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**Future Speakers**

**Mar 22 2011**  
Group Study Exchange Team from D5840, Texas  
*"Introduction of San Antonio, Texas and the GSE team"*

**Mar 29 2011**  
Club Assembly  
*"Community Service update presented by Committee Director Tony Thomas"*

**Apr 19 2011**  
Chris Berg  
*"Islam and the middle eastern states' economic development"*

**May 3 2011**  
Kevin Love  
*"Facilitating United Nations Negotiations"*

**May 10 2011**  
Stephen Gough - CEO Melbourne Cricket Club  
*"The People's Ground - the MCG"*

**Upcoming Events**

**Walking Tour - Melbourne's Incredible History**  
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**

**This Week's Meeting, Tues March 22nd**

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



**Group Study Exchange Team from D5840, Texas**

*"Introduction of San Antonio, Texas and the GSE team"*

John Dierksen (Team Leader) and team members Miles Earwood (RC Alamo Heights), John Buol (RC San Antonio Evening), Suzanne Williams (RC New Braunfels), and Michelle Martinex (RC San Antonio) will tell us about their home states and themselves.

**Duty Roster, Tues March 22nd**

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.**

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Mary Voice</b>
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>Neville John</b>
<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Richard Bowen</b>
<b>Door</b>	<b>Jasper Kwok</b>
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Roy Garrett</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Bruce McBain</b>

**Hommachi 20th Anniversary**  
Apr 5 2011

**Club Fellowship Visit to RC of Albert Park**  
Apr 13 2011

**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

**Working Bee Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre**  
May 21 2011

**Vocational Visit**  
May 29 2011

**Echuca Moama Steam Rally**  
Jun 11 2011 - Jun 12 2011

**Vocational Visit**  
Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

#### News

Disaster Aid Australia offers assistance in Japan

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#### Meeting Report, Tues March 15th

by Kevin LOVE

#### Guests:

Brian Kelly (Guest Speaker) and Nada Kelly



#### Visiting Rotarians:

Lynee Gee (Rotary Club of Liverpool Garston)

#### Announcements:

##### Walking Tour - Melbourne's Incredible History (March 19th)

Club members and partners are welcome to participate in a fascinating and engaging walk through Melbourne's history led by architect Paul Maguire. Walk along the banks of William's Creek, better known as Elizabeth St. Hear about Melbourne's building booms, town planning, political and religious battles and its society. Please register for this event on Club Runner or contact Paul Maguire.

The Community Service Committee is pleased to organise a **Club Fellowship Visit to the Rotary Club of Albert Park** on April 13th. Please lodge your attendance on ClubRunner. Enquiries to Kay Stevens.

The fundraising committee encouraged members to seek out suitable items from their garages and attics that can be sold on **Ebay**. A supply of **Wine** is also available for sale to a good home (contact PP Bernie Gerlinger for details).

#### President's Announcements:

President Anne King thanked Neville and Rebecca John for hosting the new member barbecue on Sunday and advised that the board would be considering support for Christchurch and Japan at its meeting on Wednesday.

#### Celebrations

A birthday cake was produced to celebrate the birthdays that day of Brian Downie and Barrie Tassell.

#### Presentations

Visiting Rotarian Lynee Gee presented President Anne with a banner from the Rotary Club of Liverpool Garston.

#### Member behind the badge

Joel Siegersma gave a "Member behind the badge" talk. Of Dutch descent (Grand parents on both sides emigrated from Holland), he grew up in a musical household and went to Ivanhoe Grammar on a music scholarship and studied the cello. Apart from his time at Ivanhoe, Joel also spent a year at school in the USA in Santa Monica.

Joel is a keen sportsman and still plays basketball, which gives him the

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ability to engage in his other passion, breakfasts on the weekend. His other hobby is following the share market, which is also his profession as a wealth management advisor at Morgan Stanley.

### **Guest Speaker**

Brian Kelly is the RACV's Motoring Interest Co-ordinator and he maintains links with the hundreds of motoring clubs in Victoria. Brian, assisted by Nada, spoke about the history of the RACV as a motoring club and the development of the historic motoring movement. Formed as the Automobile Club of Victoria in 1903, the club received its Royal appellation in 1916 in recognition of its services during the Great War. Some early highlights were the first car race in 1904 at Sandown Park, a Motor Defence Fund in 1906, the introduction of patrols along the main highways and a pilot service for country and interstate visitors to Melbourne.

Today, nationally the historic vehicle movement comprises over 900 clubs nationally, with 200,000 members and a half a million historic vehicles maintained by enthusiast owners, volunteers, and professional mechanics. Some notable cars in Victoria include an 1896 Benz and a 1936 Mercedes used by Goering as a staff car. The RACV stages regular displays of historic vehicles in its foyer and produces a calendar with pictures of the displayed vehicles. Brian generously supplied copies of this year's calendar to members at the meeting.

### **DAI Offers Assistance in Japan**

*by DRIVER, Allan*



"Disaster Aid Australia, together with our international partners, Canada, USA, UK and Ireland today offered our assistance to The Hon. Foreign Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd and AusAID.

Within Rotary, RI President Ray Klinginsmith and RI President Elect Kalyan Banjeree have also been contacted to enable a Rotary response to this devastating disaster.

We confirmed the availability of 1,000 humanitarian aid packs stored in Shanghai and that together with our fully trained DARTs (Disaster Aid response team, who are on standby) could be deployed to arrive within 72 hours, if required."

A copy of the Disaster Aid Australia newsletter can be downloaded from our club website at the following [LINK](#)