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Next Meeting Guest Speaker



Jeremy Meltzer – Founder & CEO of i=Change

"i=Change – making philanthropy simple"

Weaving philanthropy into our everyday purchases, represents one of the most powerful opportunities to create new funding streams and positively impact communities around the world.

We want to help. We want to give back. Although how can it be simple, as we go about our busy lives?

This was the thought behind i=Change (iequalchange.com). A superbly simple platform that achieves this objective. Just shop i=Change brands (and tell your friends about it)! These brands give back with every sale - and you the consumer choose where to send their donation after checkout.

It's also 100% transparent. Buyers can see exactly how much they've helped raise and where it's going - live!

While as consumers we want to support businesses committed to doing good in the world, the businesses using the i=change platform are also enjoying greater success.

Why? Because these brands earn respect, and with time they earn loyalty.

We cannot afford anymore that success be a measure of profit alone. Success must also consider its impact on people and planet. i=Change brands do just that.

Jeremy is a social entrepreneur and inspiring voice for women's rights globally. He created i=Change to help accelerate the impact of extraordinary development projects, focused mostly on empowering women and girls.

As a young man, Jeremy was moved to action while living in Cuba. He was shocked at how violence against women seemed accepted and was even considered 'normal' across Latin America. This left him with a burning question... Why is such abuse so common in some communities while abhorrent in others?

Over the last ten years in an attempt to understand this issue, Jeremy's met with NGOs, sat with communities

and spoken to media around the world.

Jeremy believes the solution lies in engaging men, modelling respectful relationships to our youth, and funding best-practice NGOs.

Jeremy is passionate about the enormous potential, that often won't be realized, in women and girls around the world. How could i=Change be part of the solution?

Angus Mitchell Oration

Posted by Neville TAYLOR

**Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
Dr Tilman Ruff AM**

**Don't miss this unique event -
The 2019 Angus Mitchell Oration:
"The Humanitarian Imperative to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons"**

Rotarians and their guests are invited to join
Rotary Club of Melbourne Members at this very special luncheon.

Dr Tilman Ruff MB, BS (Hons), FRACP, AM will deliver the 49th Angus Mitchell Oration on Wednesday 20 February 2019.

Tilman is Co-President of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and founding international and Australian Chair of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 "for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons."

"For far too long these weapons have loomed over humanity, threatening to obliterate us any day."

Tilman is Associate Professor in the Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne, and international medical advisor for Australian Red Cross. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia "for service to the promotion of peace as an advocate for the abolition of nuclear weapons, and to public health through the promotion of immunisation programs in the South East Asia-Pacific region".

Date: Wednesday 20 February 2019
Time: 12:40 for 1:00pm start (10:00am prompt)
Venue: **Floor Dining Rooms, Sullair Hotel
Cost: \$45 (see course lunch)

Guest Bookings to Jo Mavris
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International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Our Next Major Fundraiser

Posted by Herb GREENWOOD

Meeting Responsibilities

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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Feb 13, 2019
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Multi-District Conference

Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre
Feb 15, 2019 9:00 AM –
Feb 17, 2019 5:00 PM

Opera On The Yarra

Melbourne Rowing Club
Mar 02, 2019
7:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Board Meeting

Mar 13, 2019
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Peninsula Family BBQ

Mar 17, 2019
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Golf Event - 3 Rotary Clubs

Ivanhoe Public Golf Course
Mar 29, 2019
2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Speakers

Feb 12, 2019

Jeremy Meltzer – Founder &

CEO of i=Change

i=Change – making philanthropy simple

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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Don't miss out – seats at the venue are limited to 120

Enjoy a night of musical indulgence and be treated to an eclectic array of songs from the world of Opera and Musical Theatre, performed by some of the most sought-after performers in the Australian Operatic Scene.

Artists are:

Michael Lapina - Tenor; Kristen Leich - Mezzo Soprano; Raphael Wong - Baritone; Eleanor Blythman - Soprano; Dean Sky-Lucas - Pianist



This fundraising event will support Rotary Central Melbourne's Silk Miller Scholarship which partly finances a police officer to undertake the Diploma of Adolescent Health at the University of Melbourne to enable them to more appropriately work with the youth in Victoria.

COST – \$90.00 per person

includes substantial finger food and a drink on arrival with drinks available at bar prices during interval

LOCATION and TIME

7:00pm for 8pm start

Melbourne Rowing Club
8 Boathouse Drive, Melbourne, Vic 3004

www.trybooking.com/ZOLM

Humanitarian Tour to Cambodia and Laos

Posted by Rob HINES



Rotary's humanitarian
CAMBODIA and LAOS 2019 Tour
16 March 2018 - 28 March, 2019
(12 Days)

District 9800 recognized project "World of Difference" has organised a 12 day tour to Cambodia and Laos, leaving on March 16th, 2019.

This is a great opportunity to see Rotary projects in action as well as experiencing Cambodian and Laos culture that is not accessible to ordinary tourists. Through our excellent contacts on the ground there you will not only enjoy the tourist sights of Angkor Wat and Luang Prabang but you will visit remote villages and interact with the locals and the school children.

Our club has funded 5 primary schools in Luang Prabang, I attended the most recent school opening on behalf of Rotary Central Melbourne in December.

Our club also funded life saving surgery for a young Laotian boy, Nonh, in 2017 and you will have the opportunity of visiting his village and meeting Nonh and his father, Bounsy.

While in Luang Prabang the accommodation is at Somnuek's 5 star resort, My Dream.

We have secured very reasonable airfares and accommodation so the entire tour will only cost \$3,299 per person twin share flying economy.

Further details and the booking form have been emailed to members separately.

Trailer begins a new life

Posted by Kevin LOVE



The trailer that was a key part of RCM's Community Village Project has begun a new life. Like many retirees it has undergone a Sea Change!

When the Night Rider Bus service was replaced with all night public transport from the CBD, the Community Village project was no longer needed and the trailer became surplus for our needs. After many options were explored, it was decided to donate the trailer to the Phillip Island Landcare Group.

It will be used to support their tree planting days and for promotional activities. The first outing will be at a Community Open Day on March 3rd. The group also plan to make the trailer available to other groups in the Bass Landcare Network and Coastcare groups.

RC Central Melbourne is looking to get involved in tree planting efforts with the group as part of our environmental work to continue the partnership with them.

Be warned though that planting is done in winter and early spring so tropical shirts may not cut it as protective gear then!

RC Central Melbourne Visit to India

Posted by Rob HINES



Neville presenting a gift to District Governor Mukul Sinha



Frank presenting a gift to RC Rabintra Sarobar Pres Ritwik Ganguly



Taj Mahal



Handing out blankets to the destitute woman



Neville exchanging flags with RC Calcutta Victoria Pres Sarah Macwan



Mr Pawan, our driver and the crew

Thirteen members, partners and friends have just returned from a hectic, colorful, stimulating, noisy, informative, educational and sometimes confronting trip to India.

We started in Kolkata where we attended the District Conference of our sister club, RC Rabintra Sarobar. About 800 Rotarians heard from a variety of speakers and our own PDG Neville John had the opportunity to address the conference and present a gift to the District Governor Mukul Sinha. The conference agenda was timed to the minute and ran for a full two days. Immediately prior to the conference we had the opportunity to socialise over dinner with a group of Rotarians and friends from NSW who were also on a tour of India under the guidance of DG Sue Hayward. After the conference we attended a dinner hosted by our sister club and the RC Calcutta Victoria with whom we have entered into a global grant project. The project will provide vocational training to disadvantaged men and women from the poorer castes of Kolkata. We also had the opportunity to visit some Rotary projects including a visit to a village where we handed out blankets to "destitute old women", a phrase some of our number were very unhappy with!

After all the Rotary activity, we commenced our sightseeing tour of Northern India. We visited the Hindu sacred town of Varanasi where we saw Hindu cremations on the steps of the Ganges. The highlight of Varanasi was the cyclo-rickshaw ride through the hectic streets shared with motorbikes, tuk-tuks and cows. Then we flew to Agra to see the beautiful and majestic Taj Mahal and other temples and holy sites. From Agra we drove to Jaipur, where we rode elephants up to Amber Fort, followed by a visit to see (and buy!) handmade carpets. We then had an all-day bus ride to Udaipur, stopping on route to see the old fort at Chittorgarh.

At Udaipur we visited the City Palace, then took a boat ride on Lake Pichola before catching a flight to Delhi where we arrived on Republic day, which was also Australia day. Unfortunately for many Republic day is designated a "dry day" and so we weren't able to celebrate Australia day in the traditional manner! Delhi is a city of contrasts. In the wide avenues of Central Delhi you could be in London or Paris but the slums of the old town were crowded, smelly and confronting. Throughout the trip we had the most competent and informative guides. We all agreed, Mr Pawan, our bus driver for several days from Agra to Udaipur provided the highlight. He bought us lunch on one day and took us to a terrific restaurant with a view over the lake in Udaipur on another. The Hindus believe in reincarnation and depending on your Karma from this life you will be reincarnated at a higher level in the next. On this basis Mr Pawan will return as a Maharajah!

Meeting Minutes 5th February

Posted by John ILOTT

Visitors

- **Robyn and Maurice Lighter**, RC Brighton
- **Martin Langton**, guest of Warwick Cavell
- **Acting Inspector Sarah Carmichael**, guest speaker

Announcements

- **Neville John** – 13 members and partners, led by **Rob Hines**, recently visited India and our sister club, the Rotary Club of Rabintra Sarobar, Calcutta. The trip was a great success, largely due to Rob's organisation of tour leaders, hotels and restaurants. Neville presented Rob with a gift on behalf of the travelling party.
- **Mary Voice** is promoting the Rotary Golf Event on Friday 29th March at the Ivanhoe public golf club. All proceeds benefit End Trachoma. Bookings can be made at www.trybooking.com/BAOHP
- **Alan Seale** is organising police and ambulance mentoring project booths at the multi-district conference on 16-17 February. He asked members attending the conference to make themselves known to mentees.
- **Alan Seale** stated that our club has been approached by a club in Jakarta to assist with a New Generations Service Exchange Program placement in Melbourne in the areas of graphic design and advertising. The exchange is with D3420 in Indonesia. Alan would appreciate a contact with anyone who may be able to help.
- **Peter Duras** thanked club members for the ongoing support for Bunnings sausage sizzles this Rotary year. Approximately \$13,500 has been raised so far this year. There are five more scheduled until the end of June, each requiring only 2-3 hours per shift per person. Dates are Friday 22nd February, Saturday 9th March, Saturday 30th March, Saturday 13th April and Friday 10th May. Members are requested to let Peter know date(s)/time(s) when they are able to help.
- **Herb Greenwood** is promoting *Opera on the Yarra* on 2 March. Venue is the Melbourne Rowing Club at 8 Boathouse Drive. Artists have been locked in and all proceeds benefit the Silk Miller scholarship. The event commences at 7pm to allow time for canapes and drinks prior to commencement of the show. Please invite friends to share the fundraising. Bookings can be made on <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=449162&>
- **Yanpu Zhang** has been working with the Melbourne Men's Shed on a project making wooden toy animals fundraising. She is organizing a short auction for the Peninsula BBQ on 9 March. Half proceeds go to Rotary and half to Men's Shed.
- **Vice President Kevin Love** announced

- The International Women's Day breakfast is being organised for March 7. Contact Rob Soros for reservations.
- Melbourne has tentatively been awarded the RI conference for 2023.
- We have now completed the transfer of trailer to the Phillip Island Land Care Group. The trailer had become surplus to our needs and it can provide a benefit to other community groups. The Phillip Island Land Care Group has invited us to become involved in tree planting days. They are delighted with the donation.

Guest Speaker - Acting Inspector Sarah Carmichael

Sarah spoke on the topic, "promoting partnerships between VicPol and community in Greater Dandenong". Sarah was mentored by Marjorie Gerlinger in 2017-18 as part of the Rotary-VicPol Leadership Mentoring project.

Her project was specifically about improving the safety in transportation of children in cars. The project is now being rolled out state-wide.

The City of Greater Dandenong has many challenges through high unemployment, low literacy skills, wide cultural diversity among the immigrant community.

Step 1 of the project was the organisation of a community education forum which achieved 120 attendees.

Sarah spoke about the pressure of program, including full-time work and raising 3 boys under 12. Marjorie as her mentor was an invaluable help. She introduced Sarah to Warwick Cavell who helped her with project planning methodology.

The project achieved donations of child restraints valued at an estimated \$8000 for distribution to low income families. Responses from community members was outstanding and highly appreciated by recipients.

Media promotion by Channel 9 in prime time Sunday evening, print and social media also helped to get message out to community. VicRoads is now looking at rolling out the project around state, funded by TAC. RACV is also supporting through advertising.

Sarah talked about how she grew personally and professionally throughout the mentoring program. She thanked Marjorie and the club for the opportunity, knowing that it will benefit her for the rest of her career.

Marjorie's concluding comments were, "Sarah was a joy to work with for the past 12 months. She has an extraordinary work ethic." Kevin Love presented Marjorie with a certificate of appreciation for her involvement in the mentoring project.

This program has grown and matured over 12 years, and has now been implemented at Ambulance Victoria under Alan Seale's leadership. It has allowed our club to provide a great influence on improving community cohesion.

