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Sergeant Michael invited President Maria to the podium, Maria welcomed the guests, Maria Silva, Sana Halaseh, Jenni Mann, Leigh Baker & our exchange student Nina.

President Maria informed all present of the "Friends of Rotary" function, a chance to meet up with Rotarians past and present and to enjoy the comedy "The Weekend" at the Essendon Theatre at 7pm for a 7.30pm start on the 13th September. Maria encourage all to bring as many friends as possible to make this a great event.

President Maria also mentioned that the lunch time meeting on the 13th Sept will be attended by the District Governor Neville John and his wife Rebecca.

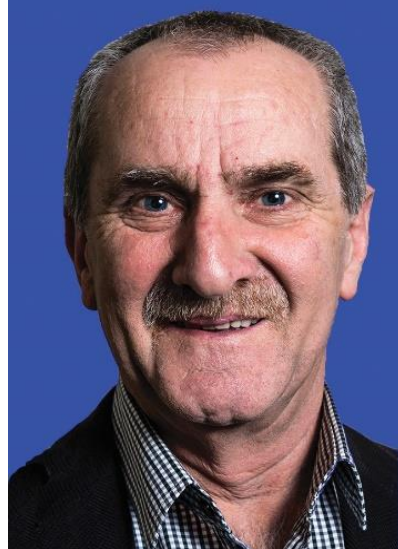
President Maria also thanked all those who sent her well wishes during her recent brief illness, she informed all that she is back to normal and her short stay in hospital was only to be away from John!!

Sergeant Michael stated that there are no birthdays or anniversaries to announce and as such there were no fines to collect for such events but he improvised some others to collect a whole heap of fines ably assisted by Assistant District Governor Colin Styles

Dr Peter Baker won the raffle but failed to draw the joker.

President Maria also mentioned that the member dinners were going well and all who attended enjoyed the fellowship.

President Maria's quote for the day – Good friends are like gemstones precious and rare



"Rotary encourages and enables me to help many people in many ways."

John Odgers - RC Essendon



Kelly Abfalter who is the current host mum to our exchange student Nina invited Nina to give her talk.



Nina presented with the help of a slide show her native country Denmark, she said Denmark has many islands and the biggest is Jutland, Copenhagen is the capital in the island of Zealand. She said the country is about the size of Victoria and about 43,000 square kilometres with a population of about 5.7 million.

Nina showed us slides of some of the more interesting places in Denmark including the Tivoli fun park, the many castles scattered all over the country, she also spoke about the Royal family and the Australian Princess Mary and how she has integrated into the Danish culture and speak very good Danish even though Nina says Princess Mary still has a slight accent but some do not even know that she is not Danish.

Nina spoke about her home town and her school friends including her best friend and showed a photo of her parents, brother and sister. Nina also showed a photo of her in her confirmation dress.

She said that her hobbies are handball and she also teaches handball, she then showed us the Danish Christmas foods that are popular in her country.

Nina reminded all that Legoland was founded in Denmark, she also made mention that Denmark has been voted the happiest country in the world and the least corrupt.

She also presented the following information about denmark:

- Free healthcare
- Free education
- Get paid to study
- No minimum drinking age!!!!
- Legal sex age 15 years
- Government gives you a place to live if you cannot afford
- Happiest people in the world (Editor- why wouldn't they be)



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Where: Trinity Grammar, Kew
When: Saturday 27th August 2016
 9.30 for 10am until 12.30pm,
 followed by light lunch (included).
Cost: \$20 per person
Bookings: 9800.streamevent.com.au

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- Special guest futurist talking about how Rotary fits into the Rotary of the future
- What is a Rotary Showcase?
- What is a Rotary Ambassador and what does s/he do?
- What can we do better?
- Where will your next members come from?
- How can we tell your story better with new media?
- Multicultural Rotary, Young Rotary, Women in Rotary, and Experienced Rotarians working together - Rotary in Harmony!

Who should attend?

- New Members
- Old Members
- Forward thinking Rotarians
- Club Presidents
- Club Secretaries



Rowallan Scout Camp – serving our local youth community for over 70 years

In 1945 the Rotary Club of Essendon purchased 180 acres of land just north of Riddell's Creek to establish what is now known as Rowallan Scout Camp. Since that time our Club has continued to support the camp in various ways. This month saw the completion of our most recent support: funding the supply and installation of one of two new water tanks...



Something to think about

"When I was suffering from depression as a teen, I did so in silence, not wanting to burden anyone with my problems. But when it got really bad, I would sit in my room and sing 'I Will Go The Distance.' It wasn't about waiting for someone to save you, it was about saving yourself, and that is exactly what I did." - Walt Disney

Something else to think about





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Next speaker 30th August

Andrew Weatherhead – Bereaved parents & siblings support & information



Hi Friends,

You are all invited to join in the Essendon Rotary BFF's (Books, Films and Food) Book Club.

Our next get together will be on Wednesday 5th October 2016 and we will be reviewing a book that is quite relevant to our club – "The Lady and the Peacock: The Life of Aung San Suu Kyi" by Peter Popham.

You have a couple of months to read what promises to be a very interesting book – especially for those in the club who have been to Myanmar/Burma and have seen the changes over recent years.

We've had some people say that they would like to come along to the RCE BFF's Book Club but cannot commit to be there every time. No Problems! If you can just come once or twice or even if you find one particular book that takes your fancy that is OK. You are always welcome to come along. You just need to let us know so we can manage numbers and catering. Sometimes we meet at a member's house, sometimes at a restaurant and we even go to the odd movie as well.

And we meet only every second month so there is plenty of time from one get together to the next to read the chosen book. We all make suggestions for books to read so you can be assured of a variety of reads.

If you are interested in attending please contact Lisa Lowcock via email; lisa.lowcock@preceptservices.com.au

Bill Early Trophy

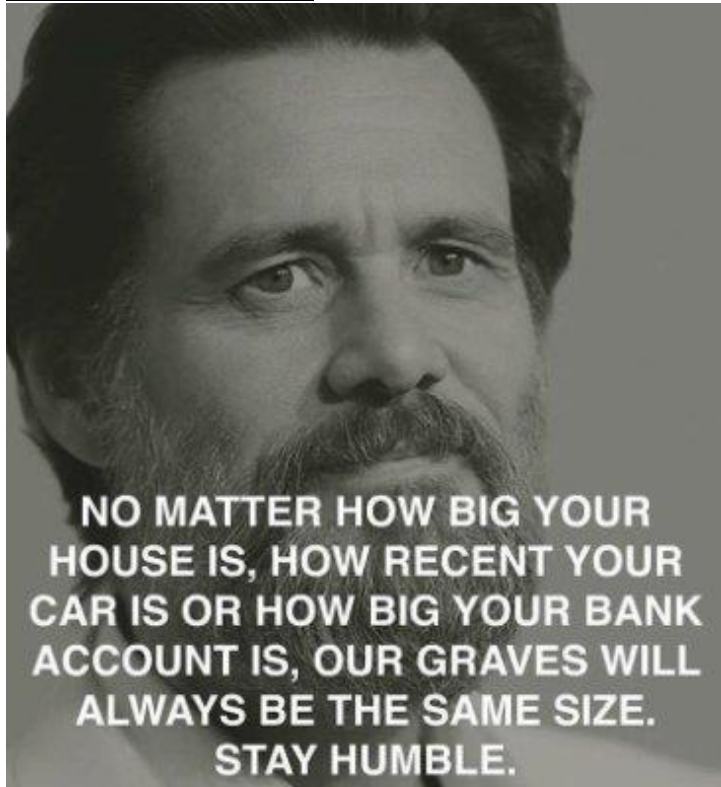
The Bill Early Trophy will be contested with the Rotary Club of Essendon North at the AMF Highpoint 10 pin bowling centre on Wednesday night 12th October at 7pm.

10 lanes have been booked (25 bowlers per team) the event cost is \$27 per person which includes food, bowls (2 games) shoe hire plus one drink of either beer, wine or soft drink. Food is a selection of chicken, springrolls, samosa and wedges.

Non Bowlers can purchase food & drinks at the kiosk at cost. Payment is required 1 week in advance, please contact Michael Cariss for bookings – email – michael.cariss@bigpond.com mobile 0418 991 175



Thought for the day



Joke for the day – laughter the best medicine

COCKPIT ANNOUNCEMENT:

“The weather ahead is good, so we should have an uneventful flight, so sit back, relax, and.....OH....MY GOD!!!!!!

Silence followed.....

Some moments later, the captain comes back on the intercom.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, I’m sorry if I scared you, while I was talking to you a flight attendant accidentally spilled coffee on my lap, you should see the front of my pants!”

From the back of the plane, an Irish passenger yelled.

“For the luvva jaysus you should see the back of mine!!!!”



EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
30 th August	Andrew Weatherhead – Bereaved parents & siblings support & information	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
2 nd Sept	BBQ trailer at PEGS Beyond Blue fund raiser/youth depression awareness day	
6 th Sept	Mark Graf – Manager of Prosthetics & Orthotics at RMH	The Anglers Tavern 6.30pm to 8pm
13 th Sept	Colin Styles – Rotary District 9800 Assistant Governor	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
13 th Sept	“The Weekend” by Michael Palin Directed by Michael Bond, a special performance exclusive to the Rotary Club of Essendon by the Essendon theatre company	Bradshaw Street Community Hall
20 th Sept	Malcolm Baird – RAGACS – Rotarians action group against Child Slavery	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
2 nd weekend in November	Day for Girls	
Friday 18 th November	Golf day (TBC)	
Sunday 20 th November	Steam train rally	
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas dinner	Vicolo Restaurant (to be confirmed)



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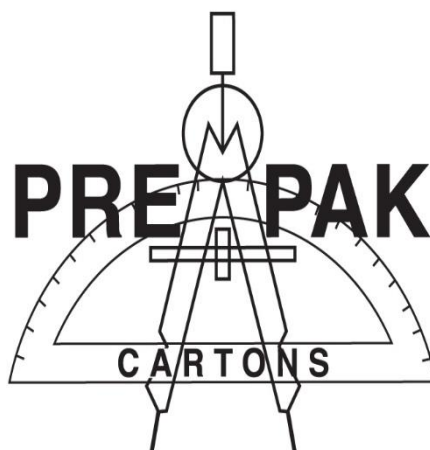
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