



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise

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Club Web Site

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Future Speakers

Jan 11 2011

Oscar Clift
"Expectations of my year in Sweden"

Jan 18 2011

Prue Simmons
"D9800 Group Study Exchange to Spain in 2010"

Jan 25 2011

James Pullar, Rotary Club of Melbourne
"Partnerships to end homelessness"

Feb 8 2011

Commander James Unkles RAN
"Justice Denied - The Breaker Morant Story"

Feb 15 2011

Rod Fraser
"The Fraser Foundation and its program of building schools in northern Laos"

Feb 22 2011

Mr Paulo Maia, Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank
"Australia's place in emerging Asia"

Mar 8 2011

Professor Glen Mola
"Achieving good outcomes in maternity care with minimal resources"

Mar 15 2011

Brian Kelly
"Victorian Historic Vehicle Movement"

Upcoming Events

Club BBQ

Feb 13 2011

Eminent Speaker Mr Paulo Maia, CEO, HSBC Bank Aust

Feb 22 2011

This Week's Meeting, Tues January 11th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

Oscar Clift

"Expectations of my year in Sweden"

Oscar is our club's Rotary Youth Exchange student from Echuca. He leaves for a very cold winter in Sweden on Friday January 14th.

He will tell us about his preparation for his year away and his expectations of the Youth Exchange program. Oscar will be accompanied by his parents.

Duty Roster, Tues January 11th

by Rebecca RIEBELING

Note: Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at **Zam** as many guests start arriving from this time.

Please note if unable to attend please arrange to swap your role with another member.

Chairperson	Anne King
Sergeant	Bernie Gerlinger
Reporter	Bruce McBain
Door	Gerard Hogan
Photographer	John Meehan
Greeter	Tony Thomas

Meeting Report, Tues December 21st

by Jasper KWOK

RCCM-S Christmas Party

FEB 22 2011

Walking Tour - Melbourne's Incredible History
Mar 19 2011

Trivia Night
Mar 19 2011

DIK Working Bee and BBQ
Mar 27 2011

Rotary District 9800 Conference
Mar 31 2011 - Apr 2 2011

ROTARY ANZAC PEACE TOUR
Apr 1 2011

Rotary Club of Osaka Hommachi 20th Anniversary
Apr 5 2011

Cafe International
May 7 2011

Movie and Dinner Evening
May 14 2011

Echuca Moama Steam Rally
Jun 11 2011 - Jun 12 2011

News

RYLA - Leading the way

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Michael Wells pulled out his trumpet and brought the proceedings alive with the sound it made. President Anne King announced the opening of this special Christmas Party; followed by Chair Paul Maguire who led our Loyal Toast and Rotary Grace.

We had many guests and visiting Rotarians on the day. While some of them politely rose to introduce themselves, the majority of us had already turned our attention to pulling the Christmas bon-bons and reading the jokes that came with them.

Hot breakfast was served and President Anne proceeded to present \$1,000 food voucher to the Steps Outreach Service (donated by Marjorie and Bernie Gerlinger and received by Anne Mitchell on behalf of Steps Outreach Service) and an amount of \$1,000 to the Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project.

Michael Wells drew our attention and paved the way, with his trumpet, for the grand entrance of our Choir singing *O Come All Ye Faithful*. This was followed by carol singing by all the attendees led by the Choir. We could now all sense the excitement brewing in the air in anticipation of Michael Lapina's solo performance of the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's Messiah.

While we did not have our usual Sergeant's Session, we had Santa who brought us, and particularly our younger guests, joy and Christmas gifts. The Chair and President Anne King closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and noting the importance of Christmas as a time for giving and making others feel better about themselves.

Hello from Alex Brown our former Ambassadorial Scholar

by *RIEBELING, Rebecca*

First of all I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

I worked for the U.S. Census Bureau most of the winter and spring in my hometown, Somerset. By summer time I had decided I would be heading to Louisville for medical school and quit work to start preparing for the move and also to have some more time to spend with my then girlfriend and visit a few friends around the country. It was a great summer full of fun and sun. Since I'd been following winter around the globe the past year, I felt it my prerogative to fully enjoy this one. My best friend asked me to be his best man in his wedding in Austin, Texas so we spent a few days there celebrating and then I also took a big trip to visit a friend in New York City who was finishing up graduate school.

I have begun my medical studies at the University of Louisville, my father's alma mater, and have already finished my first semester of courses. The workload is heavy, but I've enjoyed the subject matter so far which makes for an easier time of handling the work. In such a short time, just four months, I've dissected an entire human body and taken two other difficult anatomical science courses. I'm just finishing a two-week break and our second semester starts back on the 4th January.

In August, Rob Chittleborough, my house mate in North Melbourne, made a month long trip to the U.S. and stopped in Louisville to stay a few days with me. It was great catching up with him and having just a small bit of Melbourne back in my life once again. I still think of my year there often and I sometimes can't believe I actually got to do it and see so much of the country. I'm sure a few people are sick of hearing my Australia stories... but I do a pretty good accent (at least to American ears!) which my friends seem to love.

This coming summer (May) I'm going with about 15 of my fellow medical students and a few local doctors on a medical mission trip to Ecuador. We are in the process of raising funds for trip medications and supplies and I'm actually considering visiting a few Rotary clubs around Louisville to tell them about it as it is the sort of project I feel Rotarians would love to help out with.

Best regards,

Alex

RCCM-S Hampers Bring Cheer to Disadvantaged

by *THOMAS, Tony*

Steps Outreach and Hotham Asylum seekers were delighted to receive about 45 and 40 hampers respectively over club meetings in the Christmas lead-up.



In each case the charities arrived at the RACV with their own utility and the hampers were quickly loaded and transported to their own Christmas parties for distribution.

Some RCCM-S members were particularly generous and contributed 10 or so hampers. The Gerlingers again presented a magnificent personal cheque for \$1,000 for food vouchers to Steps. Robert Brunner, a director of Circle Credit Co-operative, also presented \$1,000 to Hotham Asylum Seekers. Like the Gerlingers, Robert has been a regular annual contributor of funds to the hamper appeal.

The hamper numbers were down on the 121 in 2009, for reasons we have not yet analysed. We suspect that the previous organiser Mike Wells simply did a better job!

Rotary Friendship Exchange - A White Christmas

by THOMAS, Tony



We've all heard about the cold snap in the U.K. Two of our Rotary Friendship Exchange guests from this year from St Ives Rotary Club, Malcolm and Janet Cockcroft, have sent pictures showing how their members are coping.

In late December they were expecting the temperature to drop to as low as minus 20 degrees. They're not dreaming about a White Christmas - they've got one!

Probus Honorary Auditor Wanted

by THOMAS, Tony

Our sponsored Probus Club of Melbourne Sunrise (now with 37 members) is in urgent need of an Honorary Auditor. He/she will need to be confirmed at the Probus Club's AGM in March 2011. Can any member or friend of RCCM-S volunteer for the role?



The funds involved are very small - about \$2,500 in annual member dues and maybe \$3,000 in meeting attendance fees to pay for the venue hire and morning teas. As we have lots of inaugural establishment costs, our \$50 annual dues certainly won't have enough slack to pay an auditor.

Pictured: Probus Club of Melbourne Sunrise management committee

Left to right - Tony Thomas RCCM-S, Marilyn Seen (Vice President), Gaye Schneider (Secretary), Russell King (Committee), Harold Fraser (President), Judi Easten (Committee), Mary Hart (Committee).

News from Patrick Boyle

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

We offer our congratulations and wish a speedy recovery to newly promoted Detective Superintendent Patrick Boyle. Message from Pat below:

"Hi everyone,

I have not been avoiding you but as you know I have been recovering from an Achilles operation. I had a further set back with what I noticed to be swelling to my leg and this was found to be due to a blood clot extending from my ankle to my stomach resulting in admission to hospital Monday 13th December which has remained my home since then and due for release Tuesday 21st December. Swelling has dropped but cannot return to work til end of January. The good thing is that I have been promoted to Detective Superintendent.

Please pass on my well wishes to everyone for Christmas and see you in the new year."

Pat Boyle APM

Detective Superintendent
Crime Department
Victoria Police

Roger and Pip Thornton on the move

by THORNTON, Roger

Members and friends,

To those of you I didn't manage to speak to at the Christmas breakfast, on January 24 Pip and I are off to live in Dubai for a year or so. I have accepted a contract with ExxonMobil Iraq as an Industry Liaison Adviser (no doubt I'll find out what that means during my orientation in Houston at the beginning of January). We are both very excited about the move and are looking forward to having the opportunity to experience a little Middle Eastern culture and visit some of the fascinating and historically significant sites in the region.

I hope to join a Rotary club in Dubai but both Pip and I look forward to coming back to RCCM-S at the end of the assignment.

We will have a spare room in our apartment and hope that you will take the opportunity to visit us if you're on your way through to Europe. I will keep my email address if you want to contact me (piroton@connexus.net.au).

Thanks,

Roger

Thanks from Sister Trish Franklin

by MAGUIRE, Paul



Christmas presents donated for the Trish Franklin orphanage in Vietnam arrived safely on Christmas Eve. The below message was received from Sister Trish Franklin:

"Hi Paul, your box of goodies arrived on Christmas Eve - late afternoon. Firstly, I express my warmest thanks for your outreach, generosity and goodness! You thought so carefully about the donations sent - and that's most strengthening to me personally - and it'll be a boon for the kids!

I wasn't near school yesterday - and won't be today! In fact, I head home to OZ in about 10 days and not super sure that I personally will be able to get to Sunrise Special School before I go - which is where I think the terrific donations should go. However, I'll certainly send them there - but not sure I can get photos for you just at present. I know the kids will adore the T-shirts - especially our bigger boys there: and the games will also be quite challenging for them.

Good on you Paul! I hope you feel great about yourself and realize what a boon you are generously giving to our/your kids.

Hope you're still celebrating Christmas! Every best wish for the New year and may 2011 bring happy days and lots of refreshing spirit and life to you and your family. Again - my loving appreciation, Trish"

To read about the work of the Loreto Vietnam Australia project click on the following link to read the annual report [LINK](#)

Bernie's Commitments

Event Attendance

Date	Event Name	Location	Member/Friend
		Home of Kay and Robin	