



Sergeant Edward Stockdale's questions about world sporting events were mostly answered correctly by members - leading to fines to their two neighbours, thus doubling the Sergeant's haul. Members did have some problems with the location of next week's British Open - at Royal St George in Kent and the difference between Ascot and Royal Ascot (i.e. whether the Queen attends or not).

## Announcements

Mary Voice rose to complement those people (especially Marjorie Gerlinger) responsible for the excellent Annual Report. Her announcement was greeted with warm agreement.

Tony Thomas had two announcements:

- Crawley Rotary Club is not located in a damp and dingy part of England but is on the sunny banks of the Swan River in WA and they did not raise \$300,000 at a charity auction; it was \$700,000. Their success he feels is very much to do with their youthful membership, exemplified by Peta Rule, media adviser to WA's Deputy Premier.
- Guest speaker in two weeks is Charlene Hewat, alias "Rhino Girl" who, accompanied by her friend Julie Edwards, rode 22,000km by bicycle from Glasgow to Harare. The trip took over a year and was undertaken to raise awareness and funds for endangered African animals particularly the black rhino. She was awarded the Junior Chambers International Award for the Most Outstanding Young Person of the World. Previous recipients of this award have been Orson Wells and John F Kennedy!

## Vienna: Art & Design

Paul Maguire's presentation was, as always, interesting in its own right, but was particularly interesting to those members attending The NGV "Vienna: Art & Design" exhibition tomorrow evening. As always, Paul was well-prepared and had a backdrop of pictures to illustrate his points.

Paul outlined the background of conservative Roman/Greek architecture in Vienna up to the secessionist period from 1897 to 1914 when simplicity, lack of clutter, smooth curves and texture and less colour became the style. Although it could be said that secessionism has its roots in architecture it was carried through in all art forms - famously in Klimt's paintings but also in furniture, interiors and jewelery design.

Britain played a part in the movement. Morris and Turner as well as highly functional factory architecture contributed. Although it sprang from Vienna, secessionist style spread through Prague, Berlin and Munich. Many buildings of this era are still functional and still in use. Paul's presentation has set the scene for an enjoyable and informative visit to the exhibition tomorrow night.

President Kevin Walklate closed the meeting with an apology from his family for the Vienna exhibition.

A prior commitment to Harry Potter was mentioned. All present appreciated this priority.

**Our speaker for July 26: The world-famous `rhino girl'.** *by THOMAS, Tony* 

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Our club has an amazing speaker for our Tuesday July 26 morning meeting – Charlene "Charlie" Hewat, the world-leading activist for rhino conservation.

She has just been interviewed on NZ TV – go to http://tvnz.co.nz /breakfast-news/rhino-woman-charlene-hewat-4-24-video-4276811

Rhino poaching (killing for their horns) is rampant and these (usually) gentle giants are in danger of rapid extinction in the wild. It is thanks to the dedication of individuals like Charlene Hewat who remain on the 'front lines' that these magnificent creatures can be saved.

Her early experiences of growing up on a farm in Zimbabwe instilled a deep love of nature and out of this was born her passion for the environment. Whilst out on a walk in the bush some 27 years ago, she came across the carcass of a poached rhino and it was this traumatic experience that started her on the path to where she is today. She decided something needed to be done to raise awareness and to raise funds for rhino conservation in Zimbabwe. So in 1987, together with a friend, Julie Edwards, she completed a 22,000km bicycle ride which took them from the UK across Europe and Africa back to Zimbabwe. This journey was recorded and published in a book 'Extinction is Forever' and Charlene is still affectionately known and recognised today, as one of the 'The Rhino Girls'.

She met many dignitaries during this time including the Pope, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Prince Phillip and had the rare privilege of spending a few months living in the bush with George Adamson (the Lion man).

She has won many awards over the years for her work, the most notable being in 1995 when she was awarded the Junior Chambers International Award for The Most Outstanding Young Persons of the World in the category of Environmental Leadership. Previous recipients of this prestigious internationally recognized award have been Orson Wells and the late John F Kennedy to name a few.

Charlene is touring Australasia to share her personal experiences of her conservation work in Zimbabwe and Southern Africa as CEO of the organisation she founded in 2000, Environment Africa. Donations welcome!

## Recycling hotel soap to save lives

by DRIVER, Allan

## www.cnn.com

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**Atlana (CNN)** - - That bar of soap you used once or twice during your last hotel stay might now be helping poor children fight disease. Derreck

Kayongo and his Atlanta-based Global Soap Project collect used hotel soap from across the United States. Instead of ending up in landfills, the soaps are cleaned and reprocessed for shipment to impoverished nations such as Haiti, Uganda, Kenya and Swaziland. "I was shocked just to know how much (soap) at the end of the day was thrown away," Kayongo said. Each year, hundreds of millions of soap bars are discarded in North America alone. "Are we really throwing away that much soap at the expense of other people who don't have anything? It just doesn't sound right."

Launch of New Police Mentoring Leaders Mentoring Program by MEEHAN, John



The launch of the fifth year of this Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program will take place on Tuesday evening at the RACV attended by over 110 participants and guests.

The program began in 2007 and since then 80 Police leaders have been mentored by a senior Rotarian and a Business executive. The program has grown from a club project to a district-endorsed program than involves 22 other clubs and is managed by a Steering Committee of Police, Rotary and Business.

The Steering Committee is continually inspired by the stories it hears and the close relationships that some Rotarians are experiencing from this program. Through the various presentations by Police Mentorees as guests at meetings at the participating Clubs, Rotarians have gained an understanding of the enormous challenges being faced by members of our Police force in their respective work places and in achieving a greater interaction with the community. Through the program, many Rotarians have experienced the pleasure of joining their Mentorees for a graduation ceremony at the Academy where they shared the emotion of welcoming the newest graduates into the family of Victoria Police.

Since the program began and as a result of a 3-year pilot period, some changes have been made which we believe have made it an even more enriching experience. The Steering Group constantly evaluates the program each year with regard for diversity and the encouragement of greater levels of female officers to participate. Also to include un-sworn members who make up an increasing percentage of the overall Police force. This coming year will see an expansion of the program into country Victoria with a Police Inspector in Sale to be mentored locally. This opens up the potential to go State-wide in the future so the careers of many more Police leaders might benefit by the experience.

The levelling out of the make-up of Police Mentorees down to Senior-Sergeant up to mostly inspector levels will have identified many younger and more career minded members to apply. This means that Rotary has had to change its selection process down to mostly past Club Presidents still active in the business community but knowledgeable in Rotary's ideals and objectives. The disappointment this year is that only two female past Presidents have come forward as Rotary Mentors as opposed to five last year. We would be seeking to correct that situation next year.

At the launch on Tuesday, President Kevin, as MC, will welcome guests and introduce DG Keith Ryall and Acting Chief Commissioner, Ken Lay who will thank the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise for its dedication and continuing enthusiasm for this great vocation program. The program this year is being sponsored by Vic Police in lieu of IBM Global Solutions.

Rotary Mentors from our Club this year will be PP Alan Seale and Anne

King. Rotarians represented on the Steering Committee include President Kevin Walklate, Richard Stone, John Meehan, Neville John and Justine Murphy each with defined roles and tasks.

Our club wishes the program and all the participants for 2011-12 a very rewardign year and we hope that the experience will continue to be of lasting benefit to our future Police Leaders.