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DUTY ROSTER – 11 June 2013

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER



Glenda Sherwin-Lane
Interplast – repairing bodies
and rebuilding lives for 30 years
and beyond

For 30 years, Interplast has worked in 25 countries and implemented over 500 surgical and allied health medical program activities across the Asia Pacific region. It provides free reconstructive surgery for patients who would otherwise not be able to

Upcoming Events

[RC Echuca Moama Steam Rally](#)

Jun 8, 2013 - Jun 9, 2013

[Club Planning Forum](#)
Montague Continuing
Education Centre

*Jun 16, 2013 at 09:00 AM -
01:00 PM*

[Police Mentoring Wind up
breakfast](#)
RACV City Club

*Jun 18, 2013 at 07:15 AM -
08:45 AM*

[Changeover Dinner](#)
Athenaeum Club

*Jun 28, 2013 at 07:00 PM -
11:30 PM*

[District 9800 Changeover
and Awards Night](#)
Ultima Reception Centre

*Jun 29, 2013 at 05:30 PM -
11:30 PM*

afford access to such services and it empowers local medical personnel by building their capacity to act independently. They have supported over 70 surgeons and nurses to continue part of their training in Australia, sent over 600 volunteers on medical programs, provided over 32,000 consultations and performed over 21,000 life-changing operations.

Rotarians were there in the beginning. They've been a constant throughout the decades and they're very much a part of Interplast's bright future. Over 70 Rotarians have accompanied Interplast teams as Rotarian Observers to return and share their experience with their fellow Rotarians. Glenda Sherwin-Lane is a Rotarian of 20 years, a Past-President and now President Nominee of her Club - Waverley in D9810. She has been active in many roles at club and district level. Along with her previous experiences in the not-for-profit sector, this provided the right background to fulfil the role of Rotarian Coordinator at Interplast for what is now three years. She has been privileged to witness first-hand the work of the Interplast volunteer surgical teams - an inspirational experience that makes it easy for her to encourage her fellow Rotarians to support this program.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING – 4 June 2013

Reporter: David Jones

President Kay opened the meeting and handed over to Chairman for the day, Roy Garrett, who proposed the toast to Rotary International. President Kay then welcomed members and guests, including visiting Rotarian Stuart Ellis, Rotary Club of Adelaide and Stefanie Pearce, a guest of Ian Angus.

Club Announcements:

- Neville Taylor advised that revamping of the club web site was proceeding and encouraged members to look at the new pages which have been designed to be attractive especially to non-members (see below – click on the page to take you to the website). Some “back end” work is yet to be completed and the “current events” section is not currently able to accept registrations for events. [insert RCCMS homepage with link]

- Neville John reminded members the current Police Mentoring year wind up breakfast is being held on June 18th. Members need to pre book for this meeting (\$10 late registration catering fee will apply) and also note the start

Speakers

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[Glenda Sherwin-Lane](#)

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time is 7:15am for 7:30am.

Special Report: "A Tale of Two Golf Clubs" by Mary Voice

Mary took the stage equipped with Power Point and two golf clubs to give an amusing report on her exclusive golf coaching at Golf Club Schloss Elkofen, Munich, for which she had successfully bid at the club charity auction last October. No one, except Mary, was aware that Charles Dickens must have been a golfer given the number of entirely apt quotations used by Mary about her golfing prowess – for example, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times!" We noticed one photo in which Mary's approach to the ball compared most favourably with Tiger Woods, and there were other photos of Mary's impressive swing.

Mary concluded, without a hint of self deprivation, by quoting from a New Scientist article titled "Old Dog, New Tricks". This article proffers that we can all learn new skills irrespective of age providing we continue to know how to learn.

Presidents Announcements: Kay Stevens

- thanked Neville John for transporting four MUNA students last weekend.
- advised that the Rotary Club of Melbourne South are holding Men's Health evening on 18th June to which our members are welcomed.
- reported that fourteen members and partners are registered to assist at the Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama steam event next Saturday.
- showed the video message we are sending our sister club RC Osaka Midosuji Hommachi on the occasion of their amalgamation. Kay paid tribute to Yanpu who contributed a huge amount of time to the production of the video. Michael Bromby was also significantly involved and saw to it that his contribution is indelibly written into the video credits!! Robin, George and Adrian Hogan (for the Japanese text) were also thanked for their contributions. The video presentation is available for viewing from YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzI_x2a6BYw&feature=youtu.be or click above on the screenprint to go to this YouTube link.



Sergeant's Session: Michael Bromby

Drawing on his past school boy humour and noting that Mary's earlier presentation included some quotations by Dickens, Michael bought the house down with an 'innocent' Freudian slip when he gave his version of the title "A Tale of Two Cities". He then proceeded to play a piece from Pietro Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana", a favourite of Roy Garrett. Roy noted that his early family life was full of classical music and he too had come to enjoy good music. The piece played was also chosen for Roy and Annie's wedding.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr Simon Holt, Senior Minister, Collins Street Baptist Church

"The Good City: Reflections on the City as Community"

Simon commenced by noting the Collins Street Baptist church has been a microcosm of Melbourne city throughout the churches 170 years history. This time span has seen the city's inhabitants evolve through several cycles, each requiring varying reactions from the church.

In the pre 1900 days many people, in relative terms, lived in the city and the church was a centre point where the congregation walked to services and seats at services were often by ticket such was the popularity of religion and the services. The drift of people to suburbs through the early twentieth century brought a rapid decline in numbers of city dwellers and thus the size of the congregation. That trend has been reversed in recent times and the city once again is home to many people - estimated at 60,000 currently, growing steadily and with changing needs and ideology from previous days.

The challenge now is to identify the new inhabitants and for the church to remain relevant. Not all city inhabitants are well to do and live in the glass towers; the church seeks to be inclusive of all.

Simon thinks of the church as a home - at the back door there is Baptist Place, a locality of drug users and the homeless. He said the heroin users tend to be replaced now by people with mental health issues. The church employs 30 social workers and they run a basement "Freedom Cafe" at the back door which supplies 50-60 persons on a regular basis.

At the front door they host exhibitions, food and wine functions etc., and operate the Verandah Cafe, which fits well amongst the previous neighbours “Georges” and the designer label stores that inhabit that section of Collins Street.

“But their purpose is not about running cafes, it is more about hospitality and all are welcome.”

In question time Simon noted that many of the city inhabitants in the vicinity are students from SE Asia often in Melbourne for only 3-4 years and during that time with very limited contact with Australians. Their personal issues are often not known as they are outside the system – contact is promoted by chaplains at the learning institutions.

Roy thanked Simon for his presentation and presented him with the usual token of the club’s appreciation. President Kay closed the meeting.