

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
Bulletin Editor	Pike Peters

Previous Meeting:

Guest Speaker:	PP Mike McFarlane – Interplast Australia & New Zealand; Angel Flight
Guests	Mike McFarlane (Kew- Guest Speaker), Peter Norman (Oakleigh)
Apologies	Chris Southall, Andrea Walton, Tom McCarthy, Peter Schneider, Ross Liebmann
Make Ups	Pike Peters – PETS, Bridge; Graeme Newton – PETS, Hal Levy - Bridge

No. 2359 Monday 4th May 2009

Fellowship

12.45 for 1.00 PM – Mt Erica Hotel

Reception: E Cohen
Cashier: J Smith



750ml

13.5% Alc/Vol 8.3 standard drinks
Preservative 220 added
Mt Erica Hotel
Cnr High St & Williams Rd
Prahran Victoria 3181

50th Anniversary – RC Malvern

THIS WILL BE AN OFFICIAL MEETING – no meeting on 25th May...

A Gala Dinner will be held at the Malvern Town Hall, the same venue of their charter meeting 50 years ago on **Wednesday, 27 May** at 7pm for 7.30pm. The tickets are \$70 a head. A four course formal dinner will be served including refreshments Guest speaker will be Dr. Alan Gregory the Club's first Ambassadorial scholar who attended Bombay University 49 years ago.

Bookings and further information, contact Peter Milburn on 9801 6180 or email milburnp@yahoo.com.au

District Assembly - Reminder To All Incoming Club Officers And New Members

This year's District Assembly (originally scheduled for 24 May) will be held at Wilson Hall, Melbourne University commencing at 9:30AM on **Sunday, 31 May**.

Heritage Cluster will be the host Club and any Rotarian seeking further information should contact AG Chris Wang at cwi@labyrinth.net.au or President Victor Sullivan of RC Carlton at V.Sullivan@unicol.unimelb.edu.au or watch 'Networker' for details.

Interplast Australia and New Zealand

Speaker: PP Mike McFarlane (Kew), AG Beachside & District Ambassador for Interplast



Interplast Australia and New Zealand was founded in 1983 by The Royal College of Surgeons and Rotary D9800. The idea is to send teams to neighboring countries without the resources to conduct plastic surgery.

Plastic surgery in itself is nothing new, dating from the 16th century in some form or another, but Interplast sees teams conducting surgeries on a large scale over a 2 week duration.

Last year Mike accompanied a team who went to Baguio City in The Philippines. The scale of the effort was massive with 17 pallet loads of equipment, 2 surgeons, 2 surgery nurses, and two anesthesiologists.

On the first day the materials were deployed with alacrity between 8AM and 12.25 PM the team set up the theatre and the first surgery commenced.

Each patient was given a teddy bear supplied by the RC Wandin North – a great gesture for people who are feeling a bit anxious – and the majority of recipients of treatment are children.

The team did one operation after another. Mike spent 3 ½ days of filming and photographing. He was honored to see the teams work and changing lives of people with these problems.

To date Interplast has supplied \$2.0M 32 programs in 15 countries; sponsor doctors who come here and learn (more enduring when they go back). It costs \$40000 to send teams over and do an Interplast stint. The teams need to be invited into the country. The dedication of the people who volunteer is incredible.

The Interplast nurses share their skills with local staff, who queue in the corridor for their opportunity to scrub into the theatre.

When the Interplast team performs operation, it has a ripple effect to family and whole community. The process can re-inspire the community to accept an individual who was previously spurned by community. Interplast truly does the work of repairing bodies and rebuilding lives.

Many of the children treated have a double cleft pallet. The surgery is a physical transformation for the children, and often an emotional one for mothers who blame themselves for their children's defect. The incidence of cleft palets is the same as the rest of world, but there are not the same resources to treat the children. Without surgery the children will have hearing and speech loss. It is important to correct the condition prior to the child reaching 3 years old; so this is Interplast's priority.

It takes \$700 to change someone's life.

Villages around Baguio City are full of happy people – because they have had their lives touched.

The Interplast team the Mike accompanied performed 74 operations in two weeks.

The aim for Interplast is to raise sufficient funds to send a team - \$700 from all 70 Clubs. The Rotary Club of Prahran donated \$700 to Interplast.



Angel Flight is another organization the Mike is involved in as a private pilot with a light twin plane.

The service provides people with chronic illness from regional Australia with air transport for treatment. This consists of older people with cancer to kids with leukemia (Mike is amazed at the numbers of children in regional areas who have leukemia).

Mike is the 35th pilot to join Angel Flight. The service is offered through social workers, and doctors in regional areas. It is a great way for anyone with a passion for flying to help others. The service has performed some 6500 flights since inception and includes lots of Rotarians in their ranks.

Incoming Speakers

Forthcoming Events

9th May – Café Internationale – International House Melbourne University

27th May – RC Malvern's 50th Anniversary – Malvern Town Hall – official RC Prahran Meeting

31st May – District Assembly -

4th July – Christmas in July - Rotary Foundation dinner at Lynne Wilton's – Book with Andrea Walton!

For District News, please go to: clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

	<u>04.05.09</u>	<u>11.05.09</u>	<u>18.05.09</u>	<u>01.06.09</u>
House				
Committee	M Morrison	J Dethridge	J Mahon	R Swann
Duty	J Dethridge	J Mahon	R Swann	R Liebmann
	12.30 start; 6.00 Night Meetings			
Bulletin:	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters



Bridge Club Roster (7PM to 8.30PM)

05.05.09 D Rosenberg; C Southall

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