

THE BULLETIN

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From the President

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope that everyone had a very merry and safe Christmas and New Years. But now it is back to business, people are returning to work, getting ready for another year of school, and Rotaract is once again in full swing. This is an interesting time of year for us, where on one hand we are starting a new year, we are also on the down hill slope for the Rotaract Year. The first 6 months have flown by and were, I believe, incredibly successful.

To continue with this momentum we have quite a lot to get through in the remaining 6 months:

- Already we have had our BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse (will talk more about that further in the Bulletin) which raised some much-needed funds
- We now have the opportunity to take part in the Multicultural Festival Community Connect Day in early February
- Two of our three new members are going to be inducted in the first meeting, the last 2 meetings later
- Several members will be away from the next meeting as RYLA is on again producing another batch of up and coming leaders
- Frances and Sig have been busy sorting out new t-shirts and BBQ aprons for the club
- Relay for Life is coming up again, and let's try and beat the amount of money we raised last year. This is always a fantastic team building experience. We will need to think of another awesome costume/mascot as well
- The Weet-bix TRY-Athlon. Particularly popular with those who enjoy early mornings and grafitting young people
- Hopefully we will have at least one major event, or be well on our way towards putting them on by the end of June, such as a movie night, trivia night, car rally, etc
- The 40th Anniversary of Rotaract down in Melbourne
- Rotaract Week, so we will need to try to do something to raise our profile - so any media savvy people please line up
- Joel, Frances and Nat have been working on our website, hopefully getting that up and going
- We will need to vote for a new board for 08-09
- Changeover celebration - hopefully something as big if not bigger than last years event

So, the Christmas break has given us a brief opportunity to catch our breath, we need to get back in straight away. It's going to be a busy 6 months, but I know that everyone in the club is passionate enough about what we do, and skilled and resourced enough to be able to make it happen as best we can.

Lets make the next 6 months better than the last.

Yours in Rotaract,

Keiran
President

Bunnings Fyshwick BBQ

On the 5th of January this year, Fyshwick Bunnings was descended upon by a keen yet slightly blurry-eyed group of Rotaractors - eager to make the most the opportunity to raise funds for the club. After staring blankly at the set up for a while and a few hesitant attempts at understanding the task before us, the BBQ was soon up and going. It did not take long for people to find their groove and quite soon a great system was going smoothly. David came to visit part-way through the day to lend us his advice on large-scale BBQing and ensuring we were not getting up to any mischief.

Even though there were still some left over sausages and bread, and a lot of drinks, we were making a profit by mid way through the day.

The day, overall, was a huge success. Yes there were some left overs that we have to work out what to do with, which means we didn't make as much money as we could quite well have, the success in the day is not limited to the funds we raised. During nearly the entire day there was laughing and talking going on amongst the Rotaractors. People were talking about arranging coast trips and how else we can raise money or where it could be going. Also just chatting and generally getting to know each other better. The experience had by those who were able to help out added to the success of the day.

Big thanks to Frances, Steph, Gorana, Bron, Sig, Joel, Keiran and David for their help on the day and leading up to it.

Totals are still being finalised, but hopefully we will have something for you at the meeting this week.

Canberra Multicultural Festival

Community Connect Day

Only a few weeks ago we thought that we had missed our opportunity to be part of this. Now it looks like we may have been given a second chance. I recieved an email at work saying that there were 5 more stalls left for the Community Connect Day. I have the paperwork, and by the looks of it, the interest of the club. I have sent the required forms and this will hopefully be a reality for us.

So, why the big deal?

Well the Community Connect Day is the day after all the food and music stalls are in Gareema place (the REALLY popular day), and this is an opportunity for Community Groups of all kinds to show off who they are, what they do and maybe round up some new interest. Aparently last year they had 15, 000 people go to the Community Connect Day. This is the single biggest opportunity we will likely have to get Rotaract's name out there and engage with people to tell them who we are and what we are doing.

So what do we need to do?

We are provided with a tent, and I think a table, after that we are on our own to try and make us look as appealing as possible. We need to have lots of stuff to demonstrate who we are, what we do, and what you need to do to

become a member. We will need our banner, some pamphlets and anything else that we think will get our message out there. Nat has already put her hand up to develop and design some resources, and Frances has sourced some prices to get things printed. We probably need to spruce up, if not just completely replace our sandwich board. We will need to put together some photos of some of the stuff we have done over the last few years, as well as maybe a bit of memorabilia (40th Anniversary and all). Any of these may need some working bees to get things sorted - including some history and info on what to tell people about Rotaract. It would be great if we had our club shirts by then as well.

The date is Sunday Feb 10th, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. We will probably need 3 to 4 people on at a time, if for no other reason than to make us look keen. The more we can get the better, and maybe we can also have some intrepid members walking around talking to people handing stuff out and showing them where to go to our stall to get more info... I dunno, thinking out loud here.

So can people please block out some time in their diaries for that day to help out. I would be great if there was always at least on or two guys from the club there at any one time, especially as we are keen to get more male members in particular, but hey, we will be happy just getting our profile up there.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

For all those who may not have received/read Emma's email...one week left!

The much awaited stage show spectacular is here!

The Phoenix Players musical adaptation of the Mark Twain classic *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* kicks off on Friday 11th January and runs until Saturday 26th January and **I'm** in it - so you **HAVE** to come!!

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is the irresistible story of a fourteen-year-old boy growing up in the heartland of America.

This musical version of Mark Twain's immortal novel is set in 1840 in St. Petersburg, Missouri, a bustling town on the banks of the Mississippi River. In the course of the story, Tom matches wits with his stern Aunt Polly, falls in love with the beautiful and feisty Becky Thatcher, and goes on the adventure of his life with Becky and that irresistible renegade, Huckleberry Finn.

Along the way we meet a terrifying villain named Injun Joe, Tom's bratty half-brother Sid, and all the other boys and girls in the village - providing one scene-stealing children's role after the other.

Tickets are available to purchase by calling **(02) 6257 1950**

Prices are as follows:

- Adult **\$30**
- Phoenix Member or groups of more than 10 **\$28**
- Concession **\$25**
- Child **\$20**
- Family (2 adults + 2 children) **\$80**

The show will come to life at **Theatre 3, Ellery Crescent, Acton**

Performance dates are:

- Tuesday 15th Jan 11.00am
- Wednesday 16th Jan 11.00am
- Thursday 17th Jan 11.00am
- Friday 18th Jan 7.30pm
- Saturday 19th Jan 7.30pm
- Tuesday 22nd Jan 11.00am
- Wednesday 23rd Jan 11.00am
- Thursday 24th Jan 11.00am
- Friday 25th Jan 7.30pm
- Saturday 26th Jan 7.30pm

It is a great show, with some really fun songs (which some of you may have had a sneak peek of courtesy of me), witty dialogue, and fabulous costumes so come along, invite your friends and family and we'll see you there!

The website has some further information <http://www.phoenix.contact.com.au/> plus I've attached a copy of the poster. If you have any questions - flick me an email or give me a call.

Thanks guys for your support

Luv Em (aka Serena Harper)

The Christmas Party

After weeks of speculation it was decided that the 2nd Saturday of December would be the perfect time for the Rotaract Club of Canberra's 2007 Christmas Party.

The menu was planned with starters mains and sweets, the intrigue of secret santa had everybody keen.

So with excitement in the air we descended on Frances's' house where we were met with Christmas cheer and the hostess with the mostest Frances and Brett.

With drinks in hand and good cheer abound we hooked into starters of dips and stuffed tomatoes followed by mains of kebabs and crunchy salad.

Christmas cheer peeked as gifts were distributed wher branding irons to delectable platters were interrupted by a late arrival ... the Thai bird.

Accompanied by the sweet surprise and fruit mince tarts the afternoon of indulgence began to come to a close. with special thanks to the host the afternoon went off with a blast and was enjoyed by all.

Jokes

Four Worms and a Lesson to be Learned

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm, in alcohol - Dead.

The second worm, in cigarette smoke – Dead.

The third worm in, chocolate syrup – Dead.

The fourth worm in, good clean soil - Alive.

So the Minister asked the congregation -

"What did you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine, sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said,

"As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

That pretty much ended the service –

Thanks to everyone who contributed...Emma, Sigourney, David, and especially Kieran. As always, don't forget to RSVP if you can't make it to the next meeting, and please contact Keiran if you have any agenda items.

Yours in Rotaract,

Jessica