
Incoming Speakers

Jo Niran “From Deafness to Hearing with a Bionic Ear”

Forthcoming Events

28.09.2008 2008 Australian University Games – Volunteer help is required now. Refer Peter Angwin and Geoff Heeps for details.

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	<u>18.08.08</u>	<u>25.08.08</u>	<u>01.09.08</u>	<u>08.09.08</u>
House Committee Duty 12.00 Midday start	A Walton	C Southall	J Mahon	P Angwin
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Club Directory changes to:
Pike.peters@bibstillwell.com.au
Subscriptions overdue! \$295 to treasurer

Bulletin

Rotary Club of Prahran



Meets Monday
Mt Erica Hotel
Corner High Street and Williams
Prahran
12.45 for 1PM Luncheon

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Prahran Chartered 27th December 1955

President	Peter Schneider
Vice President	Graeme Newton
Secretary	Helen Robbins
Treasurer	John Harris
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No. 2326 Monday 18th August
“From Deafness to Hearing with a Bionic Ear”
Bionic Ear Institute – Mr Jo Niran

Mount Erica Hotel
12.45pm for 1.00 pm
Reception: Lewis Woolf, Peter Angwin
Cashiers: Peter Betros, John Plowright
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Previous Meeting

We welcomed Anne Brumby from Rotary Club of Mitchell River who is spending a lot of time in Melbourne – so we hope to see more of Anne.

Jim Smith encouraged all of us to support one of the most important **INTERNATIONAL** projects in our district – **Donations in Kind**. Hands on volunteers are needed:

- Saturday Morning 9 AM to Midday
- Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

**Woolshed 37 – 400 Somerville Road, West Footscray
Melway 41 E7**

John Harris reported that just over half of subscriptions are in – **get the money in folks!**

The Bridge Club of the Rotary Club of Prahran will kick off on **Tuesday 14th October** at St John's Church, Toorak. All members are advised that the success of this fundraising activity depends on your support – especially during your rostered sessions.

New Club Roster

President Peter announced that the current roster is not really working. **One member must arrive at midday** to assist with setting up and running reception for the meetings. When Geoff Heeps is away on leave we will roster **two** members.

This week: **Andrea Walton**

Doing Good in the World through the Rotary Foundation.

PDG Don Jago.

“Doing good in the world” is a good and provocative description of what Rotary and Rotarians do. As a service club – through the Foundation – we are unique in our ability to look beyond local boundaries and we are able to address some of the BIG challenges that mankind face. These challenges include:

- 93 Million girls who are denied an education
- 37,000 children under 5 who die each day from preventable causes
- 100 Million children who live on the street
- 1.2 Billion people living in poverty – 600 Million of whom are children.

The foundation – through matching grant programs address many of these issues. Education, and particularly primary school education lowers mortality rates. Peace scholarships eliminate the causes of tension – a ‘positive peace’ initiative –with the majority of the 500 graduates over the last 7 years actively involved in ‘positive peace’. Don comments rightly that this scholarship will be regarded on the same level as the Rhodes Scholar Program.

The last successful candidate from our District – Susan Carew is a professional clown – so this is a different kind of scholarship – seeking unique people with the focus on peace.

The Foundation between May 2005 and now has provided \$24 Million in programs to prevent hunger. In the same period the Foundation contributed \$8 Million in non-Polio health initiatives, including the important work of eliminating iron deficiency as a result of hookworm in children.

Water is also a focus – safe water is a gift that we take for granted – but 1.1 Billion people have no safe water source and a staggering 2.5 Billion people live with no access to basic sanitation. By addressing these two issues it is estimated that 1.5 Million child deaths could be prevented.



Then there is **Polio Elimination** – the program for which the Foundation and Rotary are famous:

- 1985 350,000 cases in 125 countries
- 2007 1,300 cases in 4 countries.

Wild Polio still exists in Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. To date \$680 Million has been contributed by Rotarian in this fight. This effort is HUGE – in India for example:

- Inoculations take place twice a year
- 225 Million volunteers are involved
- 209 Million houses are visited
- 192 Million children are vaccinated

If we stopped:

- 200,000 children would get polio!

The Gates Foundation *transferred* \$100 Million to the Rotary Foundation – without contracts – such is the faith that we will get the job done – and match the contribution in our fight against Polio. On **February 23rd next year** we will hold an awareness event for Polio elimination in local schools – asking for a gold coin donation.

The Centurion Program – US\$100 per year is a key program that drives success for the Foundation:

Each member of the Rotary Club of Prahran is being encouraged to become a Centurion – we have a number who already are! Chris Southall will present the application forms.



Please ensure that your annual subscription of \$295 is paid to John Harris.

