



BULLETIN 10th July 2008

Where we meet

Meets Thursdays 12.15 for 12.30
Southern Cross Yacht Club, Mariner
Place, Lotus Bay, Yarralumla

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Apologies

Please contact Pres Bill before 12
noon Thursday of the meeting or
earlier

Last meeting details

Members Present – 17
Attendance – 60%

International Toast

July 10 – Ron Rabey
July 17 – Birgitte Moltke
July 24 – Peter Dawson

Meeting Co-ordinator

July - Mike Purvis
August – Jenny Swanson

Vocational Update

10th July - John Little
24th July – Juris Jakovics

A Dialogue Between Islam and Canberra

Our guest last week was Mohammed Berjaoui who is the President of the Islamic Council of the ACT. Mohammed came to Canberra in 1984 from Lebanon and came to know our Clubs President Bill Andrews through his work with migrants. He has French and middle-eastern heritage and has worked tirelessly to develop a dialogue between the Islamic community and the Canberra community, often in the face of hostility on both sides.

Mohammed has a degree in Aeronautics and was an aircraft engineer in London and Lebanon. He then obtains a degree in Social Work and has worked in this field for the past 20 years. There are currently 450,000 Muslim people in Australia with most of this population based in Sydney and Melbourne. There are 6,000 to 7,000 Muslims in Canberra. Problems started in their community after September 11. Unfortunately women suffered the most as they were visibly Muslim due to their headwear and many were spat on, swore at etc. The Muslim community agreed that they needed to inform Australians that they were the same as everyone else.

They started by inviting leaders of other religious groups to begin holding meetings and functions together. Mohammed has spoken in more churches than Mosques! This has led into sporting events for children from all religious backgrounds. They also now have an open day at their Mosque, which is supported by the ACT government. Information, openness and understanding will eventually bring us all together along with generational change.



Pictured above, Mohammed Berjaoui and Jenny Swanson giving the vote of thanks.

Door Roster

Thursday 10th July – Elizabeth Scrivener and Keith Grey
Thursday 17th July – Michael Rabey and Peter Petkovic
Thursday 24th July – Vera Lipton and John Little

If you can't do the door duties please arrange your own replacement.

The Rotary 4-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Rotary Grace

For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, through Rotary we give thanks.

District News and Interclub Event

Elizabeth Scrivener and Keith and Wendy Gray enjoyed the District Changeover luncheon last Sunday, even though their bid for the International Award was unsuccessful. There was stiff competition from 6 other Clubs. However, Keith was personally honoured with the Rotary Foundation District Service Award.

PDG Ian Sayers, the new Canberra Sunrise International Director, has invited Keith Gray to be their guest speaker about West Timor on Wed 30 July. Keith hopes that some of our CBG Members will accompany him for an interclub visit to thank them for their \$2,000 support in West Timor. Please see if you can go along to support Keith, please contact him or check your Rotary guide for meeting details.

Silent Auction Volunteers

One of the additional fundraisers we run at The Stomp is our Silent Auction where people sign up bids for donated prizes. This is proving an effective auxiliary fundraiser and for Stomp 14 we are trying to expand it to help a special cause - The Olivia Lambert Appeal (as mentioned by Graeme via email).

To do this we need to provide from our Club a Silent Auction coordinator or coordinators. There are two main jobs - one is to coordinate and obtain donations of prizes. The other is to prepare the bidding sheets, other paperwork, and supervise its operation on the night.

The prizes we are seeking are not so much goods, but services. The Stomp committee will get dance classes donated by the participating dance clubs. What can we get from Canberra businesses? We need to go out further to the business community and we only have till Friday week (18th) to do it. Like a challenge don't we!

Please contact Graeme.

Stomp Joins Jumptown In Olivia Lambert Appeal

Jumptown (Dance Club) approached Stomp to join their support for The Olivia Lambert Appeal. James Lambert (Olivia's father) is raising awareness for a form of Cancer (Neuroblastoma) and the support of their family's fight for their 4yo daughter Olivia. One of James goals is to raise funds to support Neuroblastoma research at the CCC&BD (Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders), the centre in hospital where Olivia has been undergoing treatment. They are now fighting their 4th battle with cancer with Olivia recently going into relapse and has been given a poor prognosis. The Lambert family is Canberra based and has appeared on 60 MINUTES recently. Stomp will join Jumptown's commitment by donating all proceeds from our SILENT AUCTION. YOU CAN HELP RAISE MONEY to this cause by donating gifts to our SILENT AUCTION. With your help we hope to raise between \$1,000 - \$2,000 to their Appeal.

The Returned Holiday Maker



Tony Brickwood gave us an enviable run down of his recent 3 week trip through Vietnam at last weeks meeting. After landing in Saigon, Tony was off sailing on a 45ft yacht for a week in an area not unlike the Whitsundays (perhaps the new beard was for sun protection?!). Hanoi, the Mekong River and exploring the North West Hill tribe areas were included in the adventure. Tony was also proud to show off his \$15 tailor made shirt!

These overseas travelers make for good time fodder, as we are all jealous! Anyone else found using their passport must tell us all about it and pay a nice fine for 'Rotary Customs Duty' I think. Ed.

Last Weeks News

Coming Events and Speakers

Thursday 10th July – Nevin Agnew and his Himalayan Adventure

Thursday 17th July – Clinton Lough recently sponsored RYPEN attendee

We were lucky to have Barry Howe (Assistant District Governor) and his wife Margaret join us last week for the year's wrap up. Barry thanked our club for our support. He was proud to say that our club was mentioned a few times at the District Conference but we are not very involved at the District level. Our great strengths have been at the local level (with RYLA, RYPEN) and the International level (Nara, West Timor and Poland projects), so now perhaps is the time we should look at participating more in the district level.

PP Elizabeth Scrivener also had a few parting words to say. Many thanks were given to Barry Howe, Secretary Graeme Howieson and Phil Hawke for their support and guidance, President Bill Andrews for the graceful handover and Fiona Carthew (Bulletin Editor) who was presented with a lovely plaque after being unable to make the change over dinner.



Pictured above is Barry Howe Assistant District Governor



Past President Elizabeth Scrivener and Incoming President Bill Andrews

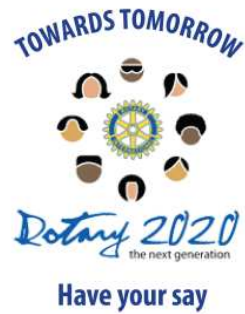


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and MRS YOUNG JA LEE**

SPECIAL GUESTS, MONDAY 14 JULY 2008

**The Rotary Club of Canberra
President Tony Pemmer
and
The Rotary Club of Canberra City
President John Gray**

Invite you

(Presidents and Members of Rotary Clubs

Canberra, Queanbeyan and Yass)

To a Joint Meeting

Monday 14 July 2008

at

**The Commonwealth Club
25 Forester Crescent, Yarralumla**

**12.00 for 12.30pm to 1.30 pm
\$25.00 a head**

Meet RI President D K Lee and Young Ja

Hear Rotary's New World President

“Make Dreams Real 2008-09”

Dress: Jacket and Tie

RSVP no later than Friday 11 July

PS: Know a friend interested in Rotary?

Great opportunity to invite them to come and hear RIP DK.

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