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On the Cover

Guest Speaker Charles Kovess and President Alan

Were you motivated !



The 5 avenues of service

"Club Service" involves all of the activities necessary for Rotarians to perform to make their club function successfully. This includes the Secretariat, Treasurer, Sergeant, Membership Development, Club Bulletin, Public Relations.

"Vocational Service" is a description of the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club. It also includes programs such as Pride of Workmanship, Shine On Awards, Vocational Talks, Vocational visits to work places, Peer Support Program, Awards Nights.

"Community Service" pertains to those activities which Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, handicapped and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life. Programs include; liaising with other community groups, Australian Rotary Health, Bowelscan, Drought Relief and Bushfire Recovery, Environmental Water Management, Road Trauma campaign, Walking Tall.

"International Service", describes the many programs and activities which Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. International Service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. Programs include Rotary Foundation, Ambassadorial Scholars Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, Student Exchange, Paul Harris Fellow Recognition, Royce Abbey Awards, World Peace Scholarships, Shelterboxes, Aquaboxes, Rotary Project Volunteers, Safe Water-Save Lives, Rotarians Against Malaria, Interplast, Donations in Kind.

"New Generations".

The Avenue of **"New Generations"** recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Programs include Debating Competition, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Summer Science Schools, Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, Model United Nations Assembly.

the program/up and coming calendar and who's doin what

30 August 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club Meeting Club Ass.

Attend: Baby Chuck Dave , Chair: Chief Alan, Beans: Greg, Doorman: PDG Brian B, Regalia: Lady in waiting Eileen, Gift: Alan W.

3 September 2011 Saturday BBQer's Eltham Toy Library 8.30am to 12.00noon



6 September 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club Meeting OH & S Meeting Partners and Helpers

Attend: Cheer squad Bev , Chair: Cpt Rod, Beans: Greg, Doorman: Newbe Greg, Regalia: Big Bus John, Gift: BB Tina.

10 September 2011 Saturday Town Fair

13 September 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club Meeting Matt Williams—Juvenile Justice

Attend: Sir John, Chair: Lady in waiting Eileen, Beans: Greg, Doorman: Part time Aussi Geoff , Regalia: Newbe Stephan, Gift: 1st mate Jacqui

20 September 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club Meeting Town Fair De-brief

27 September 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club Meeting Club Ass

4 October 2011 Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Club Meeting Cake decorating –Joint meeting Greensborough

Life events

- Aug 30 Kerry & Alan - anniversary
- Sep 2 Alan White - joined this club 17 years ago.
- Sep 3 Kerry Jones - birthday
- Sep 7 Peter Hodge - birthday
- Sep 7 Patricia Millar - birthday
- Sep 10 Irene Adams - birthday
- Sep 15 Brian and Betty anniversary
- Sep 16 Emily and David anniversary

from the president keeping up with the joneses!

When the world says, "Give up." Hope whispers, "Try it one more time."

~Author Unknown

Nobody likes the idea of being rejected. In fact, everyone tries to avoid rejection. Is that why often we fail to ask someone we know to join us at Rotary? Or is it because we believe, without having ever asked the person, that they would not be interested in being a Rotarian?

What is the worst thing that could happen? They could say "No", but the person just may surprise you and agree to come along.

District Governor David Anderson stated at his recent visit to Diamond Creek that increased Membership is one of the major goals for the year. It was fantastic to induct three new members in July. However August is Membership Month in the Rotary Calendar and there appears to be no prospective members on the horizon.

Think about everyone you know. There is no stereotyped Rotarian. In fact think laterally about everyone you know who lives in the local area. They may be much younger than many of our members, they

may work in a totally different profession to any of our current members, they may be female, they may be committed in other voluntary organisations. But think how these people would broaden our ideas and perspectives. Once you have thought of people, take the big step... invite them to join us at a meeting, invite them and their family to come to the Town Fair, or perhaps invite them to socialise with us.

If everyone brought one person to a meeting in the next month, that would be 29 potential members. Our meetings have interesting speakers and our members are friendly and welcoming. Once a prospective member attends something, there is every chance that they may come back!

I challenge every member to invite a guest to a meeting in September. Let's have a competition! There will be a prize from the President for the Member who has the most guests attend during September. There will also be another prize for any member whose September guest joins Diamond Creek.

Alan Jones



past presidents

Brian Bowen
1978-1979
Heidelberg North

Bob Eycken
1983-1984
Alperton UK

John McCrohan
1992-1993

Ron Gordon
1993-1994

Chris Doupe
1994-1995

Cliff Wearne
1995-1996

Ern Wardell
1996-1997

Rod Mackenzie
1997-1998

Steve Sampson
1998-1999

Robin Chapple
1999-2000

Peter Marriage
2000-2001

Rob Lloyd
2001-2002

Bev Baker
2002-2003

Joe Di Natale
2003-2004

Geoff Swan
2004-2005

John Gatt
2005-2006

John Arthur
2006-2007

Linda Gidlund
2007-2008

Alan White
2008-2009

Pat Millar
2009-2010

Clyde Hulme
2010-2011

so what happened last week?

President opened the meeting welcoming visiting Rotarians and guests.

PP Rod Mackenzie announced that as Andrew Stanley would not be able to visit the club after the meeting, Rod will take over the management of the vinyl stickers ordered. This form of advertising for the Town Fair using the back of car windows will be repeated next year.

Alan Jones informed the members that as a member of the steering committee, he had attended the Launch of "L2P" the program for learner drivers needing assistance with vehicles and learner hours of driving. Nillumbik Council is running the program and the launch was covered by TV crews and reporters from newspapers.

PDG Rob Lloyd explained that the Swedish Friendship exchange will arrive at our club for hosting purposes on the weekend after Cup Day for the Monday 7th, and Tuesday the 8th November, staying two nights and three days. They have expressed a wish to visit Melbourne city and go to the MCG and other iconic Melbourne venues.

PP Rod Mackenzie advised members that preparations for the Town Fair are going well. He asked that members tell DGE John Gatt about any requirements for the Roster as soon as possible. Dennis Kerr has called to say that the number of stallholders is

greater this year than in other years although some more teenager activities are needed as children and adults are well catered for. Negotiations with the Bendigo Bank are going well, with the outcome of the request for sponsorship will be known soon.

Greg Adams informed the club that the club financial books had been audited and the club has a healthy surplus.

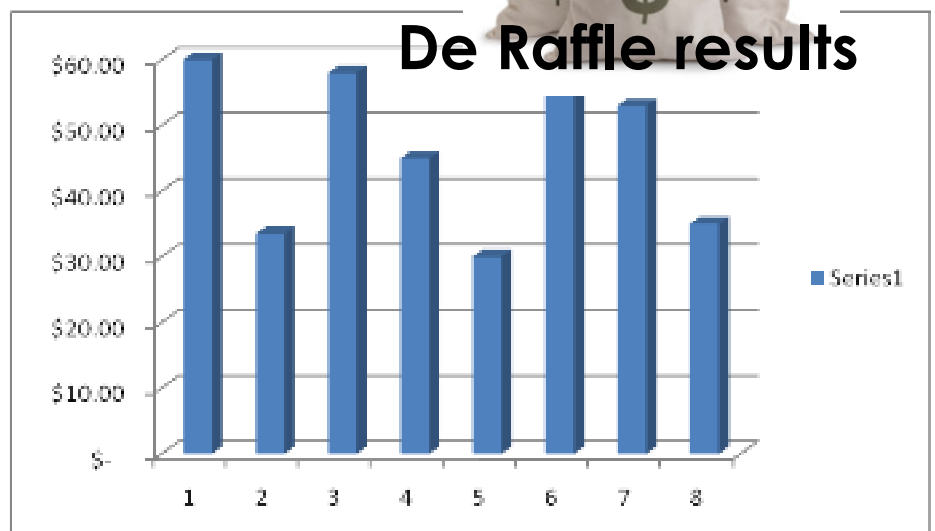
Greg informed members that he had had advice from Alf Armstrong that the District Simplified Grant which the club had requested for the shed to be built for the Riders for the Disabled, could now be presented for approval at the Foundation Meeting in Euroa next month and called for club approval for its presentation, which was given by Clyde Hulme and Alan Jones.

Alan Jones thanked Phil Chambeyron for his efforts in delivering soil to the working bee held by the Diamond Creek Primary School on the week-end.

Alan White invited members to the changeover party on the 1st September, 5pm at his now former business Warrandyte Travel.

Chairperson, PP Bev Baker, then introduced Charles Kovess, a corporate motivational speaker who spoke on the energizing effects of being inspired by your passions, this then driving a vision which gives a purpose to life; the total effect for a Passion driven Australia, being a better economy and a better Australia. Go to www.kovess.com or contact Charles on charles@kovess.com for further information.

End of meeting.



a few words from 'X Ray Steve' and Lexie 's travels

Greetings all and sundry from beautiful south of France.

We have now survived our first 2+ weeks in France, have departed Uzès and are now in Biarritz which is on the Atlantic coast just above the Spanish border. Apparently this is a favourite holiday resort for the French and also a fishing port.

We spent our 2 weeks in Uzès touring around the region through very small (read extremely narrow streets!!!!) villages up the quite significant cities where we climbed all over ancient castles, monasteries, palaces and ancient Roman ruins. It is amazing just how much of the ancient works are still standing when you read about the dozens of invasions, sackings, plundering, pillaging, looting and so on that has occurred in the region over the centuries. Some of the sites that we visited were:

The Abbaye De Montmajour. Located near Arles – south of Nîmes / Avignon. This was a 12th century monastery which is unbelievable in size and construction. Like most of these religious buildings it is located at the top of the hill to show how important the bishop was and to make attack difficult and defence easy. The towers are also extremely tall to show how wealthy and influential the owners were. Each successive owner (bishop) would keep adding towers and when you see the size and dimensions of these buildings you have to wonder at the engineering and construction skills of these people 800 years ago. I guess man power wasn't a problem and there weren't too many OH&S issues!!! These towers would have typically 120 or so steps from where the tower starts at roof level so having climbed numerous flights of steps to get to the roof you are confronted with another flight of steep spiral steps. Those ancient priests and soldiers must have been extremely fit.

Roman amphitheatre – Arles. Built around 90 AD and supposedly the largest surviving (almost) amphitheatre outside of Rome. An amazing structure with – wait for it – hundreds more steps. Hard to come to grips with the fact that 20,000 people were being entertained here ~1800 years before the Poms started dumping convicts in Australia!!! Managed to see some gladiators

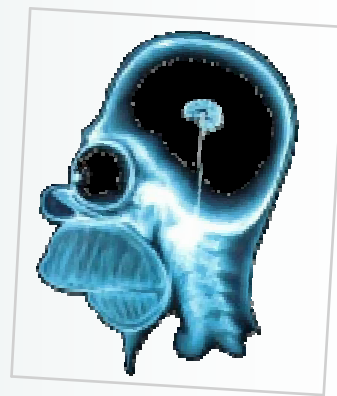
doing battle but unfortunately couldn't wait around to see the Christians being thrown to the lions!!! There are still significant portions of the ancient wall around the old part of the city including the original entry arch. It's good to see that the French are taking great efforts to preserve all of the historical monuments,

The Pont du Gard – located near Uzès. Built ~1900 years ago to carry water into Nîmes this aqueduct is 275 m across the river gorge, 49 m high and comprises 3 levels of arches. The actual water duct was covered with stone slabs to prevent evaporation. The whole structure, with stone blocks up to 2 m³ was built with mm accuracy – the builders at our place were out by 30 cm!!! I believe that if the tradesman made a mistake they were flogged – maybe we should reintroduce that practice!!!

City of Carcassonne. This is a complete fortified inhabited walled city dating back 2500 years. Over the years invaded by Gauls, Romans, Visigoths, Saracens and Franks. Now invaded by tourists.

Fort Saint-Andre. Across the Rhone River from Avignon. A more recent construction (1350 – 1364) to keep the French out of Provence. I guess that didn't work. This site is renowned for its lack of damage and more importantly the ramparts with spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. In many areas you can see symbols carved into the stone blocks by the masons and more recently 17th century prisoners.

The Popes Palace at Avignon. This is the biggest gothic palace in the world and was constructed in the 14th century when Avignon was the centre of the Catholic Church. Those Catholics sure knew how to live. They gave an example of a feast that one of the Popes gave for visiting dignitaries: a few hundred sheep, several hundred cattle, tons of flour and mega litres of wine. Ever see a



skinny priest????? Also saw the "Pont du Avignon" – could write a song about that!!!

Orange. Here we saw a 2000 year old Roman theatre that has essentially been in continuous use and is still used for rock concerts through to opera. Saw some video excerpts of opera – the acoustics were phenomenal. Also saw lots of other ancient stuff including a massive triumphal arch that some Roman emperor gave some Centurion for belting the whatsits out of some tribal peasants.

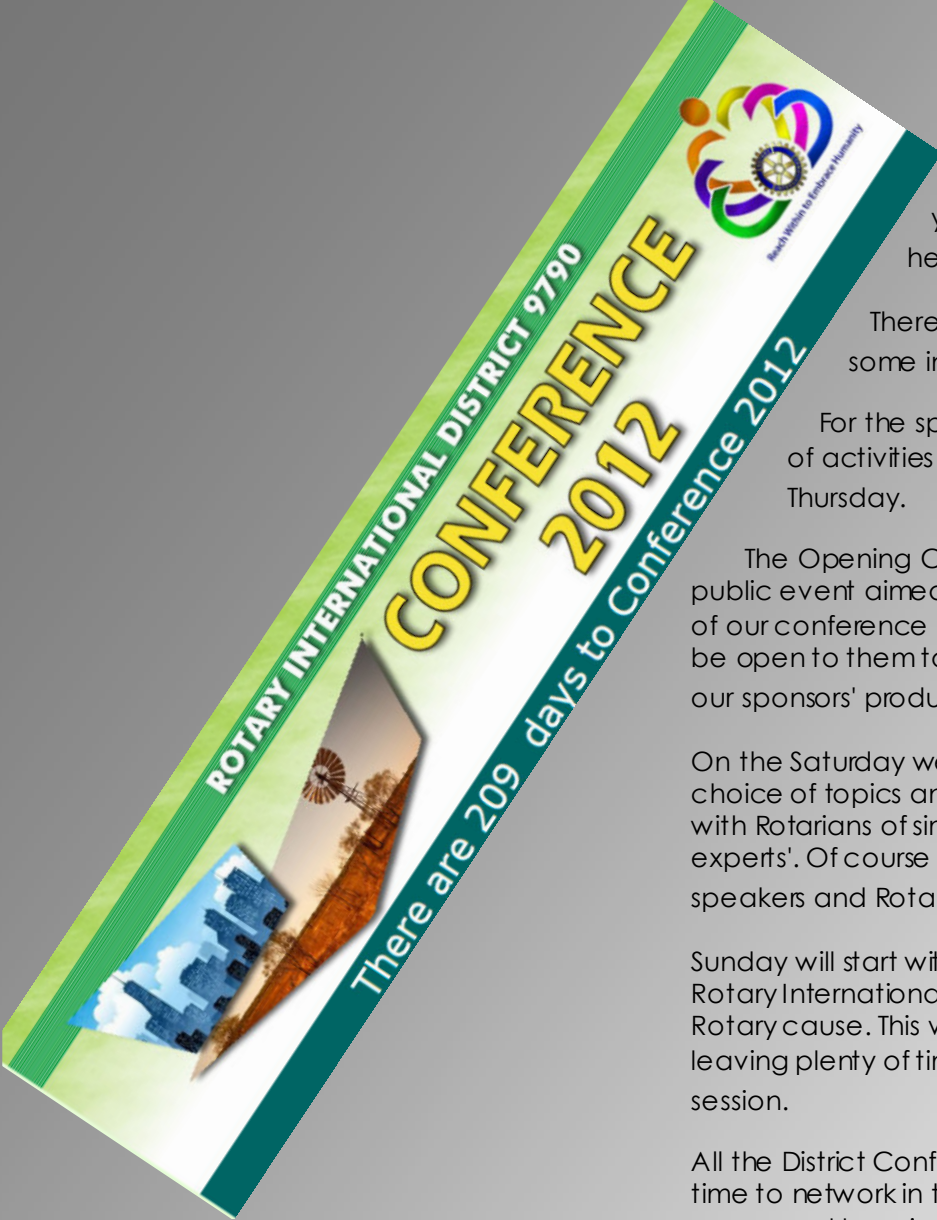
Uzès – the Duchee Palace. This was only a five minute walk from where we were staying – we could see the towers, roof and the Duchee flag. This is a bit like Government House in Melbourne – still occupied by the current Duchee (Duke) and his family who fly the flag when they are home. Beautiful residence with period furniture, lots of paintings of assorted nobility, a tower (of course) and a rather neat wine cellar.

We loved Uzès – would even by a small chateau there if we won Tats – and the surrounding countryside. Lots of medieval towns including one that is famous for its pottery. Uzès and all these small towns have narrow cobbled streets and alleys, lots of plazas with trees and fountains and of course lots and lots of restaurants. We ate out at plaza / footpath brasseries for lunches and evening meals (usually 8:30 or 9:00) and tried as much as the Provencal food and wine as we could find. Amazingly the food is comparatively cheap and the wine even cheaper. Have no idea how the French manage to stay slim and look so terribly chic!!!!

We are all travelling reasonably well – bit foot sore and approaching the ABC syndrome (another B**** church / castle) and the Citroen is going great apart from a couple of scrapes on the front. I now fully appreciate why all town based Frenchies drive little buzz boxes. C'est la gare!!!

Off to Biarritz and some Basque experiences.

Love and cheers from Lexie and Steve



On to conference

In 2012, for the first time in many years, district Conference will be held in an urban setting.

There will be much that is familiar, but some innovations.

For the sporting minded there will be a day of activities and a Sportsman's Dinner on the Thursday.

The Opening Ceremony on Friday will be a more public event aimed at informing the race going public of our conference and of the 'Rotary Expo' which will be open to them to showcase Rotary activities and our sponsors' products

On the Saturday we will run workshops that will give a choice of topics and the opportunity to discuss ideas with Rotarians of similar interests and to 'question the experts'. Of course there will be some fine guest speakers and Rotary projects,.

Sunday will start with a 'Rotary Trot' in the tradition of Rotary International Conventions to raise funds for a Rotary cause. This will start the day at the venue leaving plenty of time to attend the earliest Plenary session.

All the District Conference activities will be there, with time to network in the fine facilities of this excellent venue and to enjoy the displays in the 'Rotary Expo' lounge

We hope that city clubs will take up the idea of 'Home Hosting', perhaps forming some lasting bonds with country clubs.

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<p>Rotary Grace</p> <p>O Lord and giver of all good We thank you for our daily food May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve you all our days.</p>	<p>Advance Australia Fair</p> <p>Australians all let us rejoice, For we are young and free; We've golden soil and wealth for toil, Our home is girt by sea; Our land abounds in Nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare; In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia fair! In joyful strains then let us sing, "Advance Australia fair!"</p>
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'Diamond Creek - a little bit Country.'

DIAMOND CREEK ROTARY TOWN FAIR



Holy !@#\$ Batman only 11 sleeps to go