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## Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise eBulletin

Thursday, August 11, 2011



Hello Bernie! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club. We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

**Editor:** Rebecca RIEBELING If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

#### Report of last Tuesday's meeting.

by STEINER, Kerstin

Rotary Grace.

### Future Speakers

#### Aug 16 2011

Steven Wells

"Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre - Gardens in Health Care"

#### Aug 23 2011

John Taylor

"The Role of the Ombudsman in Victoria"

#### Aug 30 2011

District Governor Keith Ryall
"Celebrate the Past and make a
Commitment to the Future"

#### Sep 6 2011

Phil Ruthven, Chairman and Founder IBIS World. ""After Our Turbulent 2011, Prospects for 2012 and Beyond""

#### Sep 13 2011

Andrew McLeod.
"Principles for Social
Investment"

#### Sep 20 2011

Ed Stockdale et al "From Keats to Banjo"

# Vikki Chaffey. Sergeant's Session. Ed Stockdale decided to test the members' knowledge of the different 'Modern 7 Wonders of the World' and the '7 Natural Wonders of the World' and Wonders of th

The meeting chair John Meehan opened the meeting with the loyal toast and

President Kevin Walklate welcomed guest Neville Taylor and guest speaker

of the different 'Modern 7 Wonders of the World' and the '7 Natural Wonders of the World'. The session left some members wandering what was modern, the chaos was however quickly sorted out by an approach to keep the collection box wandering as someone will pay.

**Club Announcements.** Information on 'Guess Who is Coming to Dinner', scheduled for 3 September 2011, was passed on by Kevin Walklate and Paul Maguire, standing in for Joel Siegersma. Members prepared to be a host please contact Paul or Joel.

Information on the Special Breakfast with Andrew McLeod speaking about "The Principles for Social Investment Secretariat" was provided by Kevin Walklate with support from David Jones. The breakfast will be one of our fundraising events for this Rotary year with a hot breakfast and a contemporary 'hot' topic, the establishment of the Secretariat for the UN Principles for Responsible Investment in Melbourne. Tickets will be available shortly and will cost \$40.00 for early registration. [\$50 if booked after 6th September].

President Kevin reminded club members that a 'Work with Children Permit' was desirable for all members. Tom Callander will be distributing application forms for the permit shortly.

Roy Garrett promised regular updates on the Laos school project throughout the year. The project will combine leisure with work - the unforgettable sights of Mekong and two World Heritage towns with the satisfaction of helping some of the most disadvantaged people in the world.

The project site has changed to a primary school in Luang Prabang because of the easier access and the possibility of assistance to a 'Minority High School' which translates into an Orphanage, just opposite the primary school. 14 people have already expressed their expression of interest with a target of between 16 to 20 people participating.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Guess Who is Coming to Dinner

Sep 3 2011

**Melbourne Marathon** Oct 9 2011

Vocational Visit

Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

Club Christmas Party Dec 20 2011

Steam Rally with Rotary Club of Echuca Moama

Jun 9 2012 - Jun 11 2012

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Please visit our Club Website Sponsors. To place your ad click here. Tony Thomas shared a story about our previous guest speaker, the 'Rhino Girl', Ms Charlene Hewat. She was instrumental in apprehending a rhino poacher but had to drop her complaints because of threats against her family and friends.

Tony also advised that the successful fundraising efforts of the Rotary Club of Crawley WA will be featured as cover story in the September edition of Rotary Down Under.

Kevin Love pointed out that Tony Thomas was not only regularly providing news but making headlines himself by sharing the story of Tony's recent investigative success by exposing a scam on fake Apple products on eBay. Some bargains are just too good to be true...

Neville John reminded us all that it is Membership month and that every member counts. Rotary Clubs worldwide had a 1.2 million members in 1988 and since then we have gained and lost 1 million members. Our club inducted 11 new members last year but sadly 7 members have resigned, a net gain of 4.



**Guest Speaker.** Leading Senior Constable Vikky Chaffey – Youth Resource Officer in Central Goldfields.

Vikky, a Silk Miller Scholarship recipient, shared her story of how the award has assisted her in her role as a Youth Resource Officer. She facilitates communication between the police, youth, the wider community and agencies that are active in youth services.

Vikky is stationed in Maryborough, a town in the Central Goldfields, facing the typical challenges of rural Victoria in the areas of education, employment, income and health. She is particularly passionate about the effects these challenges have on the youth and moreover youth that have been identified at risk. Unlike some colleagues, who might consider these youth at risk as 'pests', she is willing to take up the challenge of assisting youth and at the same time changing the mindset of her colleagues. Her approach to assisting these kids is based on five principles: (1) enhancing childhood health, development and education; (2) engage young people as winners in learning; (3) engage adult/mature aged people in skills training; (4) build a healthy, strong and inclusive community; and (5) attain a sustainable environment.

Her passion and commitment for her profession was clearly visible in her presentation and she thanked the club for giving her the opportunity to undertake further studies in adolescent health and welfare.

Chairman John thanked Vikki for her address and presented her with a token of our appreciation.

**Note:** Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at <u>7am</u> as many guests start arriving from this time.

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

Chairperson	Michael Lapina
Sergeant	Edward Stockdale
Reporter	Ian Angus
Door	Russell Rolls / Bruce McBain
Photographer	Robin Stevens
Greeter	Barrie Tassell

Our speaker next Tuesday is Steven Wells - Horticultural Therapist by ILOTT,  $\it John$ 

Steven works at Austin Health's Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre as a Horticultural Therapist and also as a Clinical Nurse Specialist on the Acquired Brain Injury Unit.

He is a silver medal winner at the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show 2010, a Past President of the Horticultural Therapy Association of Victoria and a lecturer at the University of Melbourne.



**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH - DO YOU KNOW A MISSING PIECE?** by JOHN, Neville



#### Why Become a Member of Rotary

#### Some of the Benefits

Rotary membership provides the opportunity to:

- · Become connected to your community.
- Work with others in addressing community needs.
- Interact with other professionals in your community.
- Assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts.
- Establish contacts with an international network of professionals.
- · Develop leadership skills.
- Involve family in promoting service efforts.

#### **Serving Through Membership**

- Rotary is service-driven. Belonging to a Rotary club gives men and women an organised outlet for contributing to their community.
- Founded in 1905, Rotary is the world's first service organisation. The Rotary motto is 'Service Above Self'.
- Rotary has a global network of 1.2 million members in nearly 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries.
- Rotary members meet weekly to plan a wide variety of service activities.
   Rotary Clubs are autonomous and can determine their own service projects based on local needs and interests and the abilities of members.
- Rotary clubs are non-religious, non-governmental and open to every race, culture and creed. Club membership represents a cross-section of local business and professional leaders.

If you know someone who you think would be interested in joining our club, please contact Neville John or John Meehan and they will let you know what to do.

## Assistant Commissioner Andrew Crisp Victoria Police. Introduction to club 16th August.

by SEALE, Alan

Alan Seale, Rotary Mentor for Asst. Commissioner Andrew Crisp is pleased to announce that Andrew will attend our meeting on Tuesday 16th August and will be given the opportunity to make a brief presentation.

#### **Social Events**

by MAGUIRE, Paul

Paul Maguire has been busy social butterfly and advises that the social events calendar has been updated on the web page.

In addition Paul is looking to arrange the following social occasions, dates and details yet to be advised:

- Social event with RC Docklands- in the Docklands area possibly at the Fox Car Museum.
- Social event with RC Echuca Moama
- A club BBQ
- Tour of the Royal Botanical Gardens The Three Follies
- Wine tasting at Balwyn Cellars [limited to 20 participants]

#### **Bulletin**

by STEVENS, Kay

A reminder - the bulletin is published and delivered to you on Thursdays each week. If you have any items for inclusion in the bulletin please ensure they reach the Editor [Rebecca Reibeling - David Jones standing in for next two weeks] by Wednesday prior.

**GSE TEAM MEMBERS - Nominations sought.** by MEEHAN, John

## NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR GSE TEAM $\underline{\text{MEMBERS}}$ TO INDIA and/or USA

by John Meehan

Nominations are being called for throughout our District for Rotarians to nominate young professionals 25-40 years of age to apply to be a GSE Team Member.

Applicants must not be a current Rotarian but, with recent change, may be a relative of a Rotary member. They must be an Australian citizen.

Two GSE Teams are being supported by District next year to travel for 4 weeks to either:

- \* Central India (District 3030) leaves 14th January 2012 home on 15th February 2012
- \* Central California, USA (District 5230) leaves 22nd April 2012 home on 22nd May 2012

Teams are composed of 4 members, usually of various business and professional backgrounds and one experienced Rotarian Leader.

Team members can come from corporations, small businesses, community organisations, medical and educational facilities, government offices and not-for-profit agencies.

They must be currently employed full-time and must have worked in their vocational field for at least 2 years by the time of application. They must either be employed or reside within District 9800.

Applications close for Team Members to District 3030-India on 19th September 2011 and for District 5230- USA on 14th November 2011.

If you know of an enthusiastic young person seeking to advance their career and meet colleagues sharing similar vocations then <u>please refer them to John</u> Meehan on 9859 1772

**Nominations called for GSE Team Leader** by MEEHAN, John

Nominations are being called for throughout the District for Rotarians to apply to lead a **Group Study Exchange Team (GSE)** to either India or USA leaving in January 2012 and April 2012 respectively. The GSE program provides travel grants for teams of young business and professional men and women

between ages of 25 and 40. It is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for 4 to 6 weeks to study the host country's institutions and way of life. The selection of a good **Team Leader** can make a big difference to the quality of the Team's GSE experience. Our Club would welcome experienced current Members to apply if they have experience in leading a team either in their employment or as a volunteer. Applicants must be well informed on our country and on Rotary. Whilst no age limit, they must be alert, energetic and physically able to keep pace with a rigorous host program in the host country. **Applications close on Friday 9th September 2011** and interviews by District will be held on 25th September 2011.

If you feel that you may qualify or would like an application form, contact John Meehan on 9859 1772 to discuss. Past GSE Team Leaders from our Club are Paul Maguire (Japan) and Neville John (Ireland).