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Victoria University.

"Is the FIFA World Cup good for business and good for sport?"

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This Week's Speaker, Tues August 17th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



Liliane Grace

Empowering youth to create magnificent lives.

How much guidance did you receive as a child about achieving your goals and making your dreams come true? Author Liliane [pronounced 'Lily Arne'] Grace has written a novel for 9-15 year-olds about five school students who form a club to support each other in doing just that. Through the entertaining medium of the story, she teaches important lessons about attitude, responsibility and character, and practical tools such as goal-setting and visualisation. Her book has been praised by psychologists, teachers, parents and young people themselves and her readership includes as many adults as children. Liliane is a dynamic and inspiring speaker whose topic is of immediate relevance to all people who wish to provide positive examples to young people in their communities. She talks openly about her own story and the life challenges that led her to write her book.

Duty Roster, Tues August 17th

by Rebecca RIEBELING

Note: Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at **Zam** as many guests start arriving from this time.

Please note if unable to attend please arrange to swap your role with another member.

Chairperson	Michael Lapina
Sergeant	Mary Voice
Greeter	Richard Mitchell
Reporter	Robin Stevens
Door	George Robinson
Photographer	Roy Garrett

Meeting Report Tues, 3rd Aug

by Bruce McBAIN

Attendance 30 members and guest speaker **Eb Friedrich**

Sergeant Mary Voice

Mary began her session by fining herself (Birthday) then fining Tom Callander (Birthday) Bruce McBain (Lyn's Birthday and Club Anniversaries, David Jones and Inez Dussuyer, having scored perfect result on those fines Mary then made a passionate plea for members skilled in possum removal to advice her how to quickly rid her house of uninvited possums who had taken up residence and were engaged in unwanted ceiling renovation. Paul Maguire indicated he had some knowledge for ridding her of her guests.

Mary then conducted an auction of DVD's and CD's by first asking each table to critique a DVD/CD from their table, this item then went to auction.

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Michael Wells rising to the occasion extolled the virtues of Racmanov especially when played by the Berlin Symphony Orchestra, bidding was sluggish but Neil Salvano bid for the reserve price of \$5 becoming the proud owner. Paul Macquire then introduced the dance theme from Aspen "Let's Do It" which also went for \$5.00 to Mary Voice. Things were looking grim when Terry Cox talked of Anthony Hopkins and Alec Baldwin looking eyeball to eye ball with a grizzly and apparently in between eyeing off grizzlies still finding time for sexual encounters, this sounded what Rotarians are made off and bidding was fierce until Kay Stevens stumped all at \$9.

John Meehan endeavored not terribly successfully to unload a number of copies of 8 men in a tank, set in rugged Papua New Guinea this turned out not to be a second world war yarn but indeed Rotarians from our club and Maffra installing fresh water tanks in PNG. Rebuffed by his colleagues John was quick to offer the female charm of Jane Austen's, Elizabeth Bennett, despite Elizabeth's charms and perhaps because Pride & Prejudice, written in 1796 has sold 20million copies globally, John failed to get a bid greater than reserve.

Richard Bowen then sold or purchased " the complete set of Fawty Towers for \$15 and finally Herb Greenwood promising more tits to the minute than anything else on offer, managed to sell the complete Underbelly set for \$10

In her 15 Minutes of Whirlwind auctioneering Mary raised \$49 which was further supplemented by post auction purchases. Mary awarded best hard sell to the Maguire table for Paul's promotion of "Lets Do It"

Don't forget at the meeting on 17th July there will be a book auction.

Announcements

- Kay Stevens thanked Paul for his organization of the visit to view the Stadel Museum Exhibition at NGV, this had been attended by 28 members and partners, many of whom then enjoyed dinner at La Camera Restaurant Southgate.
- President Anne encouraged members to return the Club Survey as she wished to make a preliminary report to the Board Meeting on 17 August. Anne also announced that the 2010-11 Club objectives would be finalized at that board meeting and encouraged any last minute input.

Guest Speaker

Eb Friedrich, Past President of Woodend addressed the club on the formation of Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) which was a successor to Shelter Box.

Eb began by outlining the structure of DAA, it was formed in March 2010 and sits under the umbrella of DAA International with local representation in Australia, Canada and East & West Coast, USA. Current planning envisages establishing further regional divisions in India, China and UK. DAA was starting from scratch, each country division would be independent as to financial and operational decision making but would work co-operatively together.

Eb was reluctant to go into the reasons for the breakaway from Shelter Box but described it in terms of transparency and accountability to Australia from the UK arm and dissatisfaction with lack of explanation as to why Australia was expected to pay \$1200 for a shelter box which cost \$600, this was despite the agreement between Shelter Box Australia and the UK body being quite specific on how money was to be disbursed. Eb indicated DAA would be happy to release documentation regarding the split between the two bodies on request.

Like Shelter Box Australia, donations to DAA would be tax deductible, it would be recognized with same AUSTAID status and there would be full financial transparency

According to Eb, DAA'S box whilst similar to those used by Shelter Box was more robust and with wheels and pull handle easier to move. It provided a 24.5 metre tent which was thermal lined and fire retardant and provided 3 private bedding areas. It had been designed so that 4 tents could be linked

to provide either an 80 pupil school or a large medical clinic.

A partnering arrangement with another voluntary group Sky Juice meant that DAA could also provide affordable potable water with a capacity of 10,000 litres per day from each unit which was essentially a micro fibre filter which was expected to last 10 years. The unit could produce potable water from any source other than brackish. Longer term the plant would require tanks but in the short term it came with a temporary collapsible tank. Cost per unit was \$6000 and to date they had been installed in the Pacific, South East Asia and the African Continent.

Eb said that DAA's aims were that each club buys one family pack box and that each district purchase 5 potable water units. At this time DAA have 1000 boxes warehoused in Shanghai, where they are also manufactured.

Questions & Answers

Cost of a box deployed is \$800

Funding, 15% of all donations is retained to fund the disaster response team, philosophically they are looking at whether they continue solely as natural disaster response or also engage in a matching of purchaser with need in which case a benefactor might fund boxes for humanitarian aid to refugees of war and famine, this involved DAA defining what constituted disaster relief was it limited to natural disasters such as earthquakes, fire, floods or did it include man made disasters and if it did how should Rotary contributions be used.

In summary the presentation raised numerous questions for the Club, whilst exciting it remains a new and unproven model, still clarifying its ongoing response role. Whether it can successfully achieve its aims of a significant rapid response global disaster organisation remains untested.

Photographer

Photographs are an important club record. A Club member is rostered each week to take photo's at the breakfast meeting and forward to bulletin editor and the President, however the weekly breakfast is only one of many activities in the year, photographs are also needed of convivial committee meetings, hands on projects etc, so all Directors and members are asked to ensure that a photographic record is kept of each committee's activities throughout 2010-11.

August is Swap Month

by Mary VOICE

The next installment of the Sgt session swap month: **BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS**

- This week, would you all please bring 2 books to swap at the meeting.
- Each table nominates one person to "sell" one of the items from their table (give it a sales spiel for 30 seconds).
- First person to offer \$5 gets it. That will be 5 items if 5 tables.
- All other items to be displayed on bench. Each member can then take whatever they like by donating at least a \$2 gold coin for each item. Anyone who fails to bring an item on the day will be invited to pay a fine.

IN ADDITION, the person judged to have the best book sales pitch will win a prize for their table.

Highlights of July Board meeting

by KING, Anne

The following items were discussed at the recent July Board Meeting:

- Chill Out Zones
- Club Services
- Website updates

- Community Services
- Vocational
- Paul Harris Breakfast
- Marketing and Fundraising
- Club survey
- Access to Board Minutes

Chill Out Zones

The funding application has been made. Cluster club presidents and presidents of clubs participating in the police mentoring program have been briefed about the proposals and assistance sought. There have been many positive responses, including being receptive to someone from our club addressing their clubs and these visits are being organised by the sub committee. Accounts for the year are yet to be finalized but it appears net profit will be approx. \$9,000. Club plans and objectives for the year will be finalized at the next board meeting when permanent treasurer Marjorie will be back from overseas. Once they have been approved by the board they will put up on the web-site.

Club Services

Bruce McBain will be in charge of the club calendar and directors will keep him informed of events to ensure that there are not any clashes.

Web-site

You will notice our updated web-site is now live. Protocols for advertising on it have been finalized and if any member would like to advertise on the site you will need to get in early as space will be limited.

Community Services

WE are looking at leveraging the Xmas hamper program through a small number of schools as a trial this year.

Vocational

Talks will commence shortly including member behind the badge, what's new in your profession and also some sergeant sessions will include a quick Q and A of members.

Paul Harris Breakfast

We are still looking for a speaker for the breakfast and it is now a top priority Don Argus was approached but had to decline because of his new job.

Marketing and Fundraising

There have been numerous suggestions for events, which the committee is analyzing. The club survey will ask for any other suggestions from members.

Club Survey

Before the next board meeting all members will be approached to complete a club survey.

Whilst the plans and objectives give us our goals for the year they are also dynamic documents that could change if circumstance or survey outcomes dictate (if for instance we came up with a winning fundraising idea that means we could spend more money on projects)

The purpose of the survey is to get your input about the direction of the club for the future. I am proposing that we develop a three year plan and the survey will provide guidance for that.

At the July board meeting there was discussion about transparency of board meetings. There are a number of issues that are relevant to this debate including the balancing act between transparency and the need for directors

to be comfortable speaking freely about issues. There is also the matter of confidential information of personal matters of members that warrant recording in Board papers but would need to be deleted if minutes were released.

The result of this debate was that the matter will be investigated in light of changes in the Associations Incorporation Act and proposed further changes that will require us to make changes to our Club Rules. The Board agreed to work under guidance from the District 9800 Resolutions Committee and solicitors McKean and Park. Amendments to the Act refer to the keeping of minutes and members' access to minutes. Bruce and David have been requested to review our club requirements. It is my intention to continue feedback of Board meetings to the club verbally such as this and to supply a copy of my notes to the bulletin editor for circulation to all members.