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Club meetings: 7.15 for 7.40 am at the RACV Club

501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

DUTY ROSTER - 2 April and 9 April 2013

The meeting on 2 April will be a casual breakfast and fellowship in the Ground Floor Dining Room at the RACV Club. As this will not be a usual Club meeting, no members will be rostered for duty. Also, because this Tuesday's meeting will be informal, there will be no report of the meeting and therefore no Bulletin for next week.

The meeting on 9 April will be an Eminent Speaker Breakfast with the following members being rostered for duty:

Chairperson	Kay Stevens
Sergeant	Micheal Bromby
Reporter	Tony Thomas
Photographer	Yanpu Zhang
Door	Justine Murphy & Bernie Gerlinger

EMINENT SPEAKER BREAKFAST - 9 April 2013

Guest Speaker: Alan Attwood – Editor, The Big Issue

Alan Attwood, author and journalist, was born in Scotland in 1957 and emigrated to Australia with his family when he was four. He has worked as an abalone packer, dishwasher and mail sorter, but, since 1978, mainly as a journalist. Since November 2006, he has been Editor of The Big Issue, a national independent publication sold by street vendors throughout Australia. As a journalist, he has specialised in not specialising: in a 35-year career, he has covered events as diverse as the first free elections in South Africa, political intrigue in Morocco, a US presidential campaign and four Olympic Games.

Between 1995-98 he was the New York-based correspondent for *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*. He won a Walkley Award for coverage of sport in 1998 and subsequently was a columnist for *The Age*. Alan is the author of two published novels: *Breathing Underwater* and *Burke's Soldier*, the story of John King, the only survivor of the Burke and Wills' expedition.

RSVP: 2 April 2013 – To book, please download the booking form from link on the RCCMS website.

Cost: \$45.00

Please note: All bookings received after 2 April will be charged at \$55.00

The breakfast is a fundraiser for the Club's projects including the support of the Rotary bushfire recovery fund for the recent natural disasters, as well as the homeless, marginalised youth, young indigenous people and many more.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING - 26 March 2013

The chair of the day was Peter Lake. President Kay introduced the chair of the day, Peter Lake,

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Editor Robin STEVENS

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and welcomed visitor John Price (who was also attended last week's meeting) and our guest speaker, Mr. Rithy Ann, who was accompanied by Rotarian Bronwyn Stephens from Rotary Club of Melbourne South.

Announcements:

These came from ...

- Neville Taylor who reminded everybody of our Eminent Speaker Breakfast on 9 April, and urged all members to register and invite partners, friends and colleagues. One hundred places have been reserved, and as usual Club members are leaving it to the last minute to register !!
- Alan Seale who reported that the four chairs for McAuley House had been finished by Roger Thornton and himself, and a trailer and vehicle with towbar were needed to transport them. Kevin Walklate kindly indicated that he could help.
- Mik Wells, New Generations Director, who reported on a most successful weekend at the District RYPEN camp and thanked RCCMS members including Alan Driver, Kevin Walklate, Tom Callander, Tom Boyle, George Mackey, Kay and Robin Stevens, Marjorie and Bernie Gerlinger and Gerard Hogan assisted with the catering. Mik singled out the professional chefs, Stevie and Michel, who as well as volunteering their time and expertise were also instrumental in getting in excess of 80% of the food requirements donated by businesses and suppliers. Our Club sponsored four students from Mount Alexander College.
- President Kay who also commented on RYPEN, and reminded members of the Eminent Speaker Breakfast ... including a request for raffle prizes for this event. President Kay also reported that the Board had made a donation of \$1,200 to the Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal, had donated \$6,000 to Foundation and had allocated \$1,000 to the Polio Challenge. Kay thanked Roger and Alan for their splendid work with the furniture for McAuley House. Kay also mentioned that a video recording would be made of this morning's presentation by our guest speaker and this would be posted on the e-Club's website. Club attendance is running at 65%. Inez Duessyer has resigned as she is now living at Rye, and Mary Voice and Gerard Hogan have been granted leave of absence.



Sergeant's Session: Michael Bromby leapt straight into the music and revealed that this week's music featured the band *Blood, Sweat and Tears*, which was formed in 1967 and which combined rock, pop, jazz, blues and big band in their sound. He mentioned that the group came to fame after the original lead singer was replaced by David Clayton-Thomas.

Herb Greenwood was again the hot favourite for this selection, but it turned out to be Gerard Hogan had the fetish for *Blood Sweat and Tears*. Members waited for the joke, but Gerard's explanation of the song chosen was simply "...it says get on with it; no one is going to do it for you".

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker was Mr. Rithy Ann who explained that he wished to share his early life experiences in Cambodia with us and other Rotary Clubs with the aim of helping improve the life and education of children in Cambodia.

Rithy was orphaned during the Khmer Rouge regime in the most tragic and personal circumstances which resulted in him living in pagodas and being cared for and educated by Buddhist monks. His education eventually extended to him graduating with a Masters Degree in the area of management; he has also acquired a deep historical and political knowledge of his country. His life's work is now to help the poor and starving of Cambodia, particularly the children. Rithy was inducted into the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh in December 2012 and has worked with the Rotary Club of Melbourne South (which has a D9800 and RAWCS-registered project in Cambodia) on seven Cambodian visits, assisting the tour leaders and guiding the tours. Rithy explained that most westerners knew of Cambodia for two main reasons: Pol Pot and Angkor Wat. He said that there is still no real peace in Cambodia, and, although visiting Angkor Wat is non-threatening, most of Cambodia is still a war-torn country with millions of people having little or no shelter and with millions of children being parentless. Eighty-five percent of the population are farmers, with the majority being so poor that they can only afford land of around 4 x 15 metres in size. Children in poor communities often go without breakfast and walk up to 20 kilometres to attend school. Families contribute around 5 to 10 cents per month to supplement teachers' salaries, and this often is too much for the poor to find. Accordingly children of poor families and communities are urged to leave school early, and assist in the family or the village. This creates a spiral of hopelessness.

If you are lucky enough/wealthy enough to own a motor bike, this is used to travel to work or carry goods, and a 1½ ton truck can carry sixty workers to a factory where they might earn up to \$80 per month for a 10 hour day. Rithy showed a photograph of a lady pulling a cart laden with recyclable materials that she had gathered from refuse dumps; this could earn her up to \$1.50 per day for exceptionally hard labour. A number of workers enter Thailand illegally to work as construction workers, where they could earn as much as \$7 per day, but as "illegals", they run the continual risk of being shot and killed by members of the Thai army.

Rithy summed up his proposition by saying that the poor of Cambodia, particularly the children, needed help from clubs and organisations like ours to give the children food (so they can study properly at school), shelter and hope.

Bronwyn Stephens (Rotary Club of Melbourne South) then spoke briefly and explained how their Club was managing a District 9800 project to encourage other Rotary Clubs to travel to Cambodia to see how their Club could get involved in aid, encompassing both tourism and humanitarian experiences. Payments made whilst in Cambodia went directly to assisting the poor, and visitors stayed in top quality hotels, in safe areas.

Both Alan Seale and Roy Garrett added their unconditional encouragement to these trips.

Reporter: Richard Bowen | Editor: Robin Stevens

REPORT ON RYPEN CAMP – 22-24 March 2013

It was a delight to see 47 students aged between 14 and 17 from 23 secondary schools bonding and having their boundaries stretched at the RYPEN camp. This was at "Weekaway" near Lancefield.

Our club had 13 members taking part, including Allan Driver, Tom Callander, Kevin Walklate, Michael Wells, George Mackey, Tony Thomas, Tom Boyle, Robin and Kay Stevens, Gerard Hogan, Marjorie and Bernie Gerlinger, and Neville John in his District capacity.



The RCCMS team with Stevie and Michelle

Our job was to lay and clear the tables, and ensure the students were well fed and watered. We sponsored four students from Mt Alexander College, Flemington. They were Hiba Abdikadir, Fartun Ibrahim and Shi ("Samantha") Ming Bong (females), and Maslah Gore (male).

The twice-yearly Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment camps have been running for more than 25 years. The March activities were run by a dozen youth leaders from Rotaract and RYLA. Three District New Generations committee members also attended full-time.

Our Melbourne Sunrise club was fortunate to have the volunteered service of two chefs, Stevie and Michelle. The meals even extended to fillet steak for the Saturday dinner, served by RCCMS members in dinner suits.



The black tie waiters

The students were mostly 16-17 year olds, three-quarters of them girls. The goal is the communication of a series of ideas, problems and social experiences, which will assist the youngsters in forming their own values and moral standards. The camp also features activities designed to facilitate trust building, working in groups, self esteem building and content and process skills for young people.

The individual students are generally identified by the school and sponsored by a Rotary Club. They were from a wide variety of national backgrounds and educational level. This diversity is an important factor in getting adolescents out of their comfort zones. Another help is that "Weekaway" has no mobile phone or internet coverage.

Friday evening involved "ice-breaking" activities such as students donating one shoe to a pool and other students then trying to find a matching owner and ask them a challenging question.

Outdoor activities throughout Saturday were undertaken by students grouped in “colour” teams, with a focus on communication, goal setting, and physical challenges. Evening guest speaker was Ms Demet Divaroren, who used her problems establishing a writer’s career as an inspiration towards tenacity and self-confidence.

Sunday’s activity was largely a mock auction of “values” such as Peace, Good Looks, Trust, and Intelligence. District Governor Dennis Shore provided a closing address urging students to remember and possibly take part in Rotary life as they grow older.

Reporter: Tony Thomas | Editor: Robin Stevens

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