



ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL MELBOURNE – SUNRISE INC.

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RACV City Club
501 Bourke Street
Melbourne, VIC 3000
Australia*

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Guest Speakers - August 14 - Anne Barton

A personal reflection on Edmund Barton's attributes, vision and values which he brought to the federation movement and the establishment of Australia's first parliament

Anne is the great granddaughter of Australia's first Prime Minister Sir Edmund Barton. Raised in country NSW, she now lives in Melbourne. In May 2001 she attended the Centenary of Federation celebrations in the exhibition buildings as a Barton descendant. She was interviewed for ABC radio, The Australian newspaper and the 7.30 Report, and travelled to Port Macquarie for the unveiling of a statue of Sir Edmund. Currently she works as a social planner for local government and is completing a Masters of Social Science degree at RMIT University'. Anne will present a personal reflection on Edmund Barton's attributes, vision and values which he brought to the federation movement and the establishment of Australia's first parliament.

Duty Roster 14th August 2012

Posted by David JONES on Aug 11, 2012

Note: *Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at 7am as many guests start arriving from this time.*

Please note; if unable to attend please arrange to swap your role with another member.

Chairperson	Mary Voice
Sergeant	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Barrie Tassel

Upcoming events

[Community Village Briefing and BBQ](#)

Sep 09, 2012 12:00 PM - 02:30

PM

17th Charity Auction & Dinner
Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
Oct 12, 2012 06:30 PM

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The 17th Charity Auction & Dinner

Friday 12 October 2012
6.30pm for 7pm

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
489 Glenferrie Rd Kooyong

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Meeting Report, Tuesday 7th August 2012

Posted by Kevin WALKLATE on Aug 12, 2012

Meeting Welcome

President Kay Stevens opened the meeting at 7:40am welcoming us all and called on Chairperson Neville John to propose the toast to Rotary International.

Guests

Doug Robinson introduced Anna MacDonald as a visitor with an interest in rejoining Rotary.

Announcements

Doug Robertson expressed his wife's appreciation to the club for flowers sent to her during her recent hospital visit.

Neil Salvano announced a Golf Day at Altona for the Blue Light Foundation in October. Contact Neil for details.

Roger Thornton urged members to make the Charity Auction a success in both attendance and donation of auction items.

Tom Callander made a brief announcement about Working with Children and that new registrations will be necessary shortly, he will expand on this at a later meeting.

Director's Report

Michael Wells provided an update on the New Generations Committee

President's Announcements

President Kay announced that the Community Village project had been mentioned as the number one project on the New E Club Registration form. Kay also thanked Roger Thornton for organizing the Working Bee and thanked all who attended. This project alone had 88 hours of volunteer service and involved painting the ladies amenities. A good weekend of work and fellowship by all accounts.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Michael started his fine session with fines to Tony Thomas, Kevin Walklate and Neville John and challenged members to identify a piece of music and who had selected it. After several failed attempts it was revealed that the music was called 'Friend of Mr Cairo' and was the favourite tune of Allan Seale.

Guest Speaker

Tony started with some background information on Suu Kyi and her speech in 1988. He then talked of how her release in November 2011 from house arrest after over 20 years was celebrated with great enthusiasm and support. Her son was able to meet with his mother for the first time in over ten years. After these events the military changed their approach and started releasing other political prisoners and relaxed the freedom of the press.

Burma now has a new Government, new parliament and new hope but there is still a need for democracy. In the 1990s Suu Kyi won the elections by a large majority but the military overruled. A By Election held in 2012 at which Suu Kyi's party won an overwhelming majority of seats indicates that a proper election will certainly change things in Burma however the military still holds 25% of the seats and therefore maintains control.

Oxford University gave an honorary degree to Suu Kyi and in 1991 she was awarded the Nobel

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peace prize that her sons accepted the award on her behalf. In 2012 Suu Kyi returned to Norway to receive the award in her own right, she spoke at the ceremony about the long road ahead for Burma and the need for diligence and support.

Several questions were asked about how these changes will affect life in Burma. Tony responded that elections in 2015 are still to be held and it is unknown what will happen over time and what support the people of Burma are likely to get.

Chairman Neville thanked Tony for his presentation and handed the meeting back to President Kay who closed the meeting, reflecting on how we can achieve peace through service.



Guest speaker: Tony Thomas

Garden re-development at McAuley House

Posted by Robin STEVENS

McAuley House, located in Flemington Road, North Melbourne provides accommodation and support to women aged between 25 and 55, unaccompanied by children, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and/or have a mental illness. The unique community and residential setting – including garden areas – offers women a safe environment in which to live that promotes respect and values the dignity and worth of each person. Funding constraints have led to the McAuley House gardens becoming run down over the past few years.

Club activities have included:

- garden de-development in 2010 with work on the chapel garden.
- another working bee held in July 2012 when nine RCCMS volunteers, together with McAuley House personnel worked in the kitchen garden area; work included a general clean up, weeding, putting in garden edging, shifting and spreading granitic sand, (replacing unattractive thinly-grassed areas), pruning bushes and trees, and putting in supports for an espalier apple tree.

Given the need for further garden re-development, an application was made for a Rotary Foundation District Grant to provide funding for materials – particularly timber for the making of garden furniture, but also garden mulch, soil and gravel, garden edging, plants. All this is aimed at improving the amenity of the gardens.

Now that the grant application has been approved by District 9800, members of the Community Service Committee will liaise with the Carlton Men's Shed to build sturdy bespoke furniture for the chapel garden. Further garden re-development work will be undertaken with an additional working bee planned for early 2013 for additional work on establishing and re-developing garden areas at the rear and side of the property.



Photo shows volunteers at the July 7th working bee

Fraternitas Award - International House

Posted by Allan DRIVER on Aug 12, 2012

"Dear Mr Allan Driver,

Sincere apologies on the late reply. I had not replied because at the time of your last email I was not sure when I was able to make my next trip to Melbourne. I am pleased to confirm that I have recently received both the award plaque as well as the cheque. I would like to say a big thank you to you and the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise Inc. for generously sponsoring the Fraternitas award. I am very honored to be the recipient of such a prestigious award and will forever cherish this achievement.

Thank you once again.

Warm Regards,
Sarah Ong"

Reasons why people join Rotary

Posted on Aug 12, 2012

Murray Verso

Networking

The opportunity to develop business connections was one of two founding reasons Rotary was started in 1905 and it remains relevant today. More than ever, networking provides vital links in our personal and professional lives. Through Rotary people come together from all walks of life and business communities to help each other and collectively help others.

August is Rotary Membership Month
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