



Stories

GUEST SPEAKER - 11TH FEBRUARY 2014

Dr ELIZABETH PITTMAN

Medical Charlatans and Frauds

While modern medicine has been of the greatest benefit to us, that has not prevented medical rogues of various kinds taking advantage of their position and their patient's vulnerability, sometimes in hilariously funny ways but sometimes with disastrously horrific results.

Elizabeth Pittman has a doctorate in the sociology of education. Before beginning her academic career she trained as a nurse. Her main interest in her retirement is the cultural history of medicine.

DUTY ROSTER FOR TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2014.

Chair	Roger Thornton
Sgt	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Tony Thomas
Reporter	Roy Garrett
Photographer	Tony Thomas
Door	Anne King
Director report - Foundation	Jillian Cavanagh
Bulletin Editor	David Jones

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**EVERY

 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR**

Following Richard's presentation last Tuesday and my comments regarding the ease of registering a donation to the Foundation, I have sent you by email an Australian version of the form. Richard's power point presentation slides have also been sent to you by separate email.

As I mentioned, if you have not ever registered and given, the process is quite easy. It is not necessary to give a large sum; any amount you feel comfortable with will be gratefully accepted. And you know the money will be well spent.

So I do commend to you, consideration of a personal contribution to the Foundation. To those who have already given, thank you so very much.

Doug Robertson

MEETING REPORT 4th FEBRUARY 2014

Chair; Justine Murphy

Reporter; John Price

VISITORS.

Tony Wells, Assistant Governor, Batman Cluster

Bob Nield from Canberra Sunrise. Note Canberra Sunrise currently meets at the Deck at Regatta Point on Thursday mornings 7.15 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.



Upcoming Events

Peninula Family BBQ

Feb 16, 2014 at 12:00 PM
 – 04:00 PM

Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Feb 19, 2014 at 06:00 PM
 – 07:30 PM

District Conference

Jupiters

Mar 14, 2014 – Mar 16,
 2014

Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Mar 19, 2014 at 06:00 PM
 – 07:30 PM

McAuley House Working Bee

McAuley House

Mar 22, 2014 at 09:00 AM
 – 12:00 PM

Speakers

Feb 04, 2014

Dr Margaret Simons

Change in News

Feb 11, 2014

Dr Elizabeth Pittman

Medical Charlatans and Frauds

Feb 18, 2014

Ms Peggy O'Neal, President

Richmond Football Club

The Richmond Football Club 2014

Mar 04, 2014

Membership Forum

Mar 11, 2014

Peter Wilson

Mentoring - origins and its value to modern leadership

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Kevin Walklate said there would be a vocational visit to a facility in Fern Tree Gully on 26 February, details of which would be published soon.

President Doug;

- The membership project. One plan is to encourage members to bring visitors to the breakfast meetings. In particular he suggested looking at the list of upcoming talks and asking people who may be interested in the topics.
- The Community Village. This had been successfully organised by Neil Salvano for this season and grants had been received to ensure the continuation of the project for the next two years. Information provided by Neil lists grants from the City of Melbourne, Victoria Police, BHP Billiton Matched Giving program and individuals to nearly \$8000.00 for the future budget.
- The police mentoring program has received the endorsement of the Rotary district.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

Richard Stone made a presentation about the Rotary Foundation which is a means of turning donations into projects (see Web sites). The key projects of the foundation are the program to eradicate polio and a Future Vision plan which includes programs such as peace and conflict prevention, education and community development. Richard described some of the donation programs. The presentation has been circulated to members.

GUEST SPEAKER.

Dr Margaret Simons "Change in the News"

Dr Simons is director of the Centre for Advancing Journalism and coordinator of the Master of Journalism at the University of Melbourne. She is an award-winning freelance journalist and author whose recent publications include *Self-Made Man: The Kerry Stokes Story* and an edited collection of stories entitled *What's Next in Journalism?* Dr Simons is the media commentator for the online news outlet Crikey and blogs on journalism and the media at The Content Makers.

Dr Simons gave a nostalgic look at her early time at The Age at a time when the building in Spencer Street smelt of ink and warm paper, where the walls vibrated when the presses started up at night. Outside the building, cars and crowds waited for the first papers at midnight so that they could be the first to apply for the jobs advertised in the thick pages of classifieds.

But all is different now. The business models that have supported journalism since the birth of newspapers are broken. Within the next few years, many of our newspapers will cease to exist in hard copy form. Yet at the same time new digital media start-ups are emerging and the successful ones are growing fast, offering unprecedented opportunities for spreading news and information. Are we entering a new dark age of myth and misinformation, or a new enlightenment? There are great threats and opportunities in all of these changes.

Dr Margaret Simons argued that we may be living through an era of social change at least as great as that sparked by the invention of the printing press and the democratisation of information that that produced. She suggested we all have become occasional journalists; that the future of journalism is about people exercising their citizenship responsibly.

ANOTHER TERRIFIC MEETING



"Lend me your ears"

Bulletin Editor

David JONES (If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor)

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Sergeants session. Roger having difficulty lying between his teeth.



First meeting as a fully fledged member, Sat Mishra.

Photos by Tony

GSE INBOUND - Welcome dinner invitation

Brighton Beach club are holding a dinner to celebrate the arrival of the GSE Team from District 1860, Mannheim, Germany.

- Venue: Milano's Hotel, 1st Floor,
- The Esplanade, Brighton Beach (close to South Road)
- Date: Tuesday 25th February 2014
- Arrival: 6:30pm for 7.00pm
- Cost: \$48 per person (2 Courses & drinks at bar prices)

RSVP by 14TH February.

Call David Jones for a copy of the booking form OR

Call Julie Avery, RC Brighton Beach, 95919591 [Bus]; eMail: julie@brightontravel.com.au

DISASTER AID AUSTRALIA Newsletter 26th January 2014



NEWS UPDATE 26 January 2014

Rebuilding communities in the Philippines goes on ... and on

Right on the heel of a horrendous October earthquake, the Philippines was ravaged the following month by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), the "deadliest Philippines Typhoon on record" that killed over 6,000 with bodies still being found.

And, Disaster Aid Australia ('DAA'), a Rotary Club project and part of Disaster Aid International ('DAI') has been on the ground since, with volunteer DARTs (Disaster Aid Response Team members) working with respected local NGO, Balay Mindanaw Foundation ('BMF') in the Bohol Island region that was devastated by these unprecedented events.

Disaster Aid International chairman, PP David Langworthy (RC Endeavour Hills, D9820 Vic.) visited the Philippines earlier this month and brief extracts of his report are in this update.

It makes compelling reading and once again demonstrates the ongoing, direct and selfless involvement of so many Rotarian volunteers.

1 Latest report from the Philippines

1.1 DAI has now provided shelter and assisted more than 10,000 families, and is actively engaged in providing vital Home Repair Kits – more than 1,000 so far delivered, AND installed. That is in response to the question we asked at the outset, "please tell us, what do you need most?" The materials for those kits – lumber, tools, nails, tarps, galvanised iron and so on – are in the main sourced within the area. And that is providing jobs and other local economic stimulus.

1.2 Along with our Home Repair Kits, Australian-designed SkyHydrant™ water filtration systems are being installed in Barangays (villages) and schools on Panay Island working with the Rotary Club of Metro Iloilo; and on Mindanao Island with BMF assisting in the installation and operation of SkyHydrants™.

1.3 Disaster Aid is in the Philippines "for the long haul" to assist local communities rebuild and provide clean water to those on Bohol, Panay and Mindanao. And in that connection, two Rotarians from the RC Metro Iloilo and three members of BMF might soon be trained in installation and operation of the water filtration system at the SkyJuice Foundation's facility in Queensland.



1.4 The responses to these disasters and our work with BMF, government and other agencies (and ongoing cooperation with Rotary clubs) has seen changes. We have learned much and adapted quickly to how we respond, work with the affected community, deliver our aid and, importantly, stay on to help rebuild and increasingly provide the equipment needed to ensure a reliable supply of clean drinking water.

And the latter is becoming an increasingly vital imperative. Disaster Aid's association with the SkyJuice Foundation (<http://www.skyjuice.com.au/>) provides strong and sustainable water solutions for us in disaster affected (or prone) regions.

Here are some more photographs taken in the Philippines earlier this month ...



Rotarian, DART and DAA Deployment Manager, Ed Cox surveys the extensive damage.

"Rebuilding communities" goes on, with materials and other assistance from Disaster Aid.



DAI Chairman David Langworthy (with Filipino scarf) is pictured with Kalyo Manupig, Chairman of BMF (in red shirt) and members of the Bisyag Mindanao Foundation in the Philippines this month – see next report.

2 DAI Chairman in a 'flying visit' to the Philippines

2.1 David Langworthy was met by DAA Deployment Manager and leader of the DART teams, Rotarian Ed Cox (who has been with DAI in the Philippines since October) and spent seven days in the affected areas this month, meeting with government officials, Rotarians, DARTs and BMF colleagues.

"We are assisting people on seven (of 7,000) islands and the logistics really are a nightmare. As Rotarians, we can all be proud of the work done by Disaster Aid. We are delivering to world's best practice, working with and meeting the needs of those affected by these calamitous events – unimaginable in the minds of most Australians."

2.2 David attended a meeting of the RC of Iloilo Metro whose members have been very supportive of DAI, including delivery of the Home Repair Kits and even providing drivers

and cars for him and Ed at no cost.

Speaking at the club meeting, David not only thanked them for that vital assistance but also presented a challenge ... to bring clean potable water to the Barangays (villages) of Panay Island.

It has a population of 4 million, and children are dying because of no regular supply of clean drinking water.

He said it could be a long term project as a partnership between DAI and the RC of Metro Iloilo, perhaps involving other Rotary Clubs on the Island. This is where the possibility of flying two members to Australia for training and installation of SkyHydrants™ was first raised.

"If a child does not have potable water, that is more than an issue beyond natural disasters ... it is a disaster in itself." ...