

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

The Tiger Rag

Meeting 2089

29 March 2010

Speaker

Commodore George Shaw
Ocean Racing Club of Victoria

Chair

Janice Kesterton

Forthcoming:

Date	Meeting	Speaker & Topic	Chair
5 April		NO MEETING - EASTER	
12 April	2090	Leadership Victoria	Sandy Day
19 April	2091	Major Glenn Roche - DRSC - Supporting our Reservists & Employers	John Liddell
26 April		NO MEETING - ANZAC DAY	
3 May	2092	Finals - Ainger Public Speaking Awards	Ben Hosking

Birthdays

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Induction Anniversaries

Kieren Moore - 1981

Trevor Pang - 1990

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800, R.I. & OTHER ROTARY LINKS

Richmond Rotary website:	http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au
District 9800 Home Page:	http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au
District E-Zine:	http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/Networker
Rotary International:	http://www.rotary.org



From the President's Laptop

My Fellow Rotarians,

Last Monday's guest speaker, Christine Storey, whose interesting topic was 'Music, Creativity and Bionic Ears', has spoken to many Rotary Clubs on this topic, both in Australia & the United Kingdom. Christine's well-researched and informative presentation was warmly received by everyone present, including our visitors on the night. At the close of the meeting, while enjoying some fellowship with several of our Members, Christine shared some observations that I in turn would like to share with you all.

Christine commented that she felt 'very comfortable at our Club, felt welcome and had enjoyed herself' as we presented as a 'warm, vibrant and friendly Club and the diversity of the membership was representative of the wider community'. Seems she also felt that Richmond Rotary came across as a Club that had **fun** - without those older-style formalities and rituals that could possibly make visitors feel uncomfortable. We also stood out because of our welcoming, relaxed atmosphere and she just loved the way we "put it on one another" which added to the overall entertainment & welcoming ways of the Members! We know that, but it's so nice to hear it from a visitor who has possibly visited dozens of more clubs as a public speaker than any of us.

CONGRATULATIONS! Well done to all our GREAT MEMBERS. Each one of you are not only hard working when it comes to projects, but know how to enjoy each others company more than many varied clubs I too have visited. It has always been a Richmond Rotary trait to be friendly & welcoming to all & I feel confident it will always be the case!

Please consider attending two events that Janice Kesterton is our contact for:

1. She's looking for Members and Friends interested in attending the annual dinner at Café Internationale, International House, Parkville, to be held on Saturday 1st May. The theme is 'Circus' – monies raised go to Interplast (*See notice page 8*)
2. She's also keen to know if you'd like to attend the show 'Calendar Girls' in June as she will make a group booking for the RCR family. (*See notice page 6*)

Well done and thank you Janice for your initiative on both counts.

Tonight is the last meeting prior to Easter and on behalf of Sally and me please have a great Easter, celebrate well, don't drink and driveand always remember -

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY & OUR GREAT CLUB IS IN YOUR HANDS



Michael O'Sullivan
President 2009-2010

MARCH IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH

Rotary clubs and literacy leaders will be eligible for literacy recognitions at the end of RI President John Kenny's year. For Clubs there is the District Literacy Award. To earn this award a club must accomplish five literacy activities during the year. For more information and interesting reading, go to Literacy Newsletters at: <http://www.rizon30-31.net/view/71>

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER – Christine Storey: Music, Creativity & Beautiful Bionic Ears! *Report by Annie Wysham, Sub-Editor*



Mothers have ‘bionic’ ears. They also have ears in the back of their heads (like those extra eyes); ears at the end of their fingertips and other interesting places. They can hear things that most hunting dogs would miss! Well that’s what we like to train our children to believe! But no matter how clever mothers’ claim to be in the hearing department, they can’t be compared with some of Christine Storey’s wonderful Yarra Valley Grammar music students who have cochlear implants. Yarra Valley Grammar has a large Hearing Unit. You see, Christine is currently Head of Choral at Yarra Valley Grammar School amongst other impressive music-based commitments etc. She is also involved in the current debate about Music in the development

of the National Curriculum, as well as research with the Bionic Ear Institute. Christine is committed to the research project of the Bionic Ear Institute of Australia and Yarra Valley Grammar. The research is evaluating formal music training in hearing impaired children and improving the music perception for cochlear implant users.

She shared the story of one young girl with a cochlear implant who plays the cello so beautifully! Middle C is the lowest note hearing-defective people can hear, yet mostly all notes on the cello are on or below Middle C! She does her practical cello exams with all the hearing students and the examiner is not told she is hearing-impaired! Her results are impressive it seems! There are 1,000 students at YVG with 2-3 hearing impaired students in each year level. Christine stated that ‘the perception of music is increasingly being recognized as vital to many aspects of functioning in our society and has a myriad of positive effects on the body and the brain’. Music is a major concern for cochlear implant recipients and technological improvements may not be sufficient to improve music perception significantly.

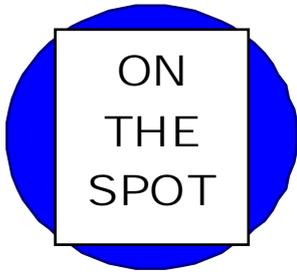
“Similarly to the impact of speech rehabilitation on language skills, there is strong evidence to support the fact that musical training is necessary to improve music perception,” Christine stated. “Unfortunately there are no specific studies to confirm this but if there were it would be extremely beneficial for the hearing impaired community. At Yarra Valley Grammar they believe that the music curriculum should benefit all students in the school community.”

Cochlear implants have been designed specifically to convey speech information. Complex signals such as music contain a broader spectral content than speech – perception of pitch and timbre both require fine spectral detail in the signal. Sadly much of this is discarded by the sound processor, destroying the appeal of music. Studies on musical ability in adults with cochlear implants have demonstrated they have similar ability to perceive rhythm, but a limited ability to distinguish pitch. Individual results vary widely and can range from a minimal pitch separation of a second minor to an octave. The research project of the Bionic Ear Institute of Australia and Yarra Valley Grammar will involve a group of participants consisting of YVG music students with normal hearing and impaired hearing, ranging from pre-school to Year 7. Christine said that the aim is to then create a new solfège more adapted to musical appreciation for people with a cochlear implant. Sadly there is only enough money for a pilot study as the Bionic Ear Institute relies on grants for funding.

All donations over \$2.00 to BEI are tax deductible. For further details about the Bionic Ear Institute and its work, go to:

<http://www.bionicear.org/index.html#>





**AG Chris Wang (PHF) [Janet]
Rotary Club of Melbourne
2006-2007: President
2008/2009 – 2009/2010: Assistant
Governor Rotary District 9800 –
Heritage Cluster Group**



What year and why did you join Rotary and your Club in particular?

I joined Rotary on 25 May 1988. I was asked by a very good friend to join his Club - Melbourne. Also, at that time I had my office in the CBD. However, I did not know anything about Rotary.

When researching, I was particularly impressed with Rotary's record in humanitarian issues, the Four-way Test, the motto "Service above Self" and the idea of universal fellowship. When considering membership four words stood out "The internationality of Rotary". Being Chinese in Melbourne in the 1950's & '60's was at times not easy and I felt that to join an organisation with true 'Internationality' aspirations was worth 'giving a go'. To me, to be elected President of Australia's first & largest Rotary Club, attests to this. It has been a most worthwhile and fulfilling experience for both Janet & I.

What keeps you committed to Rotary itself?

All the above reasons.

What was your very first Rotary project?

Hosting a Rotary Exchange Student from Germany – a programme I am passionate about.

What's been your favourite Heritage Cluster commitment and why?

**We have greatly enjoyed meeting the members from all 5 Clubs*

**Assisting the Cluster in organising the 2009 District Assembly, the funds being used to cover the cost of the Rochester Calendar initiative*

**Cluster drought support for the Campaspe District – visits and sale of the Calendar to fund future assistance*

**2009 Cluster Trivia Night*

What keeps you awake at night?

Nothing. I am lucky; I am able to not take any of my 'awake issues' to bed with me. I would have to say that life is 'pretty good' for Janet & I.

What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

Hot cross bunnies!

What's the difference between a counterfeit dollar bill and a crazy rabbit?

One is bad money, the other is a mad bunny!

YOUR WEEKLY NETWORKER: Check out Rotary District 9800's latest news at http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Networker/2009_2010/currentNetworker.pdf

Includes current event listings at 'Notices and Events' and 'Events Calendar'.

A DRAGON ON THE MOVE! A DRAGON OF A MOVE!

Our contributors, with warm thanks - Janet Wang (AG Chris) and PP Trevor Pang



16th March - Here's another bit of Chinese trivia: this is a photo of Trevor and Chris showing off/helping to get the Dai Loong (Big Dragon) loaded up for its journey (Sunday 14th March) to the World Trade Centre where it will be housed for the next 6 months.

The body of the dragon followed on foot – with 24 guys under it – and it was a bit of a show stopper in the streets of Melbourne! It would have been a sight – a headless dragon walking from the Chinese Museum in Chinatown, Melbourne City, to the World Trade Centre - with its gigantic head on the back of a truck!

[The Chinese Museum in Cohen Place, Melbourne, will be closed for renovations from 1st March until the 15th June 2010.]



Cheers - Janet

Footnote: The Melbourne Dai Loong Association is continuing a 100-year tradition of dragon parades in Melbourne, Australia. In 1978 the association was formed to create a new Dragon for the people of Melbourne and for Moomba and the Chinese community during the Chinese New Year. They adopted the name, 'Melbourne Dai Loong Association' meaning 'Melbourne Big Dragon'. They are a not-for-profit community organization. Janet Wang is the Vice-President and AG Chris Wang is a committee member. Each year they call on people from all walks of life to join in the fun and excitement of being a part of the processions. The present Dai Loong, completed in 2003, was named the 'Millennium Dragon' and is known as the largest processional dragon in the world. The head weighs 200kg approx. and requires 8 people to carry it.

<http://www.melbournedailoong.com.au/>

This is something worth watching - LIU QUIAN the MAGICIAN

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=hwVy_2eOfsE#t=78

2010 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA, 20th-23rd JUNE



Save! Register by 15 December and save! Where else can you learn, be inspired, and have fun, but at the annual Rotary International Convention! Register and reserve rooms online or by fax:

www.rotary.org/convention

Let our DG Colin Muir **and** Dolly Parton tell you all about the International Convention at

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Home>



GET DOWN AND GET DIRTY AT YPS!



The Yarra Primary School Kitchen Garden Program is seeking volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 11.30 am to help supervise the children with their gardening activities, as directed by Jude Sullivan the YPS Kitchen Garden Coordinator

PE Jo Cowling has volunteered for the Wednesday morning. If anyone else can help (or they can recommend a friend or family member) on either Wednesday or Thursday it would be very much appreciated.

Jo has volunteered before on this project and guarantees you will really enjoy it!

Please let her know ASAP if you can assist. It would be a weekly commitment during the school terms.

Rotary Jo can be contacted on M: 0438 305 611_ E: jocowling@optusnet.com.au



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YOU'VE SEEN THE MOVIE – NOW SEE THE STAGESHOW: 'CALENDAR GIRLS' ON THURSDAY, 22ND JULY!

IT'S COMING TO MELBOURNE'S COMEDY THEATRE MID-YEAR! **Janice is looking for expressions of interest from Members and Friends who would like to see the stage play, 'Calendar Girls' on Thursday, 22nd July.** The cost will be less than \$85 (the booking will be held without cost until May 31). She is keen to make a group booking ASAP but needs to have an idea of numbers. 'Calendar Girls' will play in Melbourne from Thursday 17th June for 6 weeks only. (Groups of 8+ save \$'s)



THE STORY -

A group of extraordinary middle-aged women, members of a very ordinary Yorkshire Women's Institute, spark a global phenomenon by persuading one another to pose for a charity calendar with a difference! As interest snowballs, the Calendar Girls find themselves revealing more than they'd ever planned! Calendar Girls is based on the very successful film of the same name which stars Helen Mirren and Julie Walters, (which in turn was based on an uplifting and inspiring true story that is quirky, poignant and hilarious).

Australia's 'Calendar Girls' are Lorraine Bayly, Rachel Berger, Rhonda Burchmore, Cornelia Frances, Jean Kittson, Anna Lee and Amanda Muggleton.

Please let Janice know ASAP by email or mobile if you would like to attend on Thursday 22nd July – friends and family welcome. M: 0418 171 502

FRIENDS OF RICHMOND ROTARY
VISIT TO 'BELEURA' HOUSE AND GARDEN, MORNINGTON

www.beleura.org.au

Friday, 7th May 2010

Tour of the magnificent house and garden



'BELEURA' - An Italianate Villa built in 1863 for James Butchart, pastoralist, was extended to the grand house it is today in 1869.

In 1916 it was purchased by Sir George Tallis, the then major shareholder and Chairman of Directors of J. C. Williamson Ltd. When Sir George Tallis died the property was bequeathed to his son John, a composer of music, who in turn bequeathed Beleura and its contents to the people of Victoria in 1996. The property is open only by appointment.

Beleura is a big rambling house and you see everything. It takes time to explore it all. The tours will be conducted by Guides associated with the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Mornington.

Morning coffee on arrival. Explore the house. Then lunch and in the afternoon enjoy the garden.

Cost: **\$30pp Morning Tea and Lunch provided.**
(\$3 goes towards FORR fundraising)

Time: **10:30 AM to approx 3:00 PM**
Car Pooling will be available to and from Mornington

Bus collection in Mornington.

To start the day we meet at:

Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery (MPRG)
Dunns Road, Mornington (Melways Ref: 145 G4)
where ample parking is available.

The Beleura House Garden bus will take us to Beleura. At the conclusion of the day the bus will return us back to the Gallery.

For further information, confirmation and car pooling, please contact Jenny List PH: 9816 9747 or Email: list@brendow.com.au

DISTRICT 9800 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



GSE Farewell Dinner - *Friday 23rd April

The Group Study Exchange team, led by Ken Vazquez, will go to Spain at the end of April. A Farewell Dinner will be held at Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade, Altona, to farewell them and give you a chance to meet the Team.

*Friday 23rd April - 7:00 PM till midnight, 6 Course Dinner with unlimited Beer, Wine, Soft drink, Orange Juice, Tea & Coffee. Great entertainment and a night of fast paced fun guaranteed!
ONLY \$50 PER PERSON ALL INCLUSIVE.

Bookings: phone Bryan Goodwin on 9226 3821 or email: bgoodwin@bigpond.com.

Café Internationale - Saturday 1st May

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND INVITES YOU ALL TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENT -

Bookings are now open for Café Internationale, International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville, to be held on Saturday 1st May. Theme is "Circus". Drinks from 6.30pm. Show starts 7:15 PM Dress - Black Tie. TICKETS ARE \$75.00 PER PERSON. Monies raised go to Interplast.

Your RC Richmond contact is Janice Kesterton: M - 018 171 502

Café Internationale contacts are Dawn Lo: M - 0433 018 180 or Luciana Orr: Tel - 9345 7576
Email: orrl@unimelb.edu.au or caféint2010@gmail.com

(FYI: Alumni and Friends of International House: International House started as an optimistic vision and has grown into the residential college you see today. We currently have approximately 5,000 Alumni continuing of the IH tradition throughout the world.

Without the backing of amazing, supportive and visionary people, International House would never have survived. In particular, without the assistance of **Rotary International**, the Law Group, the Lee Foundation, Thakral Corporation and many dedicated individuals and their undying support and commitment to the philosophies of internationalization, many students would not have been granted the opportunity to live at International House.

Source - <http://www.ihouse.unimelb.edu.au/>)

THE HEATS ARE ON AGAIN FOR THE AINGER PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARDS...and YOUR help is needed!

When? Monday to Thursday the 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd April

Time? 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Where? NHP Electrical Engineering Products, 43-67 River Street, Richmond
(Mel Map: 2H/Ref:G-H 6)

What? Help is needed to welcome student participants and their families/help with seating/help with the supper and just to be a Rotary presence over the 4-days of the Heats. Easy, peasy stuff... but invigorating, informative and fun! You'll LOVE listening to the presentations of all the enthusiastic student speakers who are taking part and watching the faces of their proud parents and teachers too!

History? This will be the 21st Annual Public Speaking Awards for secondary school students, held in memory of PP Ern Ainger. The Award gives contestants the right to speak on any matter they choose, inside four minutes. Preparation, personality, projection and individuality are to be emphasized rather than quick-witted debating skills.

Finals? To be held on Monday, 3rd May, at the Amora Hotel, Riverwalk, Richmond, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. A 'DO NOT MISS' EVENT!

There are no new sins; these days the old ones just get more publicity!

YOUR INVITATION TO TALIHA, DILI - INAUGURAL AWARDS CEREMONY
Please RSVP to Clarisse at timor@gasporto.org



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**MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN AND RICHMOND ROTARIANS AND
FRIENDS OF ROTARY**

TaLiHa (Tau Liman Hamutuk) is a network of ten Early Childhood Learning Centres in Timor-Leste, which share a common child and community based philosophy of education.

One of **TaLiHa's** goals is to offer quality training for its teachers. To that end, over the last 12 months they have undertaken a demanding schedule of training. After their long journey, these teachers will now be distinguished for their hard work.

We would like to invite you to **TaLiHa's Annual Certificate Award Ceremony** which will take place on **April 15th 2010** at ETDA in Dili (Comoro, behind Landmark), starting at **6:30pm**. A light dinner will be provided.

TaLiHa would appreciate your presence at this event.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Clarisse on +670 738 6194 or timor@gasporto.org

Visit our website at www.taliha.org

Barbara Woodberry , RCR's International Chair, will be representing the Rotary Club of Richmond at this very special ceremony, the first of many, and presenting them with our Club banner. Barbara will report back to Richmond Rotary on her return at a meeting in May to bring us all up-to-date re this ground breaking occasion and visit. *[Safe and propitious travels Barbara. Well done for the part you have played in bringing it all to fruition; in turn bringing meaning and benefit to so many Timorese children - their countries future leaders! Sub-Editor]*



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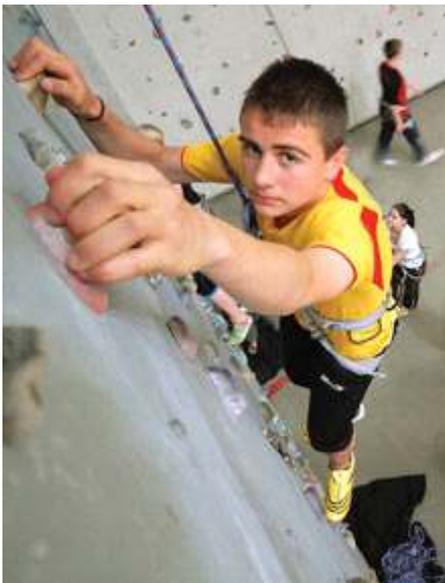
Tattoos seem to be the fashion statement today for both sexes – particularly for the celebrity set!
Do you realize then that in about 40 years we'll have thousands of old men and old ladies running around with tattoos that are sagging thanks to gravity?
(And rap music will be the 'Golden Oldies'!)..... No! Say it isn't so!

MARCH IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH: Literacy Project Puts the Writing On the Wall.

By Maureen Vaught, The Rotarian - April 2010



Being a teenager ain't easy! Being a teenager who's different and from another country is exponentially harder. Barriers of language, culture, and race can make it difficult to succeed socially as well as academically. To help the students at one school in the Bavarian town of Fürth – 65 percent of whom are from immigrant families – the Rotary Club of Fürth put up one more obstacle: a 30-foot-high climbing wall! The project, called 'It's Time to Climb', is one of 100 literacy efforts that clubs are carrying out in District 1880 as part of a three-year initiative.



"Literacy is basically a question of motivation. We have to first get teens excited about learning," says Past District Governor Peter Iblher. "Climbing offers risks and challenges that students crave."

Hauptschule Maistraße is an upper elementary school whose students range in age from 10 to 16. Many come from difficult family situations that can include drug addiction, violence, and chronic unemployment. The climbing wall provides an outlet for them and boosts self-confidence, coordination, and communication skills. In the words of one student: "Not only have I learned about my own physical potential, but I've also had the opportunity to make new friends whom I will always rely on."

The program uses a climbing wall at a nearby fitness center; the club raised €2,800 to purchase equipment and train teachers and other staff members in safe climbing techniques. The teachers donate their time to help students during weekly two-hour sessions. "We are highly impressed by the course's popularity and the positive effect it's had on our students' enthusiasm toward their classes," says teacher Bernd Günther.

More than 75 schools are benefiting from the district's literacy initiative, known as Schule: Sprungbrett in die Zukunft (School: Launching Pad to the Future). The district surveyed schools to identify their most critical problems and invited them to propose projects; the most promising ideas were recommended to Rotary clubs.

"The response was enormous," Iblher says, noting that many clubs developed additional activities to complement the projects. To ensure consistency and sustainability, district governors from three successive years, 2008-09 through 2010-11, coordinated their efforts. "We couldn't confine this project to just one Rotary year. It takes time to develop an idea, obtain the necessary information and cooperation, and develop a budget," says Iblher.

'It's Time to Climb' has been so successful that the Hauptschule Maistraße has approached the Fürth club about installing a climbing wall at the entrance of its new school building, slated to open this year. Club member, Karsten Medla, says the club is looking for additional funding to meet the estimated €15,000 cost.

**How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!**

**Why did the easter egg hide?
He was a little chicken**

NEED TO NOTE –



***March is Rotary Literacy Month**

☞ *Tuesday, 27th March – Invitation to *past District RYLarians to join the provisional RC Melbourne Park for a social night from 8.00pm, Swan Hotel, Cnr Church & Swan Sts, Richmond. \$5.00 cover charge to go towards funding a 2010 RYLA participant. Contact: rcmeltpark@gmail.com *If you know past District 9800 RYLarians' please let them know!*

***April is Rotary Magazine Month**



HAPPY EASTER AND HAPPY HOLIDAY EVERYONE!

IMPORTANT: NO CLUB MEETINGS ON MONDAY THE 5TH & THE 26TH APRIL

☞ *Tuesday, 13th April – FORR Active Group Meeting, 7.30pm – Venue: Jenny & Brian List's home, 15 Weir Street, Kew – Contact Jenny on 9816 9747 or 0411 222 427*

☞ *Monday, 19th April – RCR Board Meeting, 5.00pm Amora Hotel (Usual 3rd Monday)*

*** ☞ Monday to Thurs: 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd April – HEATS of RCR's 'Ainger Public Speaking Awards', at NHP, 43 River St, Richmond. **Volunteers needed!** (See Ben Hosking)**

☞ *Friday, 23rd April, 2010 – GSE Farewell Dinner at Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade, Altona, for the team leaving for Spain in April. 7.00pm-midnight. \$50 pp. 6-course dinner with wine, beer, soft drinks, tea & coffee. Entertainment. Bookings: Bryan Goodwin on 9226 3821 or bgoddwin@bigpond.com*

☞ *Wednesday, 28th April – RE: **Mock Job Interviews – Briefing & Info session** for volunteer interviewers: 5.30pm, MGC, Yarra Boulevard, Richmond (Contact: Tim Baker)*

***May is Australian Rotary Health Research Month**

☞ *Saturday 1st May, 2010 – Annual Dinner: Café International, International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville. Theme: 'Circus'. 6.30pm for drinks; 7.15pm show. \$75 PP. **Black tie.** Your RCR table contact is Janice: Email: janicedk@bigpond.net.au or on 0418 171 502*

☞ *Sunday 2nd May, 2010 – Car Rally: finishes up at Janice's seaside home!(Elissa/Jenny)*

*** ☞ Monday, 3rd May – **FINALS - RCR's 'Ainger Public Speaking Awards'**, 6.30pm for 7.00pm, Amora Hotel, Riverwalk, Richmond **A must-attend event!** (Contact: Ben Hosking)**

☞ *Thurs 6th May, Week 4, Term 2 - **MGC Mock Job Interview Day** (Contact: Tim Baker)*

☞ *Friday, 7 May, 2010 – FoRR's visit to the historic property, 'Beleura', Mornington – Tour of the House & Garden, M/Tea & Lunch. **DON'T MISS THIS TREAT!** (Jenny List)*

☞ *Sunday 16th May, 2010 – **District Assembly** - details to follow (PE Jo Cowling)*

☞ *Monday, 17th May – RCR Board Meeting, 5.00pm Amora Hotel (Usual 3rd Monday)*

***June is Rotary Fellowship Month**

☞ **20th-23rd June – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MONTREAL, CANADA**

WHY IS MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IMPORTANT FOR ROTARY?

Compiled by Annie Wysham, Sub-Editor.

Source: www.rotary.org



SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR ROTARY! REFER A MEMBER!

Complete the Membership Referral Form at www.rotary.org/membershipreferral to recommend a friend, family member, business associate, or other qualified individual for potential membership in a club other than your own.

Let's reflect on some of the reasons that membership growth is important for Rotary.

- Membership growth increases Rotary's capacity for service.
- New Rotarians bring fresh ideas, new interests, and increased energy to clubs.
- More members increase the volume of support for The Rotary Foundation.
- Diversity in membership ensures that the club is relevant to the entire community.
- Service-minded individuals are given the opportunity to help their communities through Rotary.
- More members create a larger network for both local and international fellowship.
- New and younger members ensure the future of Rotary and its work.

- ✓ **Your Richmond Rotary Membership Chair is PE Jo Cowling.**
- ✓ **Committee members are Jenny Crofts, PP Trevor Pang and Ben Hosking.**

Maybe you know some business associates or family members who would make great Rotarians, but you never considered them for club membership because they don't live or work near you.

Take the time this month to call them, tell them why you think they'd make great Rotarians, and submit membership referrals online.

The prospective members' contact information will be sent to district leaders in their geographic area, then forwarded to individual clubs.

Share your passion for Rotary..... and challenge everyone in your [RCR] club to do the same!

Teachers and Educators

According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington recently was faced with a unique problem.

A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night, the maintenance man would remove them and the next day, the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done.

She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night.

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

THE MORAL OF THIS STORY:

There are teachers, AND, there are Educators.