



The Weekly Bulletin of the

Rotary Club of Essendon North

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This Week: Partner's Night!

Our new exchange student, Ingrid Olsson,

Chair: Chris Richardson

Rosa Pereira (Councillor)

Finally our new exchange student arrived! After waiting and waiting, cameras and flowers ready, we find that she is behind us and came out through another door. We were all very excited to put a face to a name and what a pretty face. Friendly, bubbly and ready to take up the challenge of her new life in Melbourne.

We were joined by several members of Footscray Rotary and their new exchange student from Spain, (who is attending Overnewton at Keilor.) Ingrid was able to practice some of her Spanish.

We were all invited back to the Alexander for a coffee, only to find the machine was already cleaned. We were so hanging out for that coffee! A fine coming up for sure!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to David Dobney: August 1st and Di Pennisi: August 3rd.

From the Oval Office

President David Ursic

Greetings Fellow Rotarians.

Many thanks to all who came to the meeting last night to hear lawyer David Whiting speak on the topic of Wills and Estate Planning. And what a great speaker he was. You would pay a good dollar to hear someone of his calibre speak elsewhere and it was evident all members were reminded how important it is to get such important matters well planned and legally watertight. Thanks David for giving us your valuable time.

It was also great to have ADG Austen Burleigh grace us with his presence. He had a meeting with the Club Executive Board prior to the dinner meeting and went over the Forward Planning Guide for the 2014/15 year. He highlighted the importance of reviewing the aims and achievements of the Club every quarter in order to "keep the ship on the right path". Thanks Austen and we will do our best to oblige.

This week our new Exchange Student Ingrid will give her welcoming address to the Club. Please note this is a partners night.

All members would have read her basic profile in the Bulletin on 09 July and I have no doubt she will prove to be an excellent complement to the Club this year. I ask all members to embrace her by asking her to dinner and taking her on outings. Rosa (her counsellor) and Christine have formulated a roster where each week, a Club member must introduce her to members and direct her as to certain protocol to be adhered to. Please read their article and take note. Finally, I am in need of a host family for Ingrid from 01-30 September. I would have gladly offered but unfortunately it does not work with Sue and I residing in Bendigo. We are happy to have her every weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during that month if someone can accommodate her from Monday to Thursday. It doesn't have to be restricted to members or their families. Please let me know if you can help.

Finally, it is with deep regret that last night the Board accepted the resignation of two valued members being David Richards and Noel Osborne. What a blow! Will we ever replace such dedicated and long serving individuals

in the future? I certainly hope so and it makes me ever so more focused to get the Membership drive up and running.

Thanks gentlemen for your service to Rotary over many, many years.

Best wishes and remember to "Light Up Rotary"

Progressive Dinner: Saturday 26th

Fellowship committee - David, Coral, Judy, Chris

Saturday's progressive dinner kicks off at 6.00pm at Anne and Grant Maggs' house at 65 Rose Street, Essendon for entrees and drinks.

Then we move on to Cheryl and Barry Harvey's house at 14 Bellarine Avenue, East Keilor for main course and sweets commencing at 8.00pm.

Currently we have 35 members/guests to attend, including our new exchange student Ingrid. Let's all rug-up, get out and kick on! BYO drinks; and drive safely.

Coming Soon...

- Saturday, 26th July: Club Progressive Dinner. Hosts Grant/Anne Maggs and Barry/Cheryl Harvey.
- Sunday, 27th July: Tree planting at Afton St Reserve, Afton St, West Essendon (9am-12pm)
- 30th July: Barbara Woodberry and David Pang (RC Richmond) "Timor-Leste Project", Chair: Rosa Pereira.
- 6th August: Brenton Mayer "Run for Better Days", Chair: Terry Daffey
- 9th August: Pennisi Trivia Night
- 13th August: Field trip to DIK

Club Duties Roster: July

- Cashier: Judith Whelan
- Fellowship: Christine Richardson
- Sergeant: Russell Bennalack

Ingrid's Best Friend:

- 23rd July: Chris Richardson
- 30th July: Rosa Pereira
- 6th August: David Ursic
- 13th August: Judy Whelan

If you are unable to fulfil your role, please organise a replacement.

Greetings from Norway

Eline Hansen

Just a little hello to the club! The long trip home went really well, but I almost missed my flight from Helsinki to Norway because of delays from Singapore.

It was so weird to see my family and friends again at the airport, but so nice to see them all again! Nothing has changed here, everything is the same which I find kind of boring.

I have just been out with friends, and with family since I got home. It feels wrong to talk Norwegian, and I still think in English. Sometimes I find myself start talking in English to my friends or mum and then I have to swap language halfway. It is like I have a culture shock. I find



everyone so rude because they don't say sorry if they bump into you in the supermarket, and they don't say thankyou and please. I am sure I will settle in again after a few weeks and everyone seems really happy to see me again.

The weather is perfect, around 30 degrees actually! That's really warm for us here in Norway. It is really nice to be back home, but I miss everyone in Melbourne and the city life.

Planting Day & Barbecue, Sunday 27th July

Barry Coleman, David Mott

The plan is coming together for National Tree Day. It will be a fairly low key event this year, but we are expecting 50 people.

We will have 1200 of plants to get in the ground and all the holes will be pre-dug. Rotarians are welcome to participate and enjoy the planting, without supervisory commitments.

We realise this is after our fun night out however, hopefully we can have a few members assisting. Motty and I will arrange to take delivery of BBQ and arrange sausages etc. It would be great to have a number attend for planting as well as, say three for barbecue.

When: Set time is 0900 and will finish around noon.

Where: Afton St. Reserve, Afton St, West Essendon

Be there!



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. www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rcessnth/

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