This week’s meeting:

This week’s speaker was Chris De Fraga a member of the Rotary Club of Balwyn. Chris was Motoring Editor for The Age for 27 years, has been involved with the Herald-Sun and now has a weekly talk session on 3AW. He’s road tested new cars every week since 1965 and has attended new car launches and car shows all around the world.

His subject today was the quest for speed and safety and how we are trained to drive but not how to crash. This was an excellent presentation that focussed a lot of attention on the rapid advances made in automotive technology as it relates to safety.

Over the years regulators have forced manufacturers to make vehicles that are harder to crash. The 70’s American Benz had crumple buffers front and rear, seatbelts and said to all around keep off I’m fragile!! Chris owns a Mercedes A Class and the “moose” tie. The tie relates to the elk swerve test developed in Sweden. An early A Class failed the elk swerve test leading to a major redesign that also introduced ESC technology to the Mercedes range.

Airbag technology is a life saver but the bags themselves can cause injury so more work is required.

Volvo has introduced Citysafe technology that automatically avoids accidents but humans can still override the system. Radar technology is available that focuses on white lines painted on each side of the road and causes the steering wheel to vibrate if moving out of the lane. It can also sense distance and automatically apply the brakes to avoid a crash. Eye sensors on some vehicles read the condition of your eyes and tell you if they think you need to stop for coffee!

In summary, cars are being designed and manufactured that can look after you. But how do we react in the event of an accident? Defensive driving courses are a good investment but will probably not be made mandatory in the near future due to cost.

So some basic rules for crash survival:

- When driving look and observe.
- If confronted with an out of control situation don’t just slam on the brakes. Keep steering.
- Never give up and try and balance the force on all 4 wheels.
- If heading off the road look for the soft spot. The wire of a fence is much better than a post!!
- Also consider air versus solids. Heading to the left and off the edge of the road may be a lot better than the risk of crashing head on into another vehicle if heading right.
- And last but not least - stay fit. It will hold you in good stead if in fact you end up in casualty!!
America’s First Recorded Automobile Accident

In March 1896, Charles and Frank Duryea of Springfield Massachusetts offered for sale the first commercial automobile, the Duryea motor wagon. Two months later, New York City motorist Henry Wells hit a bicyclist with his new Duryea. The rider suffered a broken leg, Wells spent a night in jail and the nation's first traffic accident was recorded.

National Youth Science Forum

Congratulations to James Ha, son of Andrew and Stella, who has been selected to attend NYSF in Canberra. Selection for this prestigious program is highly competitive with just 25% of applicants meeting with success. James, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Essendon, will be one of only 24 Year Eleven students to attend the two week forum in January 2013.

Rotary joins with a range of leading universities as well as industry and government organisations in providing this wonderful opportunity to our District’s brightest science students.

These partnerships provide students with new insights into the worlds of tertiary study and work, and the myriad of employment opportunities and career pathways that are evolving in a rapidly changing society.

Well done James, and we look forward to hearing about your experience in the New Year.

FOOD DRIVE FOR CAROLINE CHISHOLM

Community Committee has been asked to source non perishable food items for the poorer families and single mums who use the services of Caroline Chisholm in Moonee Valley. Items that are best donated include:

- Pasta
- Tomato-based pasta sauce
- Breakfast cereal
- Longlife milk
- Tinned fruits
- Tinned baked beans
- Tinned spaghetti

Please bring the items to lunch meetings or phone Richard Lawrence 0418 369 290 if you can assist.
President Grant continued his stellar start to the year with another raffle win, but still no joker folks!

Next week’s jackpot

$410

The Four 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?

Birthdays:

Sue Duras 2 September

Club Anniversaries:

None this week.

Today’s attendance:

31 members,
Grant Stevenson (guest of President Grant) and our guest speaker, Chris.
Rotary Club of Essendon presents

The Horse Racing Mega Draw Night!

$2000 First Prize
Plus 10 draws of $100

TICKETS $100 EACH - Only 100 tickets
For TWO People

The Big Night

each ticket entitles TWO people to join the Horse Racing - Mega Draw Night with lots of gambling, finger food, loads of entertainment, wine and lots of fun and prizes.

Horse Racing  Dice  Coin Tossing

Friday October 5th at 7:00 PM
Maribymong Park Bowls Club  Holmes Rd  Moonee Ponds.

Dress for “The Races”.

All funds raised going to Rotary Club of Essendon Welfare Projects.

Richard Lawrence Ph 0418 369290 & Michael Mahoney Ph 0407 502825 for your Tickets
The Rotary Fellowships Program

Did you know that Rotary Fellowship groups exist to provide social and vocational development opportunities for like-minded Rotarians and partners?

Rotary Fellowships are autonomous, international groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to:
- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Have fun and enhance their Rotary experience

They:
- Provide opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside of their own club, district, or country.
- Contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace.
- Serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining existing ones.

Each fellowship is operated independently of Rotary International, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.

- Membership in fellowships is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.
- Fellowships must be international in nature with active members in at least three countries.
- Each fellowship elects at least three officers to oversee the group’s administration.
- Fellowships are expected to facilitate communication among their members and maintain regular communication with RI.

If you would like to know more:
- View a complete list of Rotary Fellowships (these include amateur radio, caravanning, computing, cricket, cycling, fishing, flying, golf, jazz, lawyers, motorcycling, music, photography, scouting, scuba diving, tennis and yachting)
- Consult the Rotary Fellowship Directory to get in touch with group(s) you’re interested in.
- View a list of Suggested Rotary Fellowships and offer to help organize a prospective fellowship.
- Visit the website [http://www.rotaryfellowship.com/](http://www.rotaryfellowship.com/)

Famous Rotarians:

Until his death at the age of 82 on 25 August 2012, former U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Wapakoneta, Ohio, U.S.A.

Armstrong cemented a unique place in the history of mankind by becoming the first person to walk on the Moon. It was a success that owed much to Armstrong’s clarity of thought and split-second ability to make life-saving decisions. During Apollo 11’s final, hazardous descent to the surface of the moon on 20 July 1969, his instrument panel was dogged by computer failures that would have justified aborting the mission. Having decided to press on, Armstrong discovered that automatic systems were steering his lunar module on to the steep banks of a large, boulder-filled crater.

Sitting next to Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, he seized manual control and guided the craft to a graceful touchdown with just 20 seconds of fuel remaining. Moments later he announced to the world: “Houston. Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed”.

A total of 12 men walked on the moon, the last mission being Apollo 17 in 1972.
Male or female?

FREEZER BAGS: They are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

PHOTOCOPIERS: These are female, because once turned off, it takes a while to warm them up again. They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong buttons.

TIRES: Male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated.

HOT AIR BALLOONS: Also male because to get them to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under their backside.

EGG TIMERS: Female because, over time, all the weight shifts to the bottom.

KIDNEYS: Female, because they always go to the bathroom in pairs.

SHOES: Male, because they’re usually not polished, and their tongues often hang out.

HAMMERS: Male, because in the last 5000 years they’ve hardly changed but are occasionally handy to have around.

SWISS ARMY KNIFE: Male, because even though it appears useful for a wide variety of work, it spends most of its time just opening bottles.

THE REMOTE CONTROL: Female. Now you probably thought it would be male, but consider this: it gives a man pleasure, he’d be totally lost without it, and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push, he just keeps trying.........

Gender-based control panel:
Help yourself and help the Club by banking with Strathmore Community Bank. For example, take out a home loan and the club will receive up to $500. Take out a 3 month fixed term deposit and the club will receive up to $50.

For more details drop into the branch at 337 Napier St or call branch Manager Philip Stewart on 9374-2607.

*Please support the bank which supports us!*

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Your company’s name and logo would look great here and you’d be supporting our Club at the same time.

Please contact Michael Mahoney to take advantage of this prime advertising spot!
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