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PRESIDENT : Ruth Byers

SECRETARY : Ron Halicki

TREASURER : Dimitra Giannopoulos



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Our Invocation:

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary we give thanks.

COMING PROGRAM :

Meeting date	28 November	5 December	12 December
Venue	GO TAFE	GO TAFE	GO TAFE
Time	6.30pm for 7pm	6.30pm for 7pm	6.30 for 7 pm
Chairman	Ruth Byers	Greg Byers	Fiona McCarthy
Cashiers	Don Wilson & Alison Hall	Sue Goette & Tony Lee	Jane Challis & Sharon Anderson Warne
Greeter	David Freeman	Gary Doherty	Viv Beaumont
Invocation	Mary Greenshields	David Freeman	Julie Schulz
Toast	Viv Beaumont	Tony Woodhouse	Paulette Andrews
Program	AGM & Foundation John Keeffe	POLICE AWARDS	RYLA James Price
Regalia & Room Set Up	Ron Halicki	Martin Raby	Tony Woodhouse

If you are unable to fulfil your task please arrange someone else to do so. Meeting apologies and guests, please contact Ralph Baker on 0402 468 258 or email mariambaker@bigpond.com by midday Friday prior to meeting.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



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The following meeting report was supplied by PP Catriona Jarman

President Ruth Byers commenced the meeting by introducing guests PDG David Anderson, President of the Rotary Club of Yea John Bett and Club members, and also members from the Rotary Club of Euroa, including President Bill Sargood. Other Rotary Club of Seymour guests included Sarah Munroe, Robert Falkenbach, Winifred Peart, Jacinta Byers and friend Fiona, and Kerry White.

Martin Raby provided the invocation and at short notice, Vivian Beaumont gave the toast to the Queen, Australia, with the Rotary International toast going to Port Morseby, the location for a combined Club Rotary building project led by past Seymour member Doug Killeen.

President Ruth announced that the Club's last meeting at GoTafe would be held on 12th December and the location of the final meeting for the year at Fiona McCarthy's residence, Lyndale Park in Tallarook on 19th December.

As the evening's Chairperson, Sue Goette called for reports:

Secretary Ron Halicki notified us that an invitation to attend the AGM at Seymour Health on 24/11/2016 had been received and also a letter from Sharon Anderson-Warne thanking Club members for their support following the recent passing of her mother.

Other Rotarian's announcements came from Richard McGeehan from the Rotary Club of Euroa who stated that a meeting of the Rotary Friendship Exchange is to be held in Euroa on Sunday 27th November at Rafferty's Restaurant for anyone who may be interested in attending.

Taylan Atar reported that next February's 'Beer and Cider' festival was successfully in the planning phase and now had council support.

the SEVEN WOMEN *project*



The guest speaker for the evening, Stephanie Woollard [pictured with President Ruth], was running behind schedule and was introduced to the Rotary members following her arrival, together with her associate from Venezuela, Juan Pablo. Stephanie has recently joined the Rotary Club of Melbourne and was a featured speaker at this year's District 9790 conference in February. Stephanie's topic for the evening was entitled 'Women, Enterprise and Development' and focused on her work in establishing the 'Seven Women' project for disabled women in

Nepal. Stephanie has a Rotary International sponsored Master's Degree in Peace and Conflict resolution (from Sweden) and recently received an award from the RI President John Germ in New York in recognition of her decade's work in Kathmandu.

Stephanie's journey began 10 years ago after she had completed high school and was travelling through Nepal as the result of a Duke of Edinburgh Award. It was her first experience in a developing country (although she had lived amongst aboriginal communities with her parents as a child) and she encountered a group of disabled women huddled in a shed making local crafts for sale. As disability carries stigma in Nepal, these women were marginalised from their communities. With parental approval, Stephanie donated \$200 for Nepalese craftswomen to provide knitting training to the women for product manufacture. Filled with optimism, Stephanie returned to Australia with some of the products which she attempted to unsuccessfully sell at a Latrobe University market. This experience taught her to readdress the salability of products to an Australian market, and hand puppets, beanies and gloves proved more successful. The long term result is that 5000 women are now employed and the original disabled women are the centre's managers.

The effects of Stephanie Woollards project are far reaching; her original model aims for a more compassionate and tolerant world where fair trade and respect for the planet in the choice of textiles used are key elements. Profits from the sale of items are returned to a developing literacy project where Nepalese women are taught these skills and in turn are able to assist their own children to become literate. Cultural immersion for tourists is another side project whereby visitors to Nepal learn local culinary, craft and basic language skills, and the Nepalese women involved are trained for entry into the hospitality industry in the process.

The 'Seven Women' project targets only marginalised women; eg: victims of domestic violence, the disabled, single mothers and widows, and provides them with the empowerment to improve their lives and to connect them with their community.

Stephanie's work is inspiring and an excellent example of how one person can make a significant change in the world by impacting on the lives of others. Stephanie is now involved in mentoring women from other cultures (Afghanistan and Iran) to establish similar business models in their own countries.

Stephanie completed her speech and question time by stressing the importance of maintaining integrity and taking a stand against both unfair trade and business practices eg: bullying.

In conclusion, David Anderson congratulated Stephanie on being a successful Rotary peace ambassador and encouraged all members in attendance to contribute to the Rotary Foundation. President Ruth Byers presented a cheque for \$1,000 to Stephanie on behalf of the Rotary Club of Seymour.

Products are available for sale at www.sevenwomen.org and proceeds support the 'Seven Women' project.



Annual General Meeting



President Ruth concluded the meeting by reinforcing that next week would be the Club's AGM and as such would be a closed meeting for members only. She urged everyone to look at the recently forwarded financial reports and to provide any questions to last year's Treasurer Mariam Baker or current Secretary Ron Halicki prior to the meeting.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Christmas raffle continues.

19 December – Christmas part at Jane Challis's.

26 December – no meeting

2 January – no meeting

9 January – informal get together at Fred Sartori's

16 – 19 March – District Conference

Lucky Wheel



With our jackpot now over a whopping \$900 and various other cash and items available a special was on offer tonight. Land on a blank number and win \$100. Sure enough the \$100 was won by Jacinta Byers guest, Fiona.

Lessons in Rotary

It is often said that Rotary is an organisation of acronyms. This 6 part series is aimed at explaining some of the more common ones –

Week two we look at DIK . Donations In Kind.

Many goods and products, for which organizations in Australia have no further use, are valuable commodities in needy countries. The DIK committee facilitates central co-ordination, storage, packing and dispatch leading to efficiencies in costs and Club efforts to get the goods where they are needed.



Support the seymour youth & fitness centre and become a superhero today



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Gary Doherty



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Mark Dossor



Super Hero Barbie
Mardi Jarvis



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Spiderman
Tony Lee



Hawkeye
Dave Palmer



Dora the Explorer
Paulette Andrews

**Thank you Seymour Rotarians for your support of this activity
along with 20 other community supporters.
Please see Greg Byers to add your own superhero.**

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