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WHAT'S COMING UP:

GUEST SPEAKER: STEFAN ROMANIW, OAM – Settling of Ukrainian Refugees

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST – 6.30-8.30PM

ANGLERS TAVERN

Please register online to assist with catering and seating arrangements.

MC Maria Kouppas started the meeting by introducing PP Steve Roe, who represented President Vera.

WELCOME:

PP Steve Roe welcomed members to the first lunch time meeting for the new Rotary year. President Vera and Joe are enjoying a well-earned holiday in the Kimberley after many false starts during COVID and are making the most of the warm weather. VP Shirley Kukk is unwell at home and also unable to make it today, so we wish Shirley a speedy recovery.

Steve also welcomed visiting Rotarian Norman Bay from the Rotary Club of Melbourne along with PP and honorary member Neil Henderson.

ART SHOW:

The Art Show was held last weekend and was very successful. A record number of works were sold which is testament to the effort put in by the organising committee, most ably led by Kelly Abfalter and including Steve Chandler, Tony DeFazio, Irene Stokes, Nola Spicer and Denis Kosnar as well as members of the Rotary Club of Keilor East.

The recent member survey indicated that our members wanted Club-wide fundraising and projects and the club as a whole responded well to the call for assistance. The gala night was well attended with 170 people enjoying great food, entertainment, and a wonderful selection of over 320 exhibits. 30 members volunteered over the weekend which is a 60% participation rate, a great start to the new year and something which hopefully continues. Kelly will provide a detailed analysis of the Art Show in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone, Rotarians, family, and friends for supporting our major fundraiser.

A few members joined with Rotary Club of Keilor East on Monday 18 July, to celebrate the success of the art show.

ROYCE AND JEAN ABBEY VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP – accommodation and host families required:

The Rotary Club of Camberwell is hosting a Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholar from August-October. Our member Fong Loong, is hosting Norberto Soares De Cruz from Timor Leste from **12-22 September**. **The Scholarship Committee is urgently looking for other host families** during this time, even a week would be great. If you can assist, please **contact Shirley Kukk**.

More information on the scholarship: www.royceabbey.com

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BOARD MINUTES:

The member survey requested access to Board and committee minutes. A copy of the latest Board minutes which include the motions passed at the last Board meeting was available in a folder at the front desk, and they are also uploaded to Club Runner –member login; select member area; organisation; documents.

CONTACT:

We are looking for people to help with the production of Contact. If you can assist, please **contact Lisa Lowcock**.

STRATHMORE COMMUNITY BANK:

The Club's recent application for funding from the Strathmore Community Bank was successful and \$4,000 will be allocated to Club projects. Our Club can also benefit from a range of incentives offered by the bank when members and friends take up selected bank products, and these are advertised in Contact. It's an easy way for us to gain funds and show support for a major sponsor at the same time and you are encouraged to consider these options.

CLUB SERVICE DUTY ROSTER:

Thank you to the Club Service Committee for arranging the fortnightly duty roster. Please check when you are rostered on and if you are unavailable, please arrange your own swap and advise Lisa Lowcock of the change.

CLUB RESIGNATIONS:

The following members have resigned from the club, and we thank them for their service over many years:

Bernadette Schwerdt – joined 2012

Steve Wojnarowski – joined 2015

WELLNESS REPORT – Maria Kouppas

Nola Spicer has been discharged from hospital and has been staying with her daughter. She is looking at returning home tomorrow (Wednesday). Once her daughter confirms that she will remain at home, Christine Hilbert has agreed to set up a meal roster. We will notify members in the next few days. We have posted a get-well card signed by all the members present and on behalf of President Vera and her Board and all the members of the club. We wish Nola a speedy recovery.

A service to celebrate the life of PP Jim Saunders will be held on **Wednesday 20 July at 11am**: Crawford's Chapel, 1 Coppard's Road, Newcomb, 3219. Please refer to message sent by Past President Steve Roe. A sympathy card was circulated at the meeting and in the mail to Val on behalf of President Vera and her Board and all the members of the club. Our sincere condolences to Val and family.

Lisa Lowcock, Ellen De Fazio, and Terry Stivala all have covid.

Shirley Kukk has RSV. All the best to all four ladies.

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Grant Stephenson informed me today that he has been finally diagnosed with “Pneumonia” and a side of “Racing Heart” (BPM) which will take weeks to recover. He will need to concentrate on his recovery. If you would like to send him a text or send it to Shirley or Maria and we can triage the messages to go across to him as one lot. He asks you do not await a reply too soon as he really wants to focus on his recovery. A get-well card from the club is in the mail today on behalf of President Vera and her Board and all the members of the club. We wish Grant a speedy recovery.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Today’s guest speaker was Lesley McCarthy. Lesley is member of the Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington and has held all roles in her club including four years as President. She has also been an Assistant Governor and was editor of the district newsletter for 8 years. Lesley is a Paul Harris Fellow + 8 signified by three rubies on her PHF badge which you don’t see very often, and she is also a Royce Abbey Awardee.

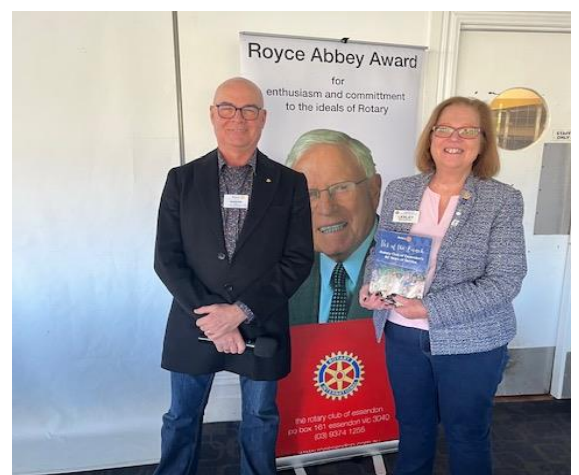
Lesley has worked at district level as a Rotary Leadership Institute facilitator and as a member of the District environment team. She is also an ESRAG Oceania executive.

Lesley provided details of the Regionalisation Pilot. It is a Rotary International project looking to address membership, public image, communication, leadership, and fundraising challenges globally. The aim is to help define a more sustainable future for Rotary.

Our region, Zone 8, which includes Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, has been selected as one of two zones to pilot a regional approach to governance. The other zone encompasses Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is important that all Rotarians are consulted throughout this process. In fact, the project cannot proceed without the support of members and clubs.

The overarching aim of this project is to provide better and more direct support to Rotary and Rotaract clubs through a less layered and more devolved contemporary approach. All clubs will be asked to vote on the pilot in September.

Additional information at: <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org>
and a fact sheet: <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org>



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ZONE 8 CONFERENCE:

Speaking of our Rotary Zone, the Zone 8 Conference will be held in Canberra 28-30 October 2022. It promises to be a weekend of great fun and highly entertaining speakers, along with a final dinner to be held in Old Parliament House. There are 14 RCE members and partners registered for the event. If you would like further information, please contact Steve Roe.

OUR NEXT GUEST SPEAKER:

Veronica spoke briefly about our guest speaker for Tuesday evening 2nd August, Stefan Romaniw OAM, who will talk about the current situation in the Ukraine and the settling of Ukrainian Refugees. As you know we have provided significant support for those displaced by the conflict and living in our local area, but the need is still great, and our assistance will surely be sought again in the coming months.

Please circulate the flier to family and friends as I know so many people in our community want to know how they can help. You can register anyone via the link on the flier, which will also be separately emailed to all members.

See flyer below for distribution to family and friends.

Steve closed the meeting with his thought for the week:

And God said: "Let there be Satan, so people don't blame everything on me. And let there be lawyers, so people don't blame everything on Satan."

Sam Tartaglia nodded knowingly at the comment!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

26 July – RCE Board meeting, 7pm Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club, 195 Holmes Rd, Moonee Ponds

02 August – Stefan Romaniw, Ukrainian crisis and settling of refugees – see flyer and registration details below

06 September – Josh Mahoney, General Manager Essendon Football Club

20 September – Lucia Di Mao, Fund raising and use of funds

15 November – RCE AGM

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Want to hear 1st hand what is happening in the Ukraine?

Want to deepen your understanding?

Want to know how you can help?

Come and hear Stefan Romaniw OAM share with us.

ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON

Date: Tuesday 2nd August 2022

Time: 6:45 pm for 7:00 pm start and 8:30 pm finish

Place: Anglers Tavern Top Deck Function Room

Cost: \$30 per person

Inclusions: 2 Course Dinner with Tea & Coffee

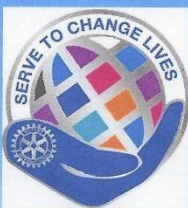
Bookings recommended to avoid missing out, online at
<https://rce.org.au/event/settling-of-ukranian-refugees/>



Stefan Romaniw OAM

- 1st Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC)
- Co-Chair of the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations. (AFUO)
- Has been into the Ukraine numerous times this year including with PM Albanese.

A local, in 2013 Stefan was inducted into the St Bernard's College Hall of Fame.



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