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GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER**Julia Page****veski inspiring women: support, advance**

Since 2004, veski has delivered a dynamic program of fellowships, awards and international networks to inspire innovation across Victoria and support outstanding scientists and leading researchers and their families. The fellowship programs include Victoria's most prestigious science and innovation awards: the veski innovation fellowships, the Premier's Award for Health & Medical Research, the Victoria Prize for Science & Innovation, the Victoria Fellowships, and the Victorian Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.

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☆☆"TREE OF JOY"☆☆ - ANOTHER PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

Posted by Neville TAYLOR

"Tree of Joy" is an opportunity for us to involve a corporate partner to make a difference to the lives of 120 people connected with our long term friends at Steps Outreach, Lentara Asylum Seekers and Shine For Kids.

This is the second year of this project lead by our Community Services team, Whilst most of us take the joy of gift giving and receiving for Christmas for granted, these 120 special people may enjoy it for the first time.

On Monday 1st December, Maria Comperatore, People & Culture Operations Manager of TAL, along with Stella and Neville placed a Christmas wish tag for each one of these people on the TAL Christmas Tree of Joy. With Maria's passionate support and the good nature of TAL staff, those tags will turn into gifts under the tree over the next two weeks. On 18th December we will thank all TAL staff for their goodwill and the gifts will be handed over to those organisations to distribute to 120 worthy people for their Christmas celebration.

Another example of Rotary being able to leverage its community objectives through a partnership

**DUTY ROSTER**

Chair
O'BRIEN, Frank

Sergeant
GERLINGER, Bernie

Greeter
ILOTT, John

Reporter
JACOBS, Wolfgang

Photographer
DRIVER, Allan

Door
KING, Anne

Director Report
O'BRIEN, Frank

Bulletin Editor
JONES, David

Upcoming Events

RC Osaka-Midosuji Hommachi 1st anniversary party
Dec 11, 2014

Christmas Party Breakfast
RACV City Club
Dec 16, 2014
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Board Meeting
RACV City Club
Dec 18, 2014
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Board Meeting
RACV City Club
Jan 15, 2015
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Peninsula Family BBQ
Jan 18, 2015
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Speakers

with another organisation.

Editor; TAL has morphed out of Tower Insurance Company.

SMALL CANBERRA CLUB, BIG MUNA IMPACT

Posted by Tony THOMAS



Bob Nield, past president of Canberra Sunrise Rotary Club, dropped in on our December 2 meeting.

His club's flagship project is the mid-August annual Rotary National Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), held in the House of Reps chamber in the old Parliament House. The club has run this for 18 years. This event has attracted up to 34 teams of 2-3 mainly Year 11 students, each team representing a UN country in a debating context. Many teams are sent from interstate Rotary clubs. The students usually get to meet the Governor-General at Government House and the major sponsor, the Australian National University, puts on a dinner for the students with a prestigious academic speaker. Organising the MUNA is a year-round job for the club, which is already working on the 2015 event.

(*TT. If I could interrupt this interview briefly, our District 9800 team actually won the 2014 National MUNA.*

The team was Peggy Gusah from Point Cook Senior and Jenny Xue and Farah Iyer from Mac.Robertson Girls School. All the girls had previously competed at our District's own MUNA event at Camp Getaway held this year at the end of May and hosted by the Rotary Club of North Melbourne.)

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DIK - SOMALIS HELP WITH SOMALI SHIPMENT

Posted by Tony THOMAS

A 40ft container crammed with valuable hospital equipment will soon be leaving Melbourne for Somalia.

The container includes 50 mechanically-raiseable beds each worth \$8000 when new, a bath-bed for triage, two blood dialysis machines and chairs (\$50,000 each when new), two oxygen machines, 20 brand new walking frames, and scores of boxes of gauze, syringes, and catheters. "We estimate the container-load would have a replacement value in excess of \$500,000", says Peter Cribb, past-president of Flemington Rotary.



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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS MADE EASIER

Posted by Roger THORNTON



As in past years we have a Christmas Hamper project, to provide useful food items to people in our community less fortunate than ourselves.

The project supports two organisations;

- **Steps Outreach Programme**, that works with young homeless people in the city.
- **Lentara UnitingCare Asylum Seeker Project**, caring for 'approved' asylum seekers restricted from earning by legislation.

Each of these organisations works with different sections of our community and if we are to provide real support it is important that the contents of our hampers are appropriate. The hampers are therefore separated into two groups, RED for Steps Outreach Programme and GREEN for Lentara Asylum Seeker Project.

A list of suggested contents for the hampers has been drawn up to make life easier. [CLICK HERE to view.](#)

Dec 09, 2014

[Julia Page](#)

*veski inspiring women:
support, advance*

Dec 16, 2014

[CHRISTMAS PARTY- RSVP to Roger](#)

*We hope you and your family
will join us for a special
Christmas breakfast -
bookings essential*

Dec 23, 2014

[NO MEETING THIS WEEK - CHRISTMAS BREAK](#)

Dec 30, 2014

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MEETING REPORT 2nd DECEMBER 2014

Posted by Bruce HERON

President Roy Garrett welcomed Bob Nield (Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise), Rod Fraser (Ivanhoe Grammar) and Steven (Student introduced by George Mackie).

Rob Hines (Chairman) presented certificates of appreciation from Ban Baum Aor school in Laos to both Rod Fraser and President Roy on behalf of RCCMS, following the success of our joint "Your Own Two Hands" project in Laos to renovate school facilities.

Rod spoke of the history of his and RCCM's involvement over the past 5 years and detailed the support provided to several primary schools and high schools. Such support has come in the form of substantially rebuilding accommodation, classrooms and sanitary facilities to assist children in remote villages in Laos to attend school.

Announcements:

- Neil Salvano thanked members for their support of the Community Village
- Greg Cuthbert updated members on behalf of the Fundraising Committee of the success of the Garden DesignFest. Over \$116k had been raised from more than 3,000 visitors, including \$25k from Euroa gardens. Greg thanked all Garden Captains for making the initiative a success.
- Gerard Hogan sought a volunteer to be the support musician for our coming Xmas function
- Tony Thomas reminded members to provide spices for the green Xmas bags.

Directors Report:

George Mackay presented the Director's Report for Youth Services, outlining the activities conducted in the past months and funding of \$12,850 for current projects:

- October 2014
 - Meeting (Tony Fritsche) held with James Reade, Chief of Staff for the former Minister for Youth Affairs. James is, among other things, a potential recruit
 - Attended the National Youth Science Forum induction event at International House
 - Two students sponsored, in conjunction with VicPolice Legacy, to the October RYPEN camp
 - Application for a District Grant for 2015 Silk-Miller Scholar submitted (Mik/Kerstin)
 - Our Silk-Miller scholar (Liz Toffoletti) is performing very well.
- November 2014
 - Silk-Miller Scholarship selection process for 2015 is underway (Tom)
 - Rotary Youth Leadership Award candidate selected (Juanita Fewkes) for the 30 November camp
 - Engaged with Euan Miller and the G'daySA/Rotary Foundation initiative to mentor overseas university students:
 - Snezhana Nikitina (Russia)
 - Sabbir Mamud (Bangladesh).

Presidents Report:

President Roy spoke in relation to the Community Village project and thanked all participating members for their support. Feedback from young patrons was very supportive. Roy also spoke of the recent Police legacy function and the family spirit that exuded from Police members.

Guest Speaker – Kevin Love "Making a difference - Rotary's School Projects in Laos"

Following the presentations received from Ban Baum Aor school, our member Kevin Love gave the club a colourful report and slide show of his and Veronica's experiences having just returned from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos where they attended a ceremony at Ban Heuthao village to officially open the school.

Kevin and Veronica also inspected the school at Ban Baum Aor village, site of this year's project.





Kevin described the remote setting for each village, including the 4WD track they needed to travel to reach the villages. The villages are each located in forested locations where the main income was from river fishing, a developing tourism industry and forestry-related activity. Income and resources are very limited.



Children often had to cross a large river in small paddle boats in order to reach the school.

Kevin advised that the entire village held extensive celebrations to thank all for the support provided to substantially improve the respective school facilities. In an official opening ceremony Kevin handed the key to each facility to the Deputy Governor of the Province who in turn handed the key to the school.

The renovation work at each school included construction of toilets, reconstruction of dilapidated classrooms and restocking the schools with teaching material.

In bringing the meeting to a close, Rob Hines also spoke of the fundraising activities of the CEO Circle in partnership with Rotary, including a golf day on 12th March at Riversdale Golf Club. Funds raised from the CEO Circle contributed significantly to the Laos school projects.

GALLERY

OPENING NIGHT FOR COMMUNITY VILLAGE, SUMMER SEASON:

PRESIDENT ROY ABOUT TO "LIGHT UP ROTARY", OR HIMSELF.





**NEVILLE, USUAL WELL BALANCED EFFORT, TWICE.
NEIL, USUAL RISK MANAGEMENT ROLE, TWICE.**







ROY MEETS UP WITH RASHES OF BACON - WERE THEY HALF FRIED?



TONY DROPPED IN FOR A RECONNOITRE AND ENDED UP STAYING A FEW HOURS



