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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Farewell Sakiko.

Sakiko's last attendance was a memorable one. She showed maturity and confidence in presenting her year in fluent English and expertly photographed. We have witnessed young people maturing during their Youth Exchange and Sakiko has been a great link between her Australian and Japanese families. No doubt, that link will bring her back one day. Congratulations to the Fellowship Team and others for creating a Japanese atmosphere in her honour.

Welcome Marley.

Marley's account (reprinted elsewhere) of her first weeks in France is illuminating and fun. She even thinks and dreams in French. Her bubbly personality will ensure the year away from family and friends to be a rewarding one and it will be interesting to read the instalments to follow.

The Medallion Club Raffle is nearing the end. We have "talked the talk" so now let's "walk the walk" and make sure we sell ALL the tickets we have been allotted. They are a great chance for any footy tragic to snap up.

Charles.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Heather Gallery & Kerry Larkin
DONATE LIFE

Wednesday 9 March

6pm for 6.30pm

Chairperson: Russell Cock
Guest Rotarian: Maureen Gillham
Meet & Greet: Barry Dean
Cashier: Robert Pill

MARCH — LITERACY MONTH



38 Years of Community Service!

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Following an introduction from Sergeant Brian, President Charles welcomed members and guests to the special farewell dinner night for our departing exchange student Sakiko Nomura who is due to return to Japan. A number of members had dressed in Japanese style clothing for the night, whilst others displayed Red and Black in support of Christchurch NZ quake disaster.

Guests: Matthew Papadouplos Liz Evans, Sakiko Nomura (and three of her special friends) plus her host families who are listed later in the bulletin.

Apologies: David Hanlon, Rod Puls, Bob Edgar, John Tame & Bob Denham.

EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Charles

- ✓ Leave of Absence has been approved for Bob Denham and Rod Puls.
- ✓ Brian Fitton is progressing well which is really great news.
- ✓ Need to know the numbers going to the Bellura House visit as the booking fee is due.

Secretary Mike

- ✓ A certificate of thanks has been received from the Menzies Home for the Christmas gifts, also included was some special cards of thanks from various individuals. They really enjoyed the gifts which makes it all worthwhile.
- ✓ The Club uniforms have arrived and are available for collection.

Treasurer Don

- ✓ Still had nothing to report which is unusual.

DIRECTOR AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was handed over to the Chairman for the night, PP Geoff Magor.

Linda Tinney

- ✓ Some work coming up for Monterey College who would like some garden beds, similar to past work we have done at other schools.
- ✓ Also has brought along some boxes that we think Bob Edgar might have wanted.
- ✓ Want to have a regular monthly, or two monthly program for Abbeyfield. Meeting generally agreed Saturdays was best. First date to be advised.

Eric Neill

- ✓ He thanked the Fellowship Committee for this special night.
- ✓ Don't forget the coming Bowls Night at Long Island Bowling Club. 6pm for 6.30 start. Guests are welcome to come with members, however let Eric know in advance for catering. \$15 per head for a lovely meal and lots of social fun.

Shirley Louden

- ✓ An invite for members to attend a special Inner Wheel night on the 4th May at Brooklands Mornington, to raise funds for building storage sheds in PNG. Bring lots

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

of \$2 coins and have loads of fun. *Note the club meeting has been changed to this venue for the night.*

J Baker

- ✓ Need assistance with preparing the Community Raffle tickets on Tuesday night (8th March, 7pm at Jim Bakers place). Tickets need to be handed to members for delivery at our next meeting.

Con Demopoulos

- ✓ We now have a RYLA candidate which is great news.

Ken Hart

- ✓ Provided an update on work that is progress to hold a MUNA debate.

Russell Cock

- ✓ Gave an update on the work being done by the Rotary Club of Cranbourne to send a container, and a number of members, over to Tonga. A project we have had lot to do with in the past and we wish them all well.

Judi Mckee

- ✓ Judi is getting excited with the District Conference only weeks away.
- ✓ Request for members to wear certain clothing, for the Jazz Night. *Ask Judi for details as I might be in trouble if its in the HO.*

Maureen Gillham

- ✓ New dates are now available for Peninsula Link BBQ's. A list is going around for assistance with this project which is financially beneficial to the club.
The Dates are.
- ✓ 28th March (Mon) at the Baxter Hall , 6pm to 7.30pm
- ✓ 31st March (Thur) at Moorooduc Recreation Reserve, in Derril Road. 6pm to 7.30pm
- ✓ 2nd April (Sat) at Carrum Downs Regional Centre—12n to 2pm.
- ✓ 3rd April (Sun) Ballam Park 12n to 2pm. (Day might change to a Wednesday).
- ✓ *Note we need to be in attendance at least 30 minutes prior to get setup and cooking well underway. Maureen will advise on any other changes or updates, however we do need your assistance.*

Geoff Magor

- ✓ Made a special mention of thanks to all the Host families that had assisted with our clubs Exchange Student this year. He felt that Sakiko has been looked after excellently and was most appreciative of the efforts from the host families, some who did many months. Those families are:
 - Jane & Mark, plus Belle and Phoebe
 - The Angus Family,
 - Mike & Barbara Goonan
 - Sarah & Sergie, with Nina and Elliott,
 - Shirley & David plus families.

The meeting was then handed over to Sakiko to give us a presentation on her visit.

SAKIKO'S JAPANESE NIGHT AND PRESENTATION

Sakiko gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation to the members and guests present. The presentation covered individually all her Host Families, during which she thanked them for the way she had been made part of their families.

Another part of the presentation was of the Frankston High School, where she found it difficult to settle in at first, however later made lots of good friends.

One of the highlights of her year was a visit with other exchange students on the "Rock to Reef Tour" which gave her an understanding of how large Australia is. She really enjoyed the trip, made lots of friends, and saw some wonderful things, all of which she will never forget.

Listening to Sakiko, many members commented on how her English has expanded during her stay in Australia.

At the completion of her wonderful talk, President Charles again thanked all the host families for looking after Sakiko, and mentioned that due to the difficulties in finding host families we would not be taking on any more at this stage. *Hopefully this can change moving forward as it has been beneficial to both our club and the hosted exchange student as is very evident from Sakiko's appreciation of the opportunity.*

President Charles also made a special presentation to Sakiko and wished her well. don't forget her plane leaves from Tullamarine on Tuesday 8th, be at the airport about 2pm, if you are able to see her off.

President Charles then offered special thanks to the International Motel for all the hard work they did to make our Japanese night so special. The menu provided was excellent and the staff very welcoming.



Pres Charles presenting a gift to Sakiko



We dressed up

I thank you all



We love YOU Sakiko



Host Families



Sakiko Presenting



The Chairman ready for bed



A international visitor with excess baggage



Christchurch—We are thinking of you at this sad time.

A THANKYOU FROM THE ASSISTANT GOVERNER—CHRIS ANGERER

Hello All,

Last Wednesday the weather was certainly kind to us, I believe a good time was had by all celebrating the 106th birthday of Rotary. We raised just over \$ 3,500 towards flood relief which will be forwarded via the district trust fund directly to rotary clubs in the affected areas. No administration costs. All this for the normal cost of a club meeting .



I would like to thank all who made this years event again a success:

the organising committee tireless Sam Graham, AG Caroline Such and Peter Cracknell, Paul and his team from Skafts Catering did a great job, praised by everyone for an excellent meal and for giving us great rates for the occasion, Maurie's Jolly Rollers, with Maurie Fabricant, Bill Kerr, Jack Beamish and Harold Jepthah had the park swinging,

Thanks again to Sam Graham, Smartlink Electical Services, family and members of RC Seaford Carrum Downs for providing a significant part of the infrastructure, ie electricians and setting the place up, Peter Hose, Peter Cracknell, Brad Bowman, Terry Schneider and Caroline Such for their help in setting up and ticking people off, the City of Frankston for help with the venue and Councillor Kris Bolam, Mayor of Frankston for taking time to address the gathering,

District Governor David David and Aileen, DGE Kel and Jill, DGN Tony and Carla, PDGs Janet McCahon, David Loudon, James Webb for their attendance, toasts, invocation, support and words of wisdom.

Dick Cox and RC Somerville Tyabb for their help with tables and Chairs, Tom Newman OAM and official Press Photographer

David Cahill for donating his time and services with professionally brewed coffee, and so boosting the funds raised the club members of Peninsula and Nepean clubs and their presidents to make this event the success it was and promise to keep it going into the future:

RCs Frankston and Frankston North, Frankston Sunrise and Long Island, Seaford Carrum Downs and Langwarrin, Mt Eliza, Mt Martha, Mornington, Somerville Tyabb, Sorrento, Dromana, Rosebud Rye.

A special thanks to the Rotaract Club of Peninsula and Karlee and Laura for help with the Raffle, amazingly they morphed into Pres. Guenter and Brad during the night.

Thanks also to following for donating some exciting raffle prizes
 Micheal Davey/ Beacon Lightning in Frankston – Ceiling Van
 Guenter Steinbrecher RC Mt Eliza – 2 Bottles of Berentzen Korn
 Davey's Bar and Restaurant – \$ 50 Restaurant Voucher
 Judy Rebecca/ Ritchies IGA – 2 bottles of Wine
 Tom Newman Rc Seaford Carrum Downs – 2 framed Photographic Prints
 Dick Cox- Handmade babies Quilt
 RC Frankston North – 2 Raffle Tickets for Medallion club Raffle (Value \$20 each)
 RC Frankston Sunrise- 2 Bottles of Hermes Shiraz



And just in case I forgot someone, please forgive me and thanks anyway.

cheers and Thank you again

Chris Angerer



AN UPDATE REPORT FROM MARLEY—OUR OUTGOING EXCHANGE TO FRANCE

It's a long and well presented report

I can't believe it's been more than a month since I arrived. To sum up this time that I've already spent here seems impossible...but I will try.

So, the plane ride was ridiculously long and the food was bizarre but it was fun. I made new friends, was lucky enough to be seated next to Alex Cornfield and had interesting conversations with randoms. It really was a great twenty six odd hours, despite my sore legs and the lack of bottled water at Kuala Lumpur airport.

By the time I reached Paris I was too exhausted to really care what was going on around me, but luckily I stayed sharp. I and four other Australians caught a flight to Nantes and my first and last host family were there with a big "Welcome Marley" sign. I felt loved. I later felt scared when we got in the car and drove at 130 km/h on the right hand side of the road. I was holding onto my seat and mentally yelling at my host father to focus. But I didn't feel endangered, it was my first taste of the French culture and now it's normal to sit on the right when I sit in the front seat.

My first day is kind of a blur now, but I remember the first thing I ate in France. A chocolate croissant and I drank a bottle of coke. I think I was too exhausted to be emotional or anything about missing home and to be honest, I haven't really felt homesick yet. For the first few days I kept thinking that when I opened my eyes in the morning I'd see my room, but no I saw my host brother's old room instead decorated with posters I'd bought-and I was okay with that.

My family went straight into activity mode and each weekend they've made a habit of taking me somewhere local. The Loire region is famous for its chateaus and to date I think I've seen more chateaus than overweight French people (they're a rare breed and I do not understand how they manage to stay so thin). The first thing I noticed was how beautiful the buildings are. I love old buildings and the ones in Australia are not old compared to the ones here. On my third weekend I visited Sable d'Olonne where my family has a house. My host sister, host mum and myself were walking along a pier when I commented on how pretty this old fortress was. My host mother informed me that it wasn't "that old, just from the 14th century." Yes, my jaw dropped. She then proceeded to inform me that the next town over was 1000 years old. The amount of history in these towns and buildings are overwhelming. I mean, I have seen the tomb of Richard the Lionheart who I was learning about two years ago in a classroom in Frankston.

I have visited some amazing places since I've arrived. Fontevraud Abbey, the largest monastery in Europe and an extremely old estate. Walking through the grounds was amazing and I learnt how it used to be a prison which despaired me slightly because such a beautiful place shouldn't have been wasted like that-thanks Napoleon. Like I said, many chateaus such as Saumur, King Bluebeard's and Clisson. Clisson is a really beautiful town with an Italian architectural influence thanks to the owner of the chateau who renovated it with Italian architectural aspects. It's such a beautiful town and along the river there is a checkpoint which points to Spain which was used by the pilgrims centuries ago-cool!

I also just got back from Brittany with my third host family and I visited these amazing towns along the Cote d'Emeraude such as Saint Malo, Dinan, Dinard and Dol-de-Bretagne. Unfortunately no visit to Mont St Michel, but I am informed it will happen. In Brittany there's a lot of "pierre" or stone houses and a lot of colombage houses which are so old the stone steps are worn. I love it! Also in Mont-Dol-de-Bretagne fossils from the prehistoric age were found. That is so incredible. You feel so connected with all these places, especially when you see old photographs of them. My host grandparents are very keen on these big heavy books which show pictures of Cholet. I love them and flick through them trying to identify the streets. It's really sad to come across a beautiful building which has been knocked down but I suppose it happens.

Which brings me to my town. Cholet is lovely. I find it very beautiful and I love it from the stupidly designed streets which had me lost for the first week, to the four churches that ring out of unison every hour for about ten minutes (yes, okay it's five o'clock, stop ringing). My favourite church is Notre Dame-expect when it reminds me I have five minutes until class starts when I'm running late in the mornings. Cholet has a lot to offer, there's a lot of shops and two lots of cinemas and this little bakery called La Mie Caline which will be sponsoring me in my weight gaining this year. I'm really lucky with the first host family that I live five minutes from the centre of town, by foot, and like thirty seconds by car (it's really not worth the petrol which is currently at 1.6 euro which is more than 2 Australian dollars). With my other host families I'm further out of town which is a little scary but I'm sure I'll face bigger challenges than walking three kilometres to shop.

My school is called Lycee Prive Sainte-Marie but we just say Sainte-Marie. It's big with about 1200 students and its only years 10-12 with some pre-university students I think...it's a little confusing. I am in seconde, year 10, and I actually really love school. Yes, I do not understand maths-but hey I don't always get it in English either-and I only realised what P.F.E.G was four weeks into class (business management) but it's good. I understand French classes because they're just like English classes...but in French, and I understand geography because there is lots of diagrams (although my teacher said that central America was south east Asia so maybe I shouldn't pay attention...) and I understand a little of economics. Luckily I don't take Spanish and English is a total bludge. The teacher looks at me with fear like she's afraid I'll jump up and correct her but I haven't corrected her weird use of phrases or her even weirder accent. But the best thing about school is the people. One my first day a girl put up her hand to show me around and immediately her friends and her embraced me and now we're all friends. The rest of the class is amazingly sweet as well as although there are friendship groups there isn't a cliquy feel which is really great. In fact I haven't seen any displays of hostility really.

My friends are really great, I cannot stress that enough. They're so patient and they've taught me so much. The 'shiny new toy' phase has stopped and my whole class is still interested in me, so that's great. The girls and I flick through magazines and the guys ask me stupid questions like "do you know Bob Marley?" or "do you have a kangaroo" to which I reply "of course, I'm Australian, why would you even ask that?" because after saying "no" continuously for a week you decide to go with it. We all talk about music and movies and what we did on the weekend. It's great because I'm learning lots of the lingo and phrases and I feel French. There are other exchange students at my school but only one is with rotary, the rest are living there for six months. I am friends with them, but I don't talk to them a lot because I find we talk in English and I don't like that. We all talk during our one French class together a week and it's really interesting to hear about their countries (Mexico, Germany, Latvia, Czech Republic, Taiwan and Argentina). I've even learnt a little Russian and Spanish.

Speaking of exchange students, I also met the other southern hemisphere exchangers in my district. There a boy from New Zealand, a girl from New Zealand, a girl from Norfolk Island, a girl from Argentina, a girl here for six months from Austria, the other three Australians-2 from NSW and one from Cairns and myself. We've all really bonded (in English) and get along. I live near the kiwi boy and the Australian boy so we're planning to meet up with the others and shop or something. I can't wait for eurotrip! And to meet the other exchange students. There are thirty eight in my district and I'm meeting them sometime this month at the district conference.

My host family is really great. At the start we spoke a bit of English and French, but my host dad can't speak English so my host sister, Marie-Elvire translated (she's off to Australia in July, district 9820 as well!) and it was really great. Her English is so great and we help each other out-I clarify English things for her and she does the same for French phrases for me. It's a really good system. My host mum is very lovely as well and I have met other members of the family including the host sister who lives in Paris, the host brother who also lives in Paris and the other host sister who lives in America (the same town she went on exchange to when she was eighteen). I met my other host families, spending a day with my second and third and I go to school with my fourth family host sister so I see her every day. They are all really nice and seem genuinely happy to have me around. My three little host sisters at my next family didn't want me to leave their house-it was adorable.

My French has improved a lot since I first arrived and things that I found difficulty with are getting easier. It's still a challenge, especially when everyone is talking really quickly and at once or if I don't have an idea of the topic of a conversation but I don't speak English at all (except occasionally at times with my host sister but even then she speaks to me in English and I reply in French) and I read in French as well, having become a magazine-aholic since I arrived. I miss reading!

I watch French TV and have seen three movies at the cinemas in French. I find they're easy to understand because you have the visual displays and there is a storyline to follow. I am pleased when I mix it up when I write or think in French. I've even had dreams where I am talking in French but my friends reply in English. When I wake up it's always cool to realise I had been dreaming in a different language. However in saying that, there is a lot of room for improvement in my French.

One thing I have found difficult is writing everything down, which is a real shame because I want to look back and remember everything. Thus, I have been setting aside time to write each night instead of going on Facebook or zoning out whilst listening to French music (which I really love).

As for the food here...wow...that is all I can say. Not so much the main meals but the sweets. I have a huge sweet tooth and it's killing me over here! I love their yoghurt which I eat so much of. And if it's not yoghurt then it's hot chocolate or pain au chocolat. Miam! I can definitely see how so many exchange students have gained weight; it's so easy to do so when there are so many things to try. I am definitely worried about my waistline!

I also gave my presentation this month for my rotary club. They were really laid back and received it very well, telling me I was brave for doing it entirely in French. I was terrified, but it was a good kind of terrified because I had this strong sense of accomplishment afterwards. Their system is really different, as in they don't do announcements or anything like that. I found it kind of bizarre, but it was good. It meant I got to talk to a lot of people and I have been invited away to all these places by the Rotarians-they're all so lovely!

As a person, I feel I have already grown in these last weeks and my perception has changed. I am only sixteen but I feel like I'm a lot more mature than I was in Australia and even more mature than some of my peers here. It's not a case of thinking I am "better" than them, it's more that I'm realising that I have to think smart and be the boss of myself and avoid being in situations where I can lose control. I am also seeing what it is to be an adult, from dealing with the teachers on my first day to introducing myself to the Rotarians at the meeting I attended and not relying on others to organise things for me. It's really difficult to explain (and I know I am not doing a good job of it) but exchange has already taught me so much about myself. I can't imagine what I will learn by the end of the year. I am really enjoying myself here and the challenges I'm faced with. Tomorrow I am off to the sea to go sailing and I think it will be really good, freezing, but good. Oh and sorry this was late, I gave some warning that it would be. It is due to the fact that I was in Brittany for the last six days. Sorry! A bientot!



Me at Dinard, Bretagne where Picasso used to holiday



My host sister, Zoe, and I in Dol-de-Bretagne



Cholet



Me at Clisson

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF NEPEAN INC INVITATION - COMBINED WITH OUR MEETING

THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF NEPEAN INC.

Invites

to our

**Rainbow House Fundraising Dinner
(District A62 International Project)**

Wednesday 4th May 2011

at

**BROOKLANDS
Tanti Ave
MORNINGTON
(Melways Ref 104 F11)**

6.30 for 7pm start

COST \$40.00 per head
(with drinks at bar prices)

Please RSVP with payment to

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ANNIVERSARIES

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Pill—15th March 1988

BIRTHDAYS

Nil this week

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Nil this week.



CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

“Grow the community presence of the Rotary Club of Frankston North by exploring relevant service and collaboration opportunities in order to shape the future direction of our service delivery. This is achieved through member-ship empowerment to support activities addressing the service avenues of Rotary International as stated through our Club goals.”

REMINDER OF COMING EVENTS

8/03/2011	Tue	Sakiko returns to Japan
15/03/2011	Tue	Bowls Night - Long Island
25/03/2011	Fri	District 9820 Conference Shepparton
17/04/2011	Wed	Sports Night - Centenary Park
21/05/2011	4 days	2011 RI Convention New Orleans

ROTARY

THE INVOCATION

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

THE LOYAL TOAST

“To Her Majesty the Queen, and the People of Australia”

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

THE CLUB VISION

“The Rotary Club of Frankston North is a caring group of people who apply their time and talents in providing humanitarian support to local and overseas communities and individuals, while also caring for and involving their own members and families”

FUTURE GUEST ROTARIANS

23/03/2011	Glen Ellam
30/03/2011	David Cahill
6/04/2011	Michael Goonan
13/04/2011	David Louden
20/04/2011	Ken Hart
27/04/2011	Brian Capon
4/05/2011	Tony Spring
11/05/2011	Wayne Peterson
18/05/2011	Mark Sammut
25/05/2011	Geoff Magor
1/06/2011	Judi Mckee
8/06/2011	Eric Neill

MAKE-UP VENUES

ROTARY CLUB	VENUE	DAY	TIME
Frankston	International Motel	Thursday	6pm for 6.30pm
Frankston/Long Island	Frankston Life Saving Club	1st & 3rd Thursday	7am for 7.15am
Frankston Sunrise	Davey’s Bar	Wednesday	6.45am for 7am
Langwarrin	Baxter Tavern	Monday	6.30pm for 7pm
Mt Eliza	Toorak College	Tuesday	6pm for 6.30pm
Seaford/Carrum Downs	The Sands Hotel	Tuesday	6.30pm for 7pm

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

<p>Bowls Night Long Island Bowling Club Wednesday 15 March 6PM Partners/Friends Night Dont be shy, come and have some fun Great meal and cheap drinks. (Just let Eric know for catering)</p>	<p>Matt Sherry BEES Wednesday 23 March 6.00pm for 6.30pm Chairperson: TBA Guest Rotarian: Maureen Gillham Meet & Greet: Barry Dean Cashier: Robert Pill</p>	<p>TBA Wednesday 30 March 6.00pm for 6.30pm Chairperson: TBA Guest Rotarian: David Cahill Meet & Greet: Barry Dean Cashier: Robert Pill</p>
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SOME FACTS TO PONDER



A 2009 study found that the average Australian walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found that the average Australian drinks 22 gallons of beer a year.

That means the average Australian gets about 41 miles per gallon.

Bloody good value that!