



The Weekly Bulletin of the

Rotary Club of Essendon North

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This Week:

Handover Gala Evening



This week as Rotary Clubs across the world prepare to shed their skin and renew, we say thanks and farewell to President David Pagliaro. Our club, until David became President, had looked to Past Presidents for leadership in

three of the four previous years. David's youth and energy were welcome fuel for the spirit of the club. We are sincerely grateful for his commitment to the task and wish him well as he rests on his laurels for a while. No doubt Sacha will be pleased to have a bit more help in the coming months with Zara Grace. Thanks Pags!



It is also time to welcome our new President, David Ursic. David is our favourite kind of hero: a reluctant hero. In the years we have known David he has quietly done a great job. Without fanfare he has got real traction in that most difficult portfolio: membership. David and Sue have been tireless workers in the Christmas Tree fundraiser each year and David is, more often than not, the first face we see on a Wednesday night. Naturally we are all eager to support David and his program for the year. Welcome David and good luck!

Eline's Farewell Dinner

Don't forget to put in your diaries, Sunday 6th July, for Eline's Farewell at 6.30 pm. She goes three days later on the 9th.

After consultation with the guest of honour the venue has been moved to Judith Whelan's house. It is planned we will have an Australian Theme so food, attire and drinks can be around that mood.

A notice will go around in the next few days asking for RSVP's. Then we can allocate the "plates" of what to bring. See it is shaping up as Australian already!

This approach will be more informal and allow outsiders to be invited, such as external host families etc.

I hope you can all attend and make this a memorable night.



RI President-Elect

Gary C.K. Huang, President 2014-15, Rotary Club Of Taipei, Taiwan

Gary C.K. Huang, a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan, will become Rotary International's 2014-15 president on 1 July.

RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose Light Up Rotary as his theme for 2014-15. Huang is urging club members to Light Up Rotary by hosting a Rotary Day in their community, continuing our fight against polio, and increasing club membership. "Light Up Rotary is more than our theme. It is how we make a difference, every day, in every club, and every country we serve."

Eline's Final Speech

Eline Klophus Hansen, Norway. 18.6.14

As time is slipping through my fingers, I find myself looking back at my year here in Australia. Counting all the wonderful experiences and knowledge I have gained (and kilos) and people I have met makes me feel like one of the luckiest girls in the world. It's funny. I went abroad hoping that I would learn more about the big world, but now when it's time to go home I realize that what I learned the most about, is myself.



Around one year ago I stood nervous at the airport in Norway ready to fly over to Australia for twelve months. I did not really know what was going on. I was so excited, but at the same time so afraid. I didn't realize before I had said goodbye to

my family and friends that I actually would not see them for twelve months. I then thought twelve months was a long time, but when I now look back It is not a long time at all. I wanted to experience something new, challenge myself, get out from my comfort zone , meet new people , see new places , find out who I am and to become independent. (I'm the princess in the family at home.) Now I stand here with three weeks left of my exchange and I can tick off every single wish I had. This year has been the best year of my life.

I find it hard to express everything I feel around exchange, but my main point is; Exchange is the best decision I have ever made. Everyone should get a chance to experience another country, another culture, and to stand on their own feet. I will always be so grateful to Rotary and especially you, my host club here in Australia. You made this year possible for me, and I can say with my hand on my heart; This had been the best year of my life but also the hardest year I've ever had to go through. I wouldn't trade it for anything. And no one at home will ever truly understand it.

My mum called me a couple of weeks ago, and said; "Eline, the time will go so fast before you are home again now, less than 2 months" Actually she made me sad, I got panic and I realized that I do not want to leave. I am not ready to say bye yet. I answered; "Mum, don't take this wrong. But please do not remind me."

Before I went on exchange I got told that this year would be an emotional rollercoaster for me. And it sure has been an adventure, but it has not only been an emotional rollercoaster, it has been the entire theme park. There have been happy moments, there have been sad moments , here have been crazy moments, there have been moment I have cried with laughter, there have been moments I have felt as the luckiest person in the world, there have been moment I didn't know to weather cry or laugh, whether to be happy or sad. And right now is one of those moments. As I stand on the brink to returning back home to my world, I don't know what to feel. Should I be happy? Because I am going to see friends, and family again or should I be sad because I am leaving what I now consider family, and friends.

I will never forget the taste of Vegimite on toast, or the taste of Tim Tams, or meat pies. (I am wondering if meat pies actually has meet in them?) I will never forget Australia. I will never forget you. I will never forget my friends here. You will always have a place in my heart.

If I was going to thank every single one of you I would have to go one for days. So I want to thank all of you for being a part of my year, for making this year possible, for always being here for me. without you I wouldn't been standing here today. Thank you thank you thank you so much. I am so grateful. This has been the best year of my life. You are all welcome to visit me in Norway, and one day I will come back home, home to Australia.

This is not the end this is only the beginning.



Eline and her Host Families

Coming Soon...

- July 3rd: Join us at Fredricks for our annual Repair Banner Afternoon
- July 6th: Eline's Farewell Dinner
- July 9th: Eline's flight home leaves 9.40am. Support and tissues welcome.

Club Duties Roster: July

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

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



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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