



The Weekly Bulletin of the

Rotary Club of Essendon North

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This Week: Michael Grek Award 5 Star Security Chair: Barry Harvey

Michael immigrated from South Africa and started an electrical company, working on major apartment buildings and other large developments, he built it into a large business and then sold it to pursue his interest in high-tech surveillance and C-Bus technology. He is an industry leader in this field, writing 'apps' for use by clients.

From The Oval Office

President Himanshu Kaushik

Greeting Fellow Rotarians.

Hope everyone had a great long weekend and enjoyed the Melbourne cup. Ankit and I had a great time in New Zealand on our short holidays during cup weekend. I have never seen so many All Blacks flags in my life, whole NZ was fully of the All blacks flag and every kiwi was enjoying their world cup victory over Wallabies. I must say Queenstown, NZ is so beautiful that we fell in love with that town.

Our normal meeting was replaced by Oaks Day Luncheon on Thursday. As always, it was a great success. It was attended by almost 100 ladies, including some male helpers. Please see below the report provided by Barry Coleman on the event.

I will be an apology for this week meeting and Max will be acting President for this week meeting. I will be celebrating the Diwali Festival (equivalent to Christmas festival in India) on Wednesday with my family and friends. Diwali (the "festival of lights") is an ancient Hindu festival celebrated in autumn every year. Diwali is one of the largest and brightest festivals in India. The festival spiritually signifies the victory of good over evil. The preparations and rituals typically extend over a five-day period, but the main festival night of Diwali coincides with the darkest, new moon night of the Hindu Lunisolar month. In the Gregorian calendar, Diwali falls between mid-October and mid-November.

This Week: Our Speaker is Michael Grek "Award 5 Star Security" Chair: Barry Harvey.

Apology: Sam Pennisi had a small shoulder operation and he will be away for 3-4 weeks. We wish Sam a speedy recovery.

Dora's Birthday Celebration: I wish to advise that Sunday 15th of November is Dora's birthday. Her current host (Rosa) has suggested having an additional informal night to celebrate to celebrate her birthday on Friday 13th November. The venue: Carousalla Pizzeria in Margaret St Moonee Ponds. Time: 7 pm. Rosa will organize a cake and make the venue reservation. Please RSVP to Rosa.

Enjoy your week in Rotary.

Himanshu, President

Did you know: Reijro Hattori, Chairman of Seiko is a member of RC of Tokyo.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to Coral Thompson: 27th November.
Happy Anniversary to Terry and Marie Daffey: 7th November.

Coming Up...

- 18th Nov: Gareth Andrews "Mentoring for Mens Health",
- 25th Nov: Elizabeth Joldeski "Melbourne Airport Development", Chair: Rhys Maggs, followed by the AGM, Chair: Sam Pennisi
- 2nd Dec: Daniel Kuzeff "Mental Health Issues Amongst Melbourne Youth", Chair: Barry Coleman.

The Ning Nong Conference...



REGISTRATION BEFORE NOVEMBER 30TH:

First time attendees \$225 (normal \$300)

Others \$275 (normal \$350)

Oaks Day Luncheon Report

Barry Coleman: Fundraising Chairman

Some 100 ladies, including some male helpers, attended our special Fundraiser for Cancer Research at Fredricks Restaurant.



The day consisted of free glasses of champers on arrival served with canapés, followed by a scrumptious 2 course meal and Devonshire tea. There were lucky Door Prizes, lucky TAB Tickets, Sweeps, Auctions and a Raffle, prizes for Lady of the Day, Best Hat, Best Shoes, Best Head Piece and more which ensured all who attended had a most happy, enjoyable fun day. There were many accolades.

Of course the day could not have been a success without the organisation of Coral. Big thanks to her. She was ably supported by MC Barry Harvey. Sam, I am sorry to say you have lost your job as auctioneer. Well done Barry. Max had his happy team of helpers running the Sweeps which added to the day's success. A great job Max. His team of Dora, Rhys, Russell, Terry, and 2 volunteer friends as helpers namely Graeme and Keith, special thanks. Thanks to Terry D for assisting set up the Restaurant after the day's activities.



As can be seen from the photos Rosa has captured some very happy people enjoying the day. Her support together with David Ursic's support is most appreciated. Not to mention Kay for her assistance and non-Rotarians "honest" Lyle and wife Glenda. Also thanks to Barbara Warner for assistance with the beautiful roses and other flower decorations.

Of course the day would not be complete without the receipt of donations of gifts for prizes, raffle and auction

items. A special thanks to Coral, Cheryl, Lilian, Kay, Fredricks and Les for arranging an auction item. With all the aforementioned successful activities we were able to raise in excess of \$2500 for a very worthwhile cause. Again thanks to all for your support and apologies to anyone I have omitted to mention.

Oaks Day "Results"

Coral Thompson

Lady of the day was Julie Gozzik (pictured). She was dressed all in hot pink from head to shoes. Runner up was Robyn Withers (pictured) dressed in a lovely teal dress with a green Jacket, black head piece, black bag and shoes .



Best Hat: Jenny Parkinson in a black and white hat. Best head-piece: Denise Roberts wearing a stunning white tulle Rose. Prettiest shoes were worn by Ann Druery. So many lovely ladies on the day!

The Auctions: Weekend for two at Tullah Lakeside Lodge, Tasmania was sold to Pegg Robins for \$ 400. The Sassafras night away was sold to Tracy Mathieson-Lool for \$280. The rocking horse was sold to Cheryl Harvey for \$120.



We gratefully acknowledge sponsorship by the Strathmore Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Rotary Club of Essendon North meets every Wednesday at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at Fredricks, Mt. Alexander Road, Essendon.

Visit our website: <http://essendonnorthrotary.org.au/>

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