



BULLETIN 18th September 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

T.B.A.

International Toast

September 18 – Peter Holley
September 25 – Michael
Rabey

Meeting Co-ordinator

September – Juris Jakovics

Vocational Update

T.B.A.

Rotary Grace

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

Financing Australia's Future Health Care

Lynne Pezzullo – Health Economist and Partner with Access Economics

What an interesting talk from a seemingly very dry topic "Financing Australia's Future Health Care". After scaring us with a description of the latest and greatest in scales for weighing ourselves Lynne then frightened, or enlightened us on the current costs of our health care and more importantly some future predictions.

We are an ageing population with more chronic diseases. In 2006 13% of the population was over 65 years of age. This is predicted to increase to 33% by 2101. The attendant costs of this prediction are something that the government needs to start addressing quickly. It is estimated that by 2016 dementia will be our biggest burden.

There is a concern that the move towards single person households and the lifestyle of Generations X & Y will lead to issues of support for the increasing number of elderly. Young people are increasingly "using" the Private Health Insurance to suit their own needs placing an increasing burden on the private health system.

Many in our club were surprised to learn that 1 in 5 people suffer from arthritis and 1 in 6 people have cardiovascular disease!

We are spending more on living longer and healthier. Does the purchase of our pedometers fit in with this? Keep those steps going everybody. Is anyone managing more than 10,000 every day?

In evaluating health finance we need to look at the efficiency, equity and sustainability of the system. It is acknowledged that it is currently not sustainable and we may to involve the private sector more or introduce new, to Australia, approaches to the funding of health care. A leading US economist has predicted that 60% of the US economy will be directly related to health costs by 2100.

Australia may need to introduce a savings vehicle for health care or consider means testing of Medicare.

Lynne gave us much food for thought, opened our eyes to the increasing costs of health care and perhaps most importantly left us a much better informed audience on the financing of health care. Many thanks to Lynne for taking the time to talk to our club.

Door Roster

Thursday 18th September – Chris Gray and Phil Hawke

Thursday 25th September – Elizabeth Scrivener and Tony McGloughlin

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?"

This Week - Blackholes

We will enjoy a presentation by Russell's wife, Dr Lilia Ferrario, Astrophysicist, on Thursday when she will address those mind bending issues about Black Holes, the width, length and height of the galaxy and other interesting issues which we only touch on when watching Dr Who.

Coming Events and Speakers

Thursday 18th September – Dr Lilia Ferrario an astronomer from Mt Stromlo – Why is a black hole black

Thursday 25th September – International Dinner – CIT Restaurant 6.30 for 7pm

Saturday 27th September – Candle Festival

Thursday 2nd October – DG Phil Mewett

Thursday 9th October – Ian Ruff – An Olympic Experience

Club Programme

For all details of our Programme visit <http://www.canberra-burley-griffin-rotary-club.org/Program.html>

The Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin

Invites you to an International Committee Dinner

At the CIT Restaurant, CIT, Constitution Avenue, Reid,

On Thursday 25 September at 6.30 for 7.00pm

3 course meal at \$35 per person

Dress up as someone you are not...

“The Famous and Infamous”

WEAR AN INITIAL AS A HINT

eg SM = Superman

QE11 = Queen Liz 11 (sovereign, not the ship)

6.30 - 7.00 pm *Arrive*

Welcome

First Course

Closests to Chivas Regal competition

Main Course

Auction of priceless items

Raffle drawn

Dessert

Coffee, tea

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