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### NEXT MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

**Jessica Swann and Saara Sabbagh**

**Connecting Communities & Making a Difference**



In 2008, a group of dedicated women came together to discuss the absence and need, in the Muslim community, for a welcoming, safe space, free of judgement, discrimination and ethnic divide. They visualised a place where the spirit is nourished, minds are challenged and where a diverse community can come together inspired with the values of social consciousness and compassion. Thus, Benevolence Australia was born and has, since then, reached out to the wider community to provide a deeper understanding and meaningful engagement, fostering social harmony, cohesion and connectedness.

Raised in Melbourne of Syrian descent, Saara Sabbagh began a committed study of Islam and active community participation and service at the young age of 16. Initially studying with local teachers, Saara went on to travel to Syria where she formally pursued the path of traditional sacred knowledge under the tutelage of female scholars from Damascus and Hama.

For the past 20 years, Saara has unwaveringly served the Melbourne and Australian community with firm determination, creativity and optimism. As a cross-cultural educator, Saara continues to engage the broader community and challenge commonly held stereotypes and perceptions. As a Muslim community leader and educator, Saara is critically engaging her community on what it means to be an Australian.

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### CHARITY AUCTION AND DINNER SUCCESS

Posted by Frank O'BRIEN

The very elegant Swanston Room at the Melbourne Town Hall was the setting for the Club's main fundraiser for this year. We had 110 people attending and raised **\$15,500 approx.**

It was a great night with plenty of major and silent auction items to choose from, the three-course gourmet dinner and matching wines were most pleasing and there were some generous buyers.

A big thank you must firstly go to our Fundraising Director, Herb Greenwood, who worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a success. Providing a guiding hand and much support were Marjorie and Bernie Gerlinger. Thank you to Daniel Lim for his work and for engaging Chef De Cuisine, Jeffrey Tan, who generously donated a dinner for 10 people as the major auction item... no doubt it will be a memorable night. A further big thank you to our sponsors The City of Melbourne and Global Ballooning.

There are many thank yous remaining... to Andrew Edwards from Jellis Craig Inner North, our Auctioneer for the night who provided some light-hearted entertainment as he seamlessly extracted the last dollar from unsuspecting bidders. Also to all those members and partners who assisted on the night with a variety of tasks. To Club members who supported the Auction by sourcing donations, who attended with their friends, to Club members who couldn't attend but donated, and to outside organisations such as KPMG who donated goods in cash or kind.

Well done to everybody involved and we can now look forward to supporting the Charities we have planned to support this year, and to our other major fundraiser for the year, "Opera on the Yarra" on Saturday 3 March 2018.

### GUEST SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION 24th OCTOBER

Posted by Stuart ELLIS AM

**Bob Slater, Kew Rotary Club**

**Rotary's Life After Stroke (LAS) Program**

Approximately 12,000 Victorians per year have a stroke, and 65% survive. Stroke survivors are of all ages and an increasing number are younger and of working age. Rehabilitation is generally 12 months and few have sufficient sick leave and other leave entitlements that ensure they retain their employment. Even those who have their jobs held may not be able to resume duties due to permanent physical



## **Meeting Responsibilities**

*Chair*  
ILOTT, John

*Greeter*  
LAPINA, Michael

*Reporter*  
JOHN, Neville

*Photographer*  
THORNTON, Roger

*Door*  
LIM, Daniel

*Bulletin Editor*  
SOROS, Rob

*Project Report - Member Talk*

## **Upcoming Events**

[Board Meeting](#)  
RACV CLUB  
Nov 15, 2017  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[25th Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast](#)  
RACV CLUB  
Nov 21, 2017  
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

[Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser](#)  
Nov 25, 2017

[Guess Who's Coming to Dinner](#)  
Nov 25, 2017  
6:30 PM – 11:30 PM

[Christmas Party Breakfast](#)  
RACV City Club  
Dec 19, 2017  
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

[Board Meeting](#)  
RACV CLUB  
Dec 20, 2017  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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and/or cognitive impairment.

LAS is a Rotary Community Services 9800 District Endorsed Program (DEP) that is Vocational based and Kew Rotary is the Club lead. Rotary in conjunction with Stroke Association of Victoria sources Rotarians and Friends of Rotary who can assist Stroke Survivors to re-engage with community activities and/or paid work such as Peer Mentors (stroke survivors) to assist with early confidence building, and Rotary mentors when the stroke survivor is ready to re-engage in the community or work and is finding difficulty and/or does not have the confidence.

Our club can assist through vocational support or fund raising.



### PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST 25th ANNIVERSARY



#### Guest Speaker - Daniel Flynn

#### The 'Thankyou' journey - a blueprint for turning ideas into reality

Bookings now open [www.trybooking.com/309283](http://www.trybooking.com/309283)

**When: 21st November 2017, 7.15 for 7.30am**

**Where: RACV City Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne**

**Cost: \$65.00 per head or Table of 10 \$600.00**

Driven, resourceful and determined, Daniel Flynn is one of Australia's most successful entrepreneurs under the age of 30.

He is the founder and managing director of the social enterprise Thankyou, which has given more than \$5.5 million to help end global poverty.

Thankyou's 50 products are stocked by major retailers in Australia and 100 per cent of profits go to funding water, sanitation, child and maternal health and food projects around the world. In nine short years, Thankyou has directly impacted the lives of 755,538 people in 20 countries, including Australia.

Daniel is also the author of best-selling book Chapter One, a story that generated \$1.4 million in sales in its first month using an unorthodox 'pay-what-you-want' model.

He is a genius at disruptive marketing and has received widespread media coverage for some truly unconventional and highly successful campaigns that led to Thankyou products being stocked by some of Australia's biggest retailers. He is an engaging and thoughtful speaker and his talks offer a blueprint for turning ideas into reality.

***This is one of our signature events in its 25th year so please invite friends, colleagues and family to hear from an inspiring speaker.***

### MEETING REPORT 24th OCTOBER

Posted by Stuart ELLIS AM

#### Guests

- Bob Slater and Keith from Kew Rotary
- Laura Bird (an acoustic engineer) visits us for the first time
- Sebastian Olivera, (from RC Aguada, Uruguay) introduced himself and exchanged banners
- Nikki Lebbos was conducting blood pressure testing for Club members

#### Notices

- Anne is seeking prizes for the Paul Harris Breakfast on 21 November
- Frank reminded us of the 'Guess who is coming to dinner' Club function on 25 November and encouraged members to register
- Neville John spoke on World Polio Eradication Day

#### Project report: Youth

Stuart Ellis gave a summary of our Club's Youth Programs:

- Rotary Youth Exchange: we need assistance supporting Flavia Minikus for weekend outings
- Seeking new participant for Silk Millar Scholarship for Police to study Adolescent Health and Wellbeing
- The Science Experience: Wolfgang and Monica Jacobs Bequest – expecting nominations from Princess Hill Secondary School
- RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment. 27-29 October: Ella Carr from Bendigo and Justin Marks from Clyde North will attend
- RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Award 3 - 9 Dec 2017 and April 27-29, 2018 seeking nominations from International House
- MUNA- Model UN Assembly 25 -27<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- National Youth Science Forum – seeking nominations March 2018
- Overseas Student Meal Hosting – open to any interested hosts

### UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where	RSVP	Contact
Annual General Meeting	Tuesday 14th November 7.20am	2nd Floor RACV City Club	N/A	Neil Salvano
Paul Harris Breakfast	Tuesday 21st November 7.20am	17th Floor, RACV City Club	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/309283">http://www.trybooking.com/309283</a>	Neville Taylor
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	Saturday, 25th November (all day)	Bunnings Port Melbourne	Peter Duras	Peter Duras

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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Saturday 25th November evening	Surprise!	Contact John Ilott Host/Guest	John Ilott
Christmas Family Breakfast and Hampers	Tuesday 19th December	RACV City Club	by 15/12/17	Paul Fraser
Peninsula Family BBQ	Sunday 21st January 2018. 12 noon	15 Watson Road, Mt Martha.	by 11/1/18	Roger Thornton

**GALLERY**

*Sarah Quek awarded*



*Frank and Sebastian exchange flags*



*Visitor Laura Bird with Neville John*



*Nicky Lebbos gives Doug all clear*



*Stuart Ellis delivering Youth report*



*A room full of purple pinkies*

