



BULLETIN 20 MARCH 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 Elizabeth before
12 noon Thursday of the meeting or
earlier

Last meeting details

20 members present
0 make ups
64.5% attendance

**This week's international
toast**

Peter Gisz
Next Week– Chris Gray

Rotary Grace

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

Protocol in DFAT

We were joined last week by Lyndall McClean who holds the position of Chief of Protocol at DFAT (Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade). People think the Chief of Protocol goes to lots of parties...well Lyndall does...but she also gets the grit to go with the glory!

Lyndall has a team of 16 at present and their main task is to ensure that Australia fulfils our obligations to Diplomats and the consular core. We want them to leave Australia with good impressions as well as appreciate and abide by Australian law and customs whilst in Australia. This is underpinned by legal considerations but for the main part it is all about good practice, commonsense, integrity and treating others, as we would like to be treated ourselves.

There are 5,500 people in Lyndall's client base spread over 95 embassies. They do not just cover the diplomats and consular officials but also the family that come with them. This means that Lyndall's department also handles things like security for families, how they receive support in Australia and even choose what members of an extended family may come to Australia. They basically try to help people understand life in Canberra and where to go for help and assistance.

Lyndall is even trying to find room for 5 new embassies's to open in Canberra this year – anyone have room?! Lyndall is pictured below along with our member Vera Lipton giving our vote of thanks and famous Rotary mug!



Door Roster

Thursday 20th March – Peter Holley and Bill Andrews
Thursday 27th March – Tony Waring 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?"

Coming Events and Speakers

20th March – Simon Kenny –
Year 12 Student who attended
NYSF

27th March - Elanor Grassby –
Experience with foreign
students

3rd April – George Scott is
bringing some very important
visitors

5-6th April – District Assembly

19th April - Stomp

House Wanted for Professional House Sitter

All my goods are in storage except personal (clothes, shoes etc) I am booked to travel overseas for all of September 08. I do not want to tie myself up in a rental or purchase situation on this present high market. I have a house sit for May 08 to July 08 inclusive so am looking for sits to cover April 08 and August 08.

Thanks in anticipation. Jenny Swanson

Galilee Fundraiser – RC Canberra Sunrise

Dear Canberra Burley Griffith Rotarians,

The Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise is hosting a fundraising dinner for Galilee, to be held on Wednesday 9 April 2008, 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Apollo Room, Hellenic Club, Phillip.

Ticket price includes:

- MC for the evening - Mr Ross Solly, ABC Radio 666 Breakfast Show presenter will
- Guest speaker - Ms Amy Banson - *Walk with a Rose* and *Strength to Speak* projects
- A Galilee student representative will provide personal insights of their experience with Galilee
- Music ensemble from Lyneham High School
- Silent Auction, raffles, including a painting by our own Canberra artist Patricia Wheatstone
- Main meal, dessert, tea and coffee (NB: please advise if any special dietary requirements when you book)
- and...a great night out.

Tickets: \$60 per head (no GST has been charged) can be purchased from the Door Team at breakfast meetings. Ensure to retain and bring your ticket on Wednesday 9 April as this may be used for door prizes or for bidding in the silent auction.

For tickets and further information contact:

Gabi: 0439 414 674 Anna: 0419 330 273 David: 0411 878 854 Margaret: 0409 924 798

Your support would be appreciated. YIRS

David Mylan - Club Service Director 2007-08

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A Will and Power of Attorney – Help others to help you

If you are too sick to make decisions about your own care, or perhaps are temporarily incapacitated because of an accident, it is important that the decisions concerning your welfare are made by somebody you trust and can rely on to do the right thing.

If there is no family member present and no Power of Attorney, then often such decisions are made through a complicated legal procedure under the *Guardianship & Management of Property Act*. The Public Trustee and/or the Public Advocate may be appointed to make decisions on your behalf. They are of course, guided by the doctor's advice and the wishes of the family, however, this may not coincide with what you may consider is in your best interests if you were able to make decisions.

It is very important that you give consideration to preparing a Power of Attorney. In 2006, the ACT Government changed the *Powers of Attorney Act* to prescribe a new form of Enduring Power of Attorney to overcome what it perceived as the risk of elder abuse and misuse of assets by attorneys appointed under the old system. The new prescribed Power of Attorney is a relatively simple form, which involves the completion of certain personal details, selecting the powers that you wish to confer on the attorney, and a careful system of verification and signing.

For a small fee of \$50 to the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin, we will prepare Powers of Attorney for those interested in taking this step. Please contact Bill or Phil if you would like to take up this offer.

Bill Andrews

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**20 Years in Rotary!
Congratulations George
Scott**

George is picture here at last weeks meeting celebrating is 20th anniversary in Rotary. George has always been most active and generous in his support of our club.

The Great China and Nara Adventure

We have agreed to plan a Club tour of China and Nara for 9th April 2010. The draft itinerary has been distributed and will be improved following discussions with Terry in Shanghai and our friends in Nara. The pricing is great, at about \$4000 pp with most tours and many meals included. We are negotiating to lock those prices in for 2 years. The taxes are the only worry, as we know how airlines are manipulating the fares indirectly by increasing Fuel surcharges.

To make it easy on you, we have opened an Adventure account to accumulate monthly payments to save for it. Ross will audit the account.

If you put in \$175 per month from now till April 2010 there will be enough for 1 ticket. The interest can pay for, say a Geisha for dinner, or perhaps a rollicking good time in a Japanese bath-house.

The details of our account are:

National Bank - Adventure Account 082 902 (BSB) - 81 040 7849 (A/C NUMBER)

Don't forget to put your name as the "Remitter" so I can keep track.

Any questions ask Graeme or me. I will arrange a committee for further development of the itinerary.

Bill Andrews