diverted to the Attaché Centre at Parramatta.. This centre & Attaché are being very helpful & giving me an opportunity to have a good rest.

AND - Right now I'm having my second "Crownie", first beer for over 3 weeks or more!

Best regards - Jim

## **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 Adelaide Airport on a Sunday afternoon. Please help.

Please send your information for items for Interlink to Peter Reeves address [preeves@rimsconsulting.com.au](mailto:preeves@rimsconsulting.com.au).

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

In Pres Jim's absence, please let Roy know if you're interested. It doesn't take long and nothing is an obstacle as Peter is about to show us.



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## Guests last week



Guest Speaker Alice Hudson from the Oaktree Foundation speaking to the Club about The Oaktree Foundation, which is an Australian International Aid Youth Organisation.

Alice spoke about recent projects and achievements of Oaktree and talked about their current project regarding HIV/Aids education in South African High Schools.

Ex NYSF Student Melissa Radjenovic presenting a gift to the Club - a memento of her Science Fair trip to Canada - a totem showing the strength of Clan - aluding to our Rotary Club as a Clan.



Our current NYSF Student Yvette Gaweda from Cerdon College introducing herself to members and thanking the Club for the sponsorship.



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## Convention connection leads to ShelterBox effort in N. Korea

When floods devastated parts of North Korea last year, Rotarians from England joined forces with Canadian charity First Steps to provide humanitarian relief through ShelterBox.

The effort resulted from a networking connection made at the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, where ShelterBox founder Tom Henderson, of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, met First Steps founder Susan Ritchie, who was attending the convention as an observer.

**“Our concern is the needs of people who have lost their homes as the result of a disaster.”**

Tom Henderson

First Steps, a Christian charity with extensive experience in humanitarian projects in North Korea, was in a position to help volunteers deliver 200 ShelterBoxes for homeless families.

North Korea opened its doors for help in August 2007 after nine provinces in the country were hit by heavy rains that left about 300,000 people homeless.

“Our concern is the needs of people who have lost their homes as the result of a disaster. Politics doesn’t matter when your house has been washed away,” Henderson says.

ShelterBox is sponsored by Rotarians in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States.



The Rotary-sponsored ShelterBox provides shelter and other necessities to children and families struck by natural disaster. Rotarians helped deliver 200 ShelterBoxes to North Korea after heavy rains left 300,000 people homeless.



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## Just for reading the rest of Interlink

### Tough day at the office

A businessman dragged himself home and barely made it to his chair before he dropped exhausted.

His sympathetic wife was right there with a tall cool drink and a comforting word. "My, you look tired," she said. "You must have had a hard day today. What happened to make you so exhausted?"

"It was terrible," her husband said. "The computer broke down and all of us had to do our own thinking."

### Contrary Nature

A sadist and a masochist were locked in a room together.

In a very short while the masochist began to freak out, begging "Hit me, hit me!" To which the sadist replied, "No"

### Fair Trade

A debt-overwhelmed man, hopelessly poring over a pile of bills, suddenly shouted "I'd give a thousand dollars to anyone who would do my worrying for me!"

"You're on," said his wife. "Where is the thousand?"

"That is your first worry," he replied.

### Efficiency Plus

The latest reports from the Australian Tax Office shows that it has streamlined its tax form this year.

It goes like this:

- A. How much did you make last year?
- B. How much do you have left?
- C. Send B.



" Whatever happens, just relax and manage to make a smile. Life is not a problem to be solved but a gift to be enjoyed. Make everyday your best day!"