



Maria Kouppas
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President Maria's message

"We are on to our fourth week of my Rotary year and I have been as busy as ever and happily so, last week I had Rotary related functions throughout the week and met many interesting people.

In presenting myself at these functions I have observed the attendance of the members at the various clubs and I am hoping that more of our members will attend our lunch meetings. I know you are all involved in various Rotary activities in committees and organising other events, and are dedicating your time and energies for Rotary and I am proud of all the members in our club for the work they do and consider myself fortunate to have such diverse talent and experience to help me throughout my Rotary year as your President"

Sergeant Michael Cariss asked John Odgers to say grace and Tim Anderson to toast our great country Australia.

Sergeant Michael called President Maria to the Podium, Maria welcomed our new exchange student Nina from Denmark and said that not only has Australia given Princess Mary to Denmark we now have our own young Princess in our club, Princess Nina.

Maria said that Nina is in safe hands at the Abfalter home with her first foster mum Kelly.

Maria's quote of the week – "Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings to fly" - C. D. Jackson



"Making our city, our country, our world a better place - Rotary. Keep the wheel turning!"

Steve Roe - RC Essendon



Maria further mentioned the event at the Men's Shed on Saturday to celebrate its first birthday and said that there several guests from other clubs as well as District Governor Neville John.

She also said that she has been busy with the Foundation Grant seminar with Roger Leask as well as at the first Board meeting and the Rotary International Committee.

Maria announced that the calendar with the speakers for the ensuing year will be ready and updated and maintained by Glenn Smith. Furthermore Maria thanked John Odgers for his untiring work at the front desk.

Lino won the raffle but failed to draw the joker!



Top left - Kelly Abfalter with our exchange student Nina Dorothea Lovengreen

Top right – Princess Nina from Denmark!



Bottom left - **Mark Rusic**

"Iconic Melbourne" Author/Artist, other books will speak about his book Iconic Melbourne

John Odgers introduced Mark Rusic to the members & guests. Mark stated that he trained to be an engineer even though from an early age he was drawn to art and writing because he rebelled against his father who was an Architect but in later life wanted to follow his dream of art, poetry & writing. He said he wrote the book titled "Iconic Melbourne" due to the fact that he loved the culture of this great city and its Architecture & history and thus felt a strong urge to complete a book. He said he has a young daughter and his wife was expecting twins, he had recently spoken to his daughter and said that he wanted to dedicate this book to her and she had said that it was his book and that she intends to write her own book. He said it was very difficult to get a publisher but fortunately his book was exhibited at the Melbourne Museum and from there at the G20. He said tapping into your inner self is the key to



writing a book about yourself or something that you are most interested in. He said we all have a story to tell and it is a matter of getting down to complete it and once he decided to write the book he finished it in four months.



President Maria with Nina & Kelly



President Maria with Mark the speaker & Shirley Kukk



Visit to Jean Abbey together with Roger Leask



Nina with the welcoming group at the airport

**ART SHOW**

The Art Show that will be held again on 25th March 2017 and a memorandum of understanding has been signed by the Rotary Clubs involved for working together.

One more member is needed from the club to the committee of management for the next Art Show.

Rotary Dinner Party **Saturday August 20th 2016**

Make New Friends, Celebrate old Friends, Enjoy Great Food &

Support Rotary's

DINNER PARTY RAFFLE

- Put your name in the draw, you will then be allocated a party to attend or host.(if there's a very good reason you can't host, please let Veronica know)
- All participants go into a draw and the venues are determined by the draw, 1st name out gets to host the dinner for a group of 8 or 9 people. The next names out join that host and so on. Raffle will be drawn Tuesday August 9th.
- Singles, couples friends of rotary ALL welcome
- Great for new members to get to know others
- Everyone will be equally responsible for the meal and drinks
- Host will provide main course ,the guests will be allocated to provide either entree or dessert
- Wine / drinks to be shared by all
- Time: 7pm

RSVP by Monday August 8th to the front desk (Tuesday lunch)

Or to

- Veronica O'Sullivan - veronicaosullivan@bigpond.com

or text Veronica 0418 537 253

Next speaker 2nd August

Claire Halliday – Freelance Journalist for 20 years and runs her own business as well as being a mum



BTPA's *A Dozen Mothers* Dinner

Book with this form. Details for payment are below.

While we all want children to grow up in happy, loving families, sometimes things go wrong and home is not the safe place it should be. When that happens Bahay Tuluyan, 'House of Welcome', is there. This year BT will provide a home for 200 children at their time of need. Our house mothers and fathers are the everyday heroes on whom these children rely while we work to get them into safe families. Through our 'A Dozen Mothers' campaign we hope to raise \$84,000 so that we can provide 12 mothers or fathers to the very special children of BT and make a real impact in 200 children's lives. Help us ensure that their home away from home is a place of love and laughter.

Join us at BTPA's *A Dozen Mothers* Dinner and throw your support behind these precious children.

Dinner Details

Venue: L'Unica Reception and Convention Centre

Address: 476 Brunswick Road, Brunswick West VIC 3055

Date: Friday 29th July, 2016

Time: 7pm for 7.30 start

Cost: \$80pp or \$75 for students

Includes: Three course meal and drinks (beer, wine, champagne and soft drink)

Presenters:

Daisy and Moteh (Young Filipinos who will share their story and experience at BT)

Catherine (A passionate advocate for children's rights who has worked with BT for more than 13 years)

The night will include a silent auction, raffle, major auction items. EFTPOS will be available on the night. A full list of auction items will be available on our website before the dinner.

Tables of 10 can be booked or we can organise a table for you.

RSVP by Friday 22nd July

Please direct any enquiries to Clare at dinner@aus.bahaytuluyan.org or 0403 117 923

How to Pay

Payment can be made via EFT, cash or cheque. The online form to book your spot at the dinner does not have a payment facility. Instead, book your dinner seats through the form and pay separately via the options below.

EFT

- Westpac Society Cheque account
- BSB: 033000
- Account number: 966 498
- Account name: Bahay Tuluyan Philippines Australia

Please put your full name in the description field of the transaction.

Then send an email to clare@aus.bahaytuluyan.org so we can identify the deposit and the reason for the deposit.

Cash

Cash can be dropped off at 21 Cooper St, Essendon. Alternatively cash / EFTPOS can be paid on the night. Please note that cancellations less than 72 hours before the event will not be refunded, as we will have paid the function centre for the dinner.

Cheque

Please make out cheques to 'Bahay Tuluyan Philippines Australia Inc' and mail to 21 Cooper St, Essendon 3040.



MEN'S SHED 1st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN PICTURE



Birthday cake



Group effort



Lisa & Danny Pearson



Cutting the birthday cake



Speech time

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
2 nd August	Claire Halliday – Freelance Journalist for 20 years and business woman	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
9 th August	TBA	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
16 th August	Ron Adams – ARH Team on Health	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
20 th August - Saturday	Rotary Dinner Party Raffle	
23 rd August	New Exchange Student – Nina – Presents to club	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
30 th August	Andrew Weatherhead – Bereaved parents & siblings support & information	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
6 th Sept	Mark Graf – Manager of Prosthetics & Orthotics at RMH	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
13 th Sept	Friends of Rotary	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
20 th Sept	Malcolm Baird – RAGACS – So what can Rotarians do	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm

Thought for the day

"Money may not buy happiness but I'd rather cry in a Jaguar than on a bus"

- Françoise Sagan



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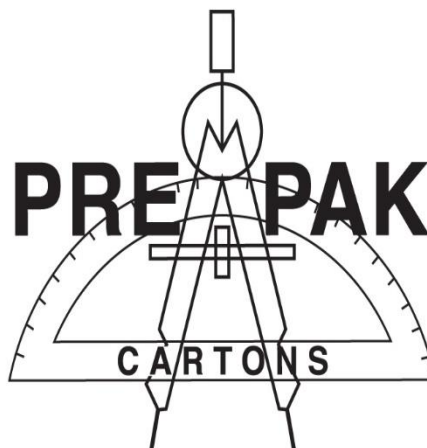
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