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Future Speakers

Mar 1 2011

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

Mar 8 2011

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

Mar 15 2011

Brian Kelly
"Victorian Historic Vehicle Movement"

Mar 22 2011

Group Study Exchange Team from D5840, Texas
"Introduction of San Antonio, Texas and the GSE team"

May 3 2011

Kevin Love
"Facilitating United Nations Negotiations"

Upcoming Events

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

This Week's Meeting, Tues March 1st

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



Prue Simmons

"D9800 Group Study Exchange to Spain in 2010"

Prue was the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise's nominee for the District 9800 Group Study Exchange to Spain in 2010. She will present on her unique experience with Rotary in Spain as well as the opportunities the GSE program has given to her.

Duty Roster, Tues March 1st

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	Bernie Gerlinger
Sergeant	Neville John
Reporter	Michael Wells
Door	Doug O. Robertson
Photographer	Neil Salvano
Greeter	John Meehan

Meeting Report, Tues February 22nd

by Herbert GREENWOOD

Club Horizons/Planning Meeting

May 1 2011

Cafe International

May 7 2011

Movie and Dinner Evening

May 14 2011

RCCMS Annual Hypothetical

May 20 2011

Echuca Moama Steam Rally

Jun 11 2011 - Jun 12 2011

Vocational Visit

Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

News

RYLA - Leading the way

Group Study Exchange Welcome Dinner

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Chairperson: Anne King**Photographer:** Mary Voice**Visiting Rotarian:** Dorrit West (RC Aarhus City, Denmark)

President Anne King opened the meeting at 7:45am welcoming rotarians and guests. Alan Driver and his International Committee were thanked for their efforts in arranging this morning's Eminent Speaker Breakfast. A short report on the international activities of RCCM-S was provided by President Anne, including:

- Support given to International House
- International support for the elimination of malaria through the provision of special mosquito nets
- Disaster aid through supporting the provision of survival packs and shelters
- Investigation into a Philippines Micro Credit Scheme
- Donations-in-Kind assistance to send goods to Third World Countries
- Water filtration equipment to Laos
- Assistance to schools in Vietnam
- Peace tour to Turkey

Raffle

A raffle in support of our international and other projects raised \$509. The estimated total funds raised from the event of 120 attendees was \$2,780 (including the raffle).

Eminent Speaker - Mr Paulo Maia, CEO HSBC Bank

"Australia's Place in the emerging Asia"

The World has many uncertainties, Mr Maia's address focused on that which he saw as the certainties - the things that will happen and effect our lives.

Certainty 1 - The shift of the centre of gravity of the economic world has commenced, shifting from the West to the East.

The Global Financial Crisis accelerated this process and brought about the increase of the GDP of the East to be some three times that of Western countries. PRC maintaining 10% whilst the USA held at only 3%. The difference has proved to be beneficial for Australia mainly because of it's proximity to the East.

Certainty 2 - The Shift is heavily impacting in a positive way on wealth distribution in the East creating a new middle class of millionaires far in excess of those in the west.

These millionaires are below the average age of 40 and are mobile with new behaviour patterns and desires to travel. Indications are that some 50% of them aspire to move to Australia. This creates many new opportunities for business in Australia and for the HSBC. The HSBC has positioned itself well with good trade connections, exchange routes and services to assist with this rapid development.

Certainty 3 - Trade flows are changing.

Previously with the West, current trade flows are now into the East with vast intra-Asia movements. China has become one of the largest trading partners for many Western countries. This is all positive for Australia. Resources, mining, food, etc, all with the assistance and opportunities that HSBC can facilitate. Sustained economic growth requires the assistance of solid banks with good capabilities and resources. It may be noted that the GFC did not adversely effect the Asian banks as it did the banks in western nations. The Middle East with its current situation can anticipate a shift of economic growth and differing trade flows that may effect the current recovery.

Banking compliance is essential. Most complying banks are sophisticated and well regulated. Banking in Australia is well regulated and banks are made to comply and survived the GFC better than many other Worldwide banks. HSBC has been global for some 150 years and is listed as the World's largest Global bank. With the banking head quarters in Hong Kong and its direct links with Asia, the bank's growing 27 branches in Australia will provide opportunities for Australian business for 2011 and into the future.

Question time was kindly allowed by our eminent speaker with a wide range of topics expertly addressed. His comment for the future of Australia was that it should recognise the positive possibilities in better relationships between banks and the vast funds in superannuation and opportunities that exist to support the funding requirements of Australia.

President Anne expressed her thanks to the speaker and presented a small gift of appreciation before the raffle was drawn and the meeting brought to a close.

Social Report: BBQ on Sunday 13 February, 2011

by *ROBERTSON, Doug W*



It might not have been the World's Longest Lunch, it mightn't have been Melbourne's Longest Lunch, but it was most likely Malvern's Longest Lunch! Held on Sunday 13 February, 33 guests joined hosts Kay and Robin Stevens at their home for a barbecue lunch.

Despite strenuous efforts by some of the guests, reliable reports indicate that there were no failures around the barbecue and all guests enjoyed a delightful lunch. Although Kay turned her mind to it, the wet weather plan was not required. The garden and the long table setting was charming. Of course the company was brilliant - all of those who attended can congratulate themselves!

It was a relaxed and convivial afternoon. All guests were thankful to our gracious and hard working hosts for providing their home and garden. And what is that grand tree that overhangs a portion of the garden? Is it a Garrya?

Message from Disaster Aid Australia: New Zealand

by *DRIVER, Allan*

"Dear District Governors,

As you are all aware, our friends in New Zealand have been faced with a catastrophic earthquake.



We at Disaster Aid Australia, together with our international partners Canada, USA, UK & Ireland, have been in contact with the New Zealand authorities and also PDG Stuart Batty of RNZWCS (Rotary New Zealand World Community Service) to offer our services in the form of our family survival packs, water systems and the services of our trained and qualified Rotarian volunteer DARTS (Disaster Aid Response Team members).

We have been advised that, at this stage, there is no requirement for assistance from Disaster Aid. We will keep you informed of any future developments.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our office on 1300 881 913.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with all those affected by this devastating disaster.

Yours in Rotary service,

*Jenni Heenan, PHF MFIA
General Manager"*