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Future Speakers

Mar 29 2011

Club Assembly
"Community Service update presented by Committee Director Tony Thomas"

Apr 5 2011

Supt John Todor
"Personal impressions from the Christchurch earthquake"

Apr 12 2011

Club Assembly
"Vocational Service and New Generations committee updates presented by the Directors"

Apr 19 2011

Chris Berg
"Islam and the middle eastern states' economic development"

Apr 26 2011

No meeting this week
"ANZAC Day Holiday"

May 3 2011

Kevin Love
"Facilitating United Nations Negotiations"

May 10 2011

Stephen Gough - CEO Melbourne Cricket Club
"The People's Ground - the MCG"

This Week's Meeting, Tues March 29th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



Club Assembly

"Community Service Update" presented by Committee Director Tony Thomas

Duty Roster, Tues March 29th

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	Jasper Kwok
Sergeant	Neville John
Reporter	Micaela Lapina
Door	Rebecca Riebeling
Photographer	Alan Seale
Greeter	Peter Lake

Meeting Report, Tues March 22nd

by Richard BOWEN

May 17 2011

Club Assembly
*"International Service and
 Foundation committee updates
 presented by the Directors"*

Jun 21 2011

No Meeting this week

Upcoming Events**DIK Working Bee and BBQ**

Mar 27 2011

**Rotary District 9800
Conference**

Mar 31 2011 - Apr 2 2011

ROTARY ANZAC PEACE TOUR

Apr 1 2011

**Rotary Club of Osaka
Hommachi 20th Anniversary**

Apr 5 2011

**Club Fellowship Visit to RC
of Albert Park**

Apr 13 2011

**Club Horizons/Planning
Meeting**

May 1 2011

**Cafe International 2011 "A
'20s Murder Mystery"**

May 7 2011

Movie and Dinner Evening

May 14 2011

**Working Bee Royal Talbot
Rehabilitation Centre**

May 21 2011

Vocational Visit

May 29 2011

Echuca Moama Steam Rally

Jun 11 2011 - Jun 12 2011

Vocational Visit

Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

News

Disaster Aid Australia offers
assistance in Japan

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Guests

Detective Superintendent Pat Boyle, Adam McKie, Tom Boyle, Emily Pritchard, Inbound GSE Team (Texas) members John Dierksen, Miles Earwood and John Buol

**Visiting Rotarians**

Sue Bolton and Robert Mactier, RC Richmond

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Neville John removed a number of gold coins from Members including birthday contributions from Neville John, David Jones and Paul Maguire. Collingwood supporters were again 'in the gun' and then Neville lapsed into poetry.

Announcements

Herb Greenwood announced that **The Raffle** would be launched next week: Prize of 50 inch LCD TV plus Bose Home Theatre pack. This will help to bridge the gap on our fundraising which is still \$10,000 short of budget.

Pat Boyle (Victoria Police) announced the forthcoming **Blue Ribbon Appeal** and its launch at Scotch College on 26th May when he and others from Victoria Police would hold another version of the "Inside Story" which is a Q&A event where Victoria Police discuss a particular case or cases that they have investigated. Pat offered to stage a similar production for our Club should we wish.

President's Announcements

President Anne outlined recent Board decisions including:

- **Hypothetical** on the topic of FootiLeaks will go ahead with a date in August to be advised
- Patrick McGorry has agreed to be the speaker at the **Paul Harris Fellow Breakfast** on Wednesday 16th November
- An appropriate solution to insurance issues relating to the **Community Village** project is still being investigated
- **Melbourne Sunrise Probus** currently has 68 members and Tony Thomas has been elected 2011/12 President

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- **Know Your Numbers** (blood pressure monitoring) will be held on May 17, 19 and 20. Gillian Farrell is coordinating and volunteers are required to provide blood pressure testing for the public
- The Club will be supporting **Cafe International** on Saturday, May 7th
- A **Wine Auction** is under consideration
- **Visits to other Rotary Clubs** in our cluster are encouraged, next club visit is scheduled 13th April to Rotary Club Albert Park
- David Jones has circulated proposed **Changes to Rotary Club Constitution and Rules** for consideration. The proposals will be put to a Special General Meeting of the club to be adopted, expected to be held on 17th May.
- Our club has submitted an application to Rotary International to participate in a Pilot program for a new class of membership known as **Associate Membership**.
- **Food Relief** programmes are being discussed with Rotary Club of Rochester
- Our club has donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Club Osaka Hommachi to assist in their **Earthquake and Tsunami Appeal** in Japan and \$2,000 has been donated to the D9800 Flood Relief Appeal.

Please refer to the full Board Report on our Club website for more details.

Guest Speaker: Emily Pritchard

Emily was our nominee for RYLA and she spoke of her appreciation of the opportunity to attend a wonderful gathering of like-minded enthusiastic, passionate, powerful and inspired persons. Emily said that although she had received little information about the camp prior to attending, she spent a wonderful few days with a good selection of speakers and activities. The gathering concentrated on environmental issues as well as the inner self, and Emily said that she came away with a different outlook on life, for which she thanked the club sincerely. During the course of the camp, she distilled some 50-60 core values with which she had started the course down to 6, and is now looking forward to practicing those in her life.

Guest Speakers: Texas GSE Team

Team Leader, John Dierksen introduced members Miles Earwood and John Buol, and extended apologies from Suzanne Williams and Michelle Martinex.

John gave an overview of Rotary District 5840 which contained 56 Rotary Clubs and about 3,000 Rotarians. John is a lawyer, and he and his wife have hosted 21 exchange students over the years.

John, Miles and John Buol then gave an overview of their lives and their families, and also covered the lives of Suzanne and Michelle. Miles is with the San Antonio police as Sergeant, and also a member of their honour guard for ceremonial occasions. John Buol is Editor of American Gunsmith magazine, and small-arms instructor. Michelle is involved in journalism

with a US Congressman and Suzanne is heavily involved in fund-raising through running activities.

The team members discussed the State of Texas, its background and economy, and its historical ties with Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic, the Confederates and more recently the United States of America.

Major sports played include football, baseball and basketball. The United States of America is roughly the same overall size as Australia, and it was admitted that two of our Australian States were larger than the State of Texas. The major contributors to the Texan economy include oil and gas, agriculture, manufacturing and tourism.

Food is heavily influenced by Mexican and German cuisine, and music is predominately Country & Western and Mariachi.

Cafe International - Sat 7th May 2011

by DRIVER, Allan



This year, Cafe International takes you on the exciting and mysterious trail of a 1920s Murder Case.

Follow a world famous detective through the entertainment program and enjoy the most exciting experience of your year as the murder case is unveiled.

You are formally invited to a night of first class entertainment and fine dining, and to take delight in the vast variety of talent the students of International House have to offer.

It is always a great evening's entertainment and this year has the added benefit of raising money for flood relief to IH in Brisbane.

Download the promotional flyer and booking form from the club website at the following [LINK](#)

Rules, Constitution and By-Laws

by JONES, David

Current members are reminded that the proposed changes to the governance rules of the club have been circulated and are open for clarification through to 17th April.

The Board would be grateful if members contact any member of the Board or the Rules Task Force to discuss any questions as soon as possible.

If you have not received a copy of the proposal please contact the Club Secretary, David Jones on 9815 0816.

RCCM-S Guest Speaker Gifts

by DRIVER, Allan



The Rotary Club of Kew's soap-making training program, established in 2005, is a successful grass-roots micro-

 economic initiative.

It has provided village women with the ability to feed and clothe their children (in a country where infant mortality and malnutrition are amongst the highest in the world), and has also bolstered their self esteem and dignity.

This Village Women and Children project has also provided a capacity building model of a self sufficient village cooperative for other villages to replicate. The Baucau soap-makers have trained other village women who have set up soap making cooperatives in Los Palos, Suai and on the outskirts of Dili.

The 100% natural soaps were initially manufactured as baby soaps for Kirsty Sword Gusmao's Alola Foundation's Maternity Packs. Packaged in Timorese hand-made recycled paper and tais ribbon, the soaps are now also available at retail outlets in Timor-Leste and are sold at a premium here in Australia.

Amazing projects such as this need our help to be realised! Money raised from Australian sales is re-invested in Timor-Leste to buy ingredients for the next batch of soap, and support the livelihoods of oil-pressers, soap-makers, paper-makers and weavers. Any excess is donated to the Alola Foundation for the Maternity Packs program. It costs so little to make a big difference in East Timor. \$1 per day feeds a family of eight.

Any growth in soap-making will benefit both the local economy and public health in Timor-Leste; the project is designed to enable soap to be sold at cost to the poor and local residents in markets throughout the country. In Timor-Leste, one of the poorest countries in the world, soap is rarely used; research by the Mayo Clinic confirms the link between hygiene and poverty (www.mayoclinic.com). With an average income of less than US\$1 per day, few people can afford to buy the imported soaps that are available in shops in the larger towns.

These soaps are made from 100% natural vegetable oils; they do not contain any animal products. Soaps cost \$5 in cellophane, \$8 in a box, and a double boxed soap costs \$12.

For further information, please contact Jill Forsyth from the Rotary Club of Kew.

DAA: Update on Humanitarian Aid in Japan

by *RIEBELING, Rebecca*

Extract from Disaster Aid Australia newsletter 23 March, 2011.



"Earlier advise to us that our humanitarian aid packs are not need in the devastated areas in Japan is being confirmed...If Disaster Aid deploys aid, we must know beyond doubt that, for instance our survival packs will actually be used by Japanese people who have lost their homes and not put into storage for possible use later... We sincerely thank our fellow Rotarians for the emails and telephone calls pledging support and donations to assist in Japan. At this time, we cannot guarantee your donations will be used in the catastrophe - we can guarantee you that they will be used to provide aid to disaster survivors sometime in the near future. Or you may like to donate to The Rotary Foundation - 'Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund' to assist in the long-term recovery. We will provide another update when we have more

information."

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