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### WELCOME STELLA



### **NEXT MEETING - Vic Police Leaders Mentoring Program - Graduation Breakfast, June 17**

*Please note starting time is 7.30am.*

This meeting will be attended by members of Vic. Police Command and Executive, Vic Police Legacy, our District Governor Ross Butterworth and District Governors of Rotary Districts 9820; 9810; 9790; 9780.

Also present will be our District Governor Elect, Murray Verso, Julie Mason DG Nominee and DG Nominee Designate Neville John plus Business Mentors and Rotary Mentors for the year now concluding.

There will be a raffle - proceeds to Police Legacy and RCCMS Community Village programme.

Registrations for this breakfast closed 23rd May 2014. Door registrations can not be guaranteed and a surcharge will be applied by the venue management for late additions.



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## **DUTY ROSTER JUNE 17, 2014**

Chair	President Doug Robertson
Greeter	Justine Murphy
Greeter	Alan Seale
Reporter	Bruce McBain
Photographer	Anne King
Door	Bernie Gerlinger
Door	Marjorie Gerlinger
Bulletin Editor	David Jones
Raffle Co-ordinator	Greg Cuthbert
Place Names	Neville John
Place Names	John Meehan
Room Setup and Certificates	Neville Taylor

## **MEMBER NEWS**

### **Dr LOU BUTTERFIELD**

*A note from Honorary Member, Past President John Meehan*

Past President and Honorary Member, Dr. Lou Butterfield was admitted to Bay Hospital in Mornington last week to enable control of his sugar levels and for a general health assessment.

Lou, who was a Charter Member of our Club in 1987, has also been unable to walk without assistance and is expecting to be moved to a rehabilitation centre Frankston for a few weeks to recover his mobility and strength. In the meantime his wife Pat, also a former Club member, has moved to her son Jeff, and his partner Elaine's, home in South Frankston whilst Lou is recovering.

The best wishes of all Club members are extended to Lou and Pat.

### **ILOTT FAMILY EXPANSION**

Past President John was pleased to announce that daughter, and past member, Kathy and her husband Colin have produced another offspring.

Baby Jack Edwin Pollard, 7lb 5oz was born just after our club meeting on 3rd June.



Proud grandmother Raylee and Jack Pollard.

**Editor.** We did not publish a photo of Granddad John owing space and fact that Jack currently has many similarities in appearance.

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Mietta, Kathy and Jack

### **DONATIONS IN KIND - WORKING BEE**

Last Saturday a team of volunteers from our club, organised by Frank O'Brien, helped the Donations In Kind ['DIK'] scheme to take delivery of several hospital beds from The Alfred Hospital. These beds will be recycled to countries with a need, possibly a Pacific neighbour.



Our team of volunteers. Thanks guys.



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Definitely men's work Frank.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SYDNEY - REPORT**

*Posted by Doug ROBERTSON*

Nine members and partners from our club joined 18,000 rotarians from over 150 countries in attending the 105<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention in Sydney.

The convention was officially opened on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, closing Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at Olympic Park, Homebush. Those attending did not have an issue in travelling out to Homebush. Courtesy of the NSW Government participants were able to use their Convention badges to obtain free use of Sydney's public transport system; indeed express trains from Central Station to Homebush took only 20 minutes.

On the Saturday evening prior to the opening, our Club hosted 6 members and partners from our sister club RC Osaka Midosuji-Hommachi, Japan. We took them on a dinner cruise on Sydney Harbour, enjoying the annual Vivid Sydney light festival as a bonus. We have been thanked by RC Osaka Midosuji-Hommachi for our hospitality and invited to join them as they celebrate their first anniversary as a combined club on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Airfares at the moment to Osaka are extremely cheap!

The opening plenary session of the convention included a welcome from the Premier of NSW and a welcome address from the Prime Minister, during which he advised that the Government will contribute \$100,000,000 towards the End Polio Now Campaign. This quite caught attendees by surprise. Entertainment included a full concert by Human Nature followed by official speeches and presentation of flags from the 191 countries in which Rotary is represented. All in all a very impressive and enjoyable opening to the convention.

Days 2, 3 and 4 all commenced with plenary sessions followed by breakout sessions. The speakers from around the world were outstanding, inspiring and motivating.

We should all be proud of the story of Professor Martin Silink AM Past President of the International Diabetes Federation located in Brussels and a member of the RC of Lane Cove NSW. He related the story of how, with the support of the Rotary International Ambassador to the United Nations, he was able to lead the IDF to persuade the United Nations, against great inertia in the developed world, to pass a resolution recognising type 2 diabetes as an epidemic to be addressed.

Some of the other speakers included Mwila Chigaga, a Senior Regional Gender Specialist

with the International Labour Organisation taking on the might of those in power on the African continent who do not see equality of woman as a priority. Ade Adepitan MBE now a broadcaster and Paralympics medallist told the story of his survival as a child born in Nigeria, contracting polio at 18 months of age but sent to England where he was educated against the odds and became a paralympian. At the Sydney Paralympics in 2000 he played basketball in the Allphones arena from where he was now addressing the plenary session. One of his great achievements may have been leading a march, with none of the participants actually able to march, of polio sufferers from Nigeria on the palace of the President. They demanded better treatment and for something to be done about vaccination. As a broadcaster he was able to muster the presence of the media. Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director General of the World Health Organisation spoke of the developments in polio eradication. In particular it seemed pertinent when he reported that for the first 5 months of the year only 3 cases of polio had been reported in Nigeria. One could sense from his presentation that the strategies now being utilised and the tenaciousness with which they are being applied polio eradication from the world is ever so much closer.

Members from our club split up and attended different break-out sessions, all providing challenges, opportunities and inspiration.

Finally the closing plenary not only included the official matters but entertainment provided by Marina Prior and the Ten Tenors.

Next year's Convention is in Sao Paulo. Is anyone planning a South American Holiday?

*Footnote:*

You never know who you might meet at a convention. President Doug, whilst queuing for lunch, turned to say hello to fellow Rotarians only to meet a member from the Kynon Rotary Club that he had not seen for 27 years. The previous time was a graduation dinner following completion of their MBA studies.

An even more unlikely chance for acquaintance occurred on the opening day. Alan Seale was waiting for President Doug to emerge from the queue at the BBQ lunch when he was "accosted" by a young lady and her husband from the RC Esk Valley near Edinburgh in Scotland mentioning that her maiden name was Seale. By the time President Doug joined the conversation, it was clear they had some common ancestry. She then proceeded to take out her phone and bring up the family tree complete with photos. They were able to identify some relatives and then Alan exclaimed: "That is my Grandfather and I have the original photo framed on the wall at home" and almost in the same breath, with his finger jabbing at the phone: "That's my Father!".

Regards,

Doug.



Spot the family likeness? [Blue tops].



Our convention goers and Japanese sister club members.

### **CLUB FORUM JUNE 22, 8.30am -12.30pm**

From incoming president Roy Garrett:

Every year we have a Club Planning Forum to allow firm directions and budgets for our club. As you would expect, a large percentage of the work and the outcome is from our executive - committee chairs / directors and it is hoped that each of these people will attend the Forum.

However, all members are welcome! If you have some special ideas for our club's direction next year or just want to know more about others' ideas, please feel free to come along.

I will be circulating more info over the coming weeks: an agenda, times and a venue for a start but for now the starting time on 22nd June is 0830 and finishing time 1230 (sharp!)

Please let me know if you plan to attend and please give me some preliminary notice if you have special matters you would like included on the day.

Regards

Roy Garrett

### **MEETING REPORT 10th JUNE**

Chair – Gerard Hogan | Sergeant – Michael Bromby

Reporter – Neville John | Photographer – John Price

**Visitors:** Visiting Rotarians from the RC of Melbourne President, Keith McNeil, Marion Macleod, John Peberdy and proposed new member Stella Avramopoulos.

**Guest Speakers:** Assistant Commissioner Andrew Crisp and Sergeant Ali Gurdag from Victoria Police.



**Induction of new member:** President Doug inducted Stella Avramopoulos as a member of the club with the vocational classification of Community Service. Stella's mentor is Neville John and she will serve on the Community Service committee chaired by Neville Taylor. Stella is CEO of Kildonan Uniting Care, mother of two boys and is married to Con Matsamakis, a serving member of Victoria Police.



Our newest member Stella Avramopoulos.

#### **Announcements:**

- Frank O'Brien - a call for volunteers for the next DIK project, Saturday 14th June at the Alfred Hospital.
- Neville Taylor – Club changeover on Friday 27 June at the Athenaeum Club. [Editor, Register NOW please.]
- Neville John – Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program 2013/14 Closing event 17 June. Event is booked out.
- President Doug advised with regret of the resignation of Brian Downie from the club. Brian was present at the meeting and received warm acclamation for his service to the club over many years.

#### **Sergeant's Session:**

The Sergeant's session revealed to everyone's interest (not), that Donald Duck turned 80 years old today. The feature was a recap of "the epic poem", which thankfully came to a close this morning with the final contribution from Yanpu Zhang. Who would have thought that a cad like Darcy could ever have become a Paul Harris Fellow. (I'm handing mine back).

#### **Guest speakers:**

Andrew and Ali talked about the Melbourne Muslim communities and the importance of support, leadership and structure. In particular they talked about the importance of Iftar.

Muslims fast for 30 consecutive days during Ramadan, from dawn until sunset. Iftar is the special meal prepared daily at the end of the day when the fast finishes. Muslims are encouraged to reach out, to build bridges and to work with colleagues and neighbours around them who are not Muslim, to share their faith and build on their shared values. The Iftar meal is a special time of day, as this is when Muslims open their fast and give thanks for the food they are eating.

Victoria Police have been hosting Iftar dinners for six years and this has helped develop a positive relationship with the Muslim community. The dinners are even broadcast back to Turkey.

Ali spoke about the success the 'adopt a cop' initiative which had developed from the Iftar dinners and has further positive impact.

Alan Seale advised that our club is hosting an Iftar dinner for the Australian Intercultural Society (Turkish community) at their venue is St.Kilda Road on 15 July 2014. This initiative is also aiming to develop a strong relationship between Rotary and the Muslim community.

Ali kindly offered to provided the club with a guide of etiquette relating to Iftar that he has developed through his experience.

The Chairman presented Ali and Andrew with the usual token of our thanks and the meeting was closed by President Doug.



The relevance of Iftar in Melbourne.

### **E-CLUB & RC of DOCKLANDS CHANGEOVER - INVITATION**



# Rotary Clubs of Docklands & E-Club of Melbourne Invite you to join us for lunch

Sunday 22 June 2014 12.30 for 1 pm

We will celebrate the Changeover of the E-Club of Melbourne  
and the future of the Rotary Club of Docklands at

## Rise

51-53 Victoria Harbour Promenade (corner of Illi Merchant Street)  
Docklands Victoria 3008 (Melways Ref 2E 116)

\$60 per person includes  
Three Course Lunch & Free Wine and Beer



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