



## Stories

### THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

Bernard McMenamin FCA, FCPA, CTA, TEP

Estate Planning

This presentation will identify estate planning issues through actual experiences.

Bernard specialises in advising private clients, including members of the medical and legal professions, financial planning industry and senior management. His particular interest is Estate and inheritance planning which is inexorably linked with taxation, superannuation and business continuance planning. Associated with that advice is administration of estates and philanthropic foundations.

### Duty Roster for Tuesday 21th Jan 2014

Chair	Tony Thomas
Sgt	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Richard Stone
Reporter	
Photographer	Gerard Hogan
Door	Alan Seale
Youth Services Director Report	George Mackey
Bulletin Editor	Tony Thomas

### FAREWELL KAY AND ROBIN

The club was saddened to hear last week of the resignations of stalwarts Kay and Robin Stevens, after 12 and six years with us respectively.

Kay has been Director, Vocational; Treasurer; Director, Club Administration, President (2012-13), and Director, Foundation in the current year. She has also been running this year's speaker program. Robin was Director, Community Service this year, and put his IT smarts to constant use on time-consuming back-end work on things like Clubrunner, speaker technology, and photographs.

Kay threw herself into large-scale projects such as the Paul Harris Breakfasts (250 attended in 2012) and Christmas breakfasts and the 2012 Charity auction, which raised \$26,000 from 240 attendees., opening the way for some great initiatives.

She set an ambitious fund-raising target of \$37,350, equivalent to a four-fold increase compared with the previous year, and the club in fact raised \$38,560 in the first 11 months. That included \$9350 from the Paul Harris breakfast and \$28,000 from other activities. All up, income generated (excluding club fees and breakfasts) came to more than \$48,000.

Kay's presidency was noteworthy for the scapping of some Rotary ceremonials, which has given a more modern tone to the club meetings. She also increased the engagement of all members in the club's numerous projects, with more than 2250 volunteer hours put in, 1750+ by members and the rest from friends and volunteers.

The club also scored District grants for projects, including \$7200 for a Laos school, and \$1200 for McAuley House women's centre grounds. Further grants have come in the current year. Members have wished Kay and Robin all the best for their retirement. #

### MASSIVE MEAT MASTICATION AT MEEHANS. SUNDAY FEB 16

#### **SOCIAL EVENT**

**Catch up with Rotarian friends, past and present, especially those who live on the Mornington Peninsula**

**"PENINSULA FAMILY BBQ"**

WHEN: **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**



## Upcoming Events

Board Meeting  
RACV City Club

Jan 15, 2014 at 06:00 PM – 07:30 PM

Peninsula BBQ

Feb 16, 2014

Board Meeting  
RACV City Club

Feb 19, 2014 at 06:00 PM – 07:30 PM

## Speakers

Jan 14, 2014

Wendy Brooks BMus, Grad LLB (Hons), MAICD

*How an Unequal Society Hurts us all - and What We can do About it*

Jan 21, 2014

Bernard McMenamin FCA, FCPA, CTA, TEP

*Estate Planning*

Feb 11, 2014

Dr Elizabeth Pittman

*Medical Charlatans and Frauds*

Mar 04, 2014

Peter Wilson

*Mentoring - origins and its value to modern leadership*

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TIME: 12.00pm  
 WHERE: **Lorraine and John Meehan's home, Mount Martha**  
 15 Watson Road, Mount Martha (Melway: 144 J12)  
 SUPPLIED: Gourmet BBQ meats / Salads / Breads / Eating Utensils  
 COST: \$12.50 each (pay on the day)  
 BYO: Drinks & eskys / Chairs  
 RECREATION: 3 min walk to sandy beach or lap pool on site, boardwalk  
 along Balcombe Creek etc.  
**RSVP: Register for the event with numbers and names  
 attending on the RCCMS website or notify Roger Thornton on  
 Mob: 0400 999 203 or email: [piroton@connexus.net.au](mailto:piroton@connexus.net.au)**  
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ANNE KING DONS MORTAR BOARD

Congrats to Anne King on completing her Bachelor of Psychology degree at Melbourne University after five years part time study. She is understandably taking a year off study this year but may continue next year with honors and then a Masters in Organisational Psychology.

Meanwhile she was made redundant late last year and exploring options this year including looking for work here and overseas, or doing volunteer work overseas or some combination of these. Vietnam is one country of interest. Her skills are in accounting (CPA), business management and consulting, but she may now try different tacks in her career.

To maximize her flexibility she is quitting her house tenancy next month and is packing up and storing her furniture. For the next six months she is keen to get offers to house-sit people's homes and pets, and already has two house-sits lined up. If you would like to use Anne, get in touch. [pfs@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pfs@ozemail.com.au), 0425 871 555

MEMBERS IN THE MEDIA

Members have hit the mainstream media recently with large exposures in The Age, the Sydney Morning Herald and the Sydney Daily Telegraph.

President Doug at last week's meeting congratulated Mary Voice for her feature, "Don't shoot the climate change messenger". Those who missed it in The Age can read it by clicking here (or pasting into your browser):

<http://www.theage.com.au/comment/dont-shoot-the-climate-change-messenger-20140108-30hgj.html>

MEETING REPORT, JAN 14 2014



Pics: from Left - Roger Calvert from our recent Friendship Exchange to the UK, with Mary Voice; our speaker Wendy Brooks, and Sian Bailey, in Melbourne to spend quality time with her kid brother.



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Chair: Marjorie Gerlinger  
 Reporter, Pat Barry  
 Visitors: Included Roger Calvert (UK), Sian Bailey (Perth).

#### Announcements -

PP Roger Thornton announced a Social BBQ at Lorraine and John Meehans, 15 Watson Road, Mount Martha (Melway: 144 J12) on 16th February at 12pm

SUPPLIED: Gourmet BBQ meats / Salads / Breads / Eating Utensils  
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 BYO: Drinks & eskys / Chairs

Please register asap either on the RCCMS website or by email to Roger.

International Service - Roy presented a slide show and overview of the visit to Laos in November. A full write up by our resident reporter and member of team Tony Thomas is on the RCCMS website.

President Doug announced that Kay and Robin Stevens had resigned from the Club as at 21st December and thanked them for their valuable contribution during their respective 12 and 7 years. He advised that PP Roger Thornton had stepped into the role of Community Service Director, PP Herb Greenwood Foundation Chair and that PP John Ilott will be looking after the weekly speaker program.

He also advised that the Police Mentoring program has become a District Endorsed project and that District Awards were going to be handled differently this year with more information to come on this.

Sergeant Michael commenced his session with the story of The unforgettable, talented, considerate and virtuous Brian Sullivan. A man gets into a taxi and is told (by the driver) of the wonders Sullivan achieved in life. With each story of Sullivan's achievements the passenger becomes more and more impressed and finishes by asking the driver how he knows Sullivan. The driver concludes, "Oh no, I never met him, he died several years ago, but I am married to his widow".

He then reviewed the epic poem to date and Neville Taylor added his two lines

"For he would now rue the day on which against her he did mock  
 As he let them through the door, they introduced themselves as Watson and Sherlock"

Speaker - Wendy Brooks

Wendy has a background in marketing and senior management in health, tertiary, education, corporate, legal, social welfare and arts sectors. She has formal qualifications in law and music and is the founding member of the Australian Charity Law Association. Wendy's presentation was entitled, 'How an Unequal Society Hurts us all - and What We can do About it'. Amongst other things, Wendy discussed the findings of a UK study examining the 20 most wealthy countries in the world and their respective differences between the privileged and poor. The top four (4) countries with wealthy individuals (on average) having only four (4) times the wealth of its poor were Japan and the Scandinavian Countries. The lowest scoring countries, with wealthy individuals (on average) having nine (9) times the wealth of its poor were the United States, Great Briton, Portugal and Australia.

Wendy went on to discuss the need for Governments to refocus their attention and to move away from the 'tickle down effect' as being a broad spectrum solution to poverty. She also warned against a society relying on philanthropy and charity alone to assist its poor.

Wendy concluded that part of the solution in addressing poverty rests with Government focus (with a particular focus on taxation) as well as people becoming more involved with their community and being exposed to the poverty that exists around us.