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GUEST SPEAKER NEXT MEETING

David Sia

"A Personal Journey From Refugee to Success in Australia"

David came to Australia as a refugee.

He will share his journey of escaping a country, being at a refugee camp, on a boat, eventually sponsored to Australia.

This is a story about building a better life and how it has shaped his business.

David is General Manager of Techware, a business and IT solutions company based in Melbourne.

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MEMBER BEHIND THE BADGE

Posted by Kevin LOVE

Member presentations at last Tuesday's meeting:

Alison Chan

Alison was born in New Zealand and came to Australia in 2001, initially for a holiday before taking up contract work with a number of major companies. Alison's parents were market gardeners and she had an adventurous youth in rural northern New Zealand.

Her initial career was as an accountant and auditor and was a CPA in New Zealand. She then worked in a start up giftware company and in management in Mary Kaye Cosmetics. That led to her developing skills in beauty services and since then in alternative health. She now works in that area and part time with Interplast.

She likes the people and team work she finds in Rotary and has an ambition to follow in her father's footsteps in humanitarian service.



Rana Ebrahimi

Rana was born in Tehran, Iran and moved back to her father's village during the Iran / Iraq war. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in English Literature and initially worked in grant writing.

In 2003 there was an earthquake in Bam in Kerman province that killed 40,000 people. Rana became an interpreter and assistant in the recovery effort. Subsequently she worked for NGO's and local government. She then established her own NGO focusing on public health for women, promoting breast cancer awareness. Not long after, Rana became a breast cancer survivor in her own right.



Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
DURAS, Peter

Greeter
LAPINA, Michael

Reporter
NEIL, Cecily

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
LIM, Daniel

Project Report - International Service
HINES, Rob

Bulletin Editor
JONES, David

Upcoming Events

[Board Meeting](#)
RACV CLUB
Aug 16, 2017
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[VicPol Mentoring Program Graduation breakfast](#)
RACV City Club
Sep 19, 2017
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

[Board Meeting](#)
RACV CLUB
Sep 20, 2017
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[Guess Who's Coming to Dinner](#)
Sep 23, 2017
6:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Speakers

Aug 08, 2017
[David Sia](#)
A personal journey from refugee to success in Australia

Aug 15, 2017
[Tamra Keating](#)
International House: promoting intercultural understanding and personal growth

Aug 22, 2017
[Acting Inspector Peter Bitton](#)

Rana has also worked for the UN Development Program and the UN High Commission for Refugees, providing services to refugees in remote areas of Iran.

Coming to Melbourne, which she rates on a par with Istanbul and Berlin, Rana is now working as a multi-cultural policy adviser to Senator Richard Di Natale, the Leader of the Greens in Federal Parliament.

FLEMINGTON STYLE IN WERRIBEE

Posted by Tony THOMAS

Lorraine 'Lorry' Rowe 74, of Werribee Rotary, once thought she'd retired. But these days she puts in 40-50 hour weeks running Rotary's Fit4Use charity shop Monday to Saturday in Werribee in Melbourne's west.



The shop had a celebration of its first year's trading -- and above-budget results -- on August 6.

It was established and leased by 24-member Flemington Rotary, which has run an op shop in Racecourse Road, Flemington since 2010. Though this op shop is only a quarter the size of Werribee's, it's been a fund-raising flagship for Flemington projects including support for local schools and for an autistics' school in Indonesia. The two stores are complementary in stocking, transport and storage.

Lorry herself previously set up three op shops on the Gold Coast at Nambour, the largest now a thriving barn-sized store in competition against seven rival charity stores. Her earlier career included managing a service station for a finance company in possession at Home Hill near Mackay.

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JUST PUTTING IT OUT THERE

Posted by Tony THOMAS

Breakfast Meetings - a Re-think?

Allan Bruno of Flemington RC (24 members and 30 years since chartered) is concerned about the viability of breakfast clubs. His club has Wednesday breakfasts at Quest Apartments.

"Originally, breakfasts were a great advantage for self-employed and those in mid-career," he says. "But the tempo of both small and large businesses has now changed, with people wanting to seize the quiet early hours for opening-up rituals, meetings and e-communications. In Rotary we're all needing to think harder about when and how to run our meetings."

MEETING NOTES - TUESDAY 1st AUGUST

Posted by Kevin LOVE

Guests.

Hanna Weigl and Jim Overton

Jim [photo] Is the father of Sarah Overton and is visiting from Jacksonville, Florida. He is Past President of the West Jacksonville Rotary Club and has been a Rotarian for 33 years. A major project of the club at the moment is teaching inner city children to swim -- a necessary skill in a State with so much water.



Hannah is visiting the club for seven weeks during the break from her classical singing studies in Austria. She hails from Nuremberg in Germany and is being supported by her local Rotary club to visit Australia. Hannah previously spent her gap year in France and Italy and wanted to experience a different culture this time. She is spending time observing how performers prepare for performances and has attended two concerts already with Michael Lapina.

Announcements

- **Alan Driver** reported on members and honorary members, Richard Mitchell, Terry Cocks, Brian Downey and Lorraine Meehan.
- **Peter Duras** informed the club that Woodend Rotary had provided gifts of blankets and clothing for distribution to Youth Projects.
- **Neil Salvano** advised the club that Keith Frampton had thanked the club for the condolences it had sent at the time of Molly's passing.
- **President Frank** reported that a number of members were attending the district's membership and marketing seminar and the Rotary Leadership Institute.

He also reminded members of that today was the cut off for orders for the first batch of club polo shirts.

Youth Report

Stuart Ellis provided a summary of the year's program for the Youth Services team. Key initiatives include;

- hosting Flavia as part of the youth exchange project;
- hosting Hannah on her sabbatical;
- overseas student meal hosting;
- a proposed 'Science Experience' in memory of Wolfgang and Monica Jacobs.

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Club members can assist with the hosting of Flavia and Hannah by providing transport and experiences, both on the weekends but also during the week.
Photo: Hannah and Stuart at the meeting.



Stuart also advised the club that there would be an update on "Working with Children" checks in a couple of weeks' time.

This week we enjoyed two 'Member Behind the Badge' presentations - please see separate report this BULLETIN.

GALLERY

**CONGRATULATIONS JILL AND WARWICK
40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON 30TH JULY.**



Neville and Frank display the new livery.



International Team at work.

