

## Incoming Speakers

16<sup>th</sup> March – Nerissa Mapes “Perspectives on Parkinson’s”

## Forthcoming Events

District Conference – 2 days to go!



Formal Conference report next meeting!

9<sup>th</sup> May – Café Internationale – International House Melbourne University

27<sup>th</sup> May – RC Malvern’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Malvern Town Hall – official RC Prahran Meeting

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	<u>10.03.09</u>	<u>16.03.09</u>	<u>23.03.09</u>	<u>30.03.09</u>
House Committee Duty <b>12.30 start</b>	G Newton C Southall	C Southall T McCarthy	T McCarthy J Mahon	J Mahon P Peters
Bulletin:	<b><u>Please take &amp; forward notes!</u></b>	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters



## Bridge Club Roster (7PM to 8.30PM)

10.03.09 P Schneider; P Angwin

17.03.09 P. Angwin; R. Swan

24.03.09 R. Swan; D. Hardham

31.03.09 D Hardham; J. Harris

# 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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**No. 2351 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009**  
**Jason Major – “Nonotechnology & Genetechnology”**  
**12.45 for 1.00 PM – Mt Erica Hotel**

Reception: J Smith  
Cashier: G Newton

## Alice Bleeby – Coordinating Model United Nations at the Hague

Alice Bleeby is a Board member for the Model United Nations in Australia. Alice coordinated the trip for Australian representatives to the Model United Nations last year.

The delegates are chosen at a National Youth Conference. Alice declares that these are ‘amongst Australia’s best and brightest’.

Alice was one of three facilitators who accompanied the delegates participated in a two week tour of Europe, as the EU countries are particularly good at multi-lateralism. On the tour they visited significant places in Europe that impacted diplomacy and international relations in its many forms:

- Versailles – where the treaty was signed at the end of WW1
- Berlin Wall – tangible symbol of the Cold War
- Museum of the Red Cross

Alice is very proud of how the tour went, as she made many of the arrangements. In addition to touring sites, the delegates were able to meet with Australian diplomats in Berlin, Paris, Vienna and The Hague. These talks introduced perspective on the approach between the current and previous governments’ approach to issues. These talks were particularly pertinent with Australia currently working on acquiring a seat on the Security Council.

Making the arrangements and meeting with career diplomats reinforces Alice aspiration to be a diplomat.

The theme for MUNA was sustainability – the delegates worked on negotiating with other nations to form the Youth Resolution which is presented to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Alice said that the MUNA experience gives a real sense of how the UN operates.

Alice looked back on her experience on ‘the other side’ of the MUNA experience as a coordinator and is well placed to reflect on the power of young people and their ability to impact on the world through diplomacy.

## Lyn Haywood – on her African Adventures

Lyn is a self-proclaimed adventurer from Rosebud who recently spent 6 months in Zambia home schooling the son of a wealthy lodge owner. The boy Luke is ‘unlikely to be a participant in the model UN’ according to Lyn.

The setting for Lyn’s adventures was dramatically beautiful – but still is a place that is run in a hierarchical world-view that places white males at the top of the heap with women, staff and native workers with fewer privileges and even different food to distinguish their place.

This contrasts with the School of St Jude where staff and students all share the same food at meal times. Lyn had a visit to the now expanded school. She arrived on the last day of term – and enjoyed an award ceremony where the students and staff received prizes and recognition. This equal footing reflects Jemma’s ‘great Management style’.

Lyn has a sponsored student at St Jude – so off she went to visit Veronica, sharing afternoon tea. She gave her student some school supplies and this caused her father to protest that the support through the school was enough.

There is now a boarding school for secondary students at St Jude and plans for a teachers’ college.

