



ROTARY CLUB OF HAWTHORN



Tuesday 08 June 2010

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Notes from the meeting

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Meetings

Hawthorn Receptions

555 Glenferrie Road

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Tuesdays 12:30pm for

1:00pm (Finish 2.00pm)

Rotary Club of Hawthorn

PO Box 33, Hawthorn 3122

Bulletins etc available from:

<http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/files>

Discussions, correspondence etc available from:

<http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/topics>

People

Best wishes to the following members, and anyone else who may be sick:

- **Bruce Smith** hopes to be back with us in a week's time.
- **Ian Stoney**, having physio treatment, hopes to be with us next week.
- **Russell House** is still recovering. Hopes to be with us next week.

No Involvement in Grand Concert

The Rotary Club of Hawthorn is unfortunately unable to be involved with staging of the Grand Concert at MLC this Year 2010. The loss of Nehama and her significant contribution to this event, and the wider commitment of the Club in the next few months, have brought about the serious consideration that determined this decision.

Other opportunities to assist the charitable beneficiary of the Concert's proceeds, Camcare, remain an option for the 2010-2011 Club Board.

Thank you all for your effort for this event in previous years.

Neil Roberts – President 2009-2010

Meredith Butler – President 2010-2011

Sumba Eye Program 2010 Wednesday 16 June 6.30 to 9.00pm \$45 ph

- Hawthorn Town Hall. Dinner & Charity Auction.
- By RC Glenferrie & RC Kew. Bookings: Gerry Cantwell.

RC Hawthorn Changeover Dinner 6.30pm Thursday 24 June

- Green Acres Golf Club, 51 Elm Street, East Kew (Melway 45G1)
- Bookings: Ngairé Cannon (77 already booked—a strong response!)

Police Cadets with Us at DIK Warehouse Sat 19 June 9.30am – 1.00pm

- Hoping for publicity. Sorting & Packing and then BBQ lunch
- Contact President Neil – neil.roberts@tpg.com.au

District Governor's Changeover Lunch

11.30am Sunday 27th June 2010

@ Palladium at Crown \$75 per head

Contact Dennis Shore

to join the Hawthorn tables.



Member Behind The Badge

A talk by **Colin Crawford**

Any reporter of a Member Behind the Badge talk can write only a fraction of what we heard. And maybe I've got some of it wrong. But I hope I give you some flavour of the 'life of Colin'. Let's start at the beginning . . .

Colin was born in 1952 and lived his first 7 years in one of Melbourne's Northern suburbs. He recalls empty blocks of land in Pascoe Vale Road, and riding his bike everywhere.

Then, surprisingly, his parents did a tree change, and started farming cattle, sheep and pigs at Skenes Creek. Colin remembers a very non-suburban lifestyle, working around the farm, and catching the bus to school. But, after 3 years, it was back to suburbia - Essendon this time. (Colin thinks now that his parents just couldn't make a living on the farm.)

Essendon Grammar was a good school, an academic school, with blazers and caps, and 15 students per class. But Colin was good at sport, not academia; so, at 17 years old, Colin found himself as a cadet manager at the famous old Georges store, learning fast about everything, and doing well.

However, soon quit to join the team of 3 full time and a handful of part timers that organised the Melbourne Moomba Festival. He stayed for 6 hectic years whilst the team grew to 15 staff and 50 part time. He met Prime Ministers, hired Abba, got Neil Diamond to do his first tour outside America, started the birdman rally, organised the grand parade. The key to his success is revealed in his then 'Smiley' nickname: he never smiled, and so avoided having to engage too much with others!

At age 26, Colin married, and moved to Hobart to run a new annual Tasmania Festival. He recalls hiring the Seekers and Johnny Farnham. But the festival was badly timed, and failed after some 3 years. So, he seized the opportunity to run the Geelong festival.

His first marriage collapsed, and he gained custody of his 3 year old son. (One of Colin's few admitted mistakes was spending too little time with his children.)

He left Geelong, returned to Melbourne, and founded Crest Public Relations and gained as clients two projects that we surely all remember: *BikeEd* and *Life. Be In It*. Needing part-time work, in order to raise his son, he sold the business and started selling swimming pools—and found himself very good at it.



At the age of 34 he decided he wanted to be involved in Business. So he became a business broker, qualified as a Real Estate Agent, and started learning about 'What would make this business work?' He founded Bass Consulting Group, married one of his business partners, and thus produced two more kids.

In 2006, Colin sold Bass Consulting and took a year out of the work force. Soon his second marriage was failing, and he joined Klemms Business Brokers (very close to Hawthorn Receptions.) He also helps with 'Words for Peace' on TV Channel 31.

His oldest son is now a world-leading specialist in lighting of the biggest events. And his other kids are 14 and 12.

It is wonderful to hear about a person's varied, successful life; and it is sobering to hear about those bits of a person's life that have not gone as he would have wished. Colin told us of his many successes with pride, and of his few failings with sadness. We were privileged to learn so much about one of our own members.

(By Lawrence Reddaway)

A Tribute to our member Jim Braden who died recently

Primary education was Jim's life work. Accepted into the teaching service at the (now) amazing age of 16 years after undertaking his primary and secondary education in Ballarat, Jim started his classroom duties in that same town and went on to a career of 23 years with service also in a variety of country and city locations.

In 1950 Jim moved into teacher's college lecturing and working in that area for five years before his eye was attracted to an advertisement in the Education Gazette for an inspector of schools in the Latrobe Valley. In this way the third phase of Jim's professional career started. Jim says that his was an onerous task of primary school inspection over a wide area of country Victoria. In 1961 he was transferred to metropolitan Melbourne before being appointed as the assistant director of Primary Education, the last phase of his 46 years in education.

Meanwhile, during his years in the Latrobe Valley, Jim had been persuaded to join the Rotary Club of Moe in 1955. Returning to the city in 1961 saw a transfer to RC Northcote and his accession to the presidency of that club in 1964-65.

Jim has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer at three separate clubs and been bulletin editor at four.

His hobbies of reading, history and sport are evidenced by his long membership of the Naval Historical Society and the Melbourne Cricket Club.

(edited from a 2001, 90th birthday tribute)

Around The Club

Rotarian fined for free publicity

The power of **The Shadow** over world events is proved yet again! Last week **The Shadow** campaigned for the Sergeant to fine **Simon O'Donoghue** for the free publicity he had received in Progress Leader. Congratulations to Sergeant **David Corrigan** for doing just that. (But why did he not comply with all of **The Shadow's** demands and fine **Jill Weeks** as well?)

Joe Devereux—Crooner, Cruiser or Recuperator?

Welcome back to **Joe Devereux**—home from cruising in the Mediterranean with 3,449 other passengers. Our singing of the National Anthem duly increased, from its normally high standard, in volume and enthusiasm (essential ingredients)—but possibly not in timing and pitch (optional ingredients). And then Sergeant **David C** fined Joe for some remote connection to Tom Jones!

The Shadow understands that **Joe** enjoyed his cruise, except for the presence of all the passengers. Very sad to hear, though, that Joe suffered from 2 ruptured ear drums as a result of flying home with a heavy head cold—something he has recommended his patients against over numerous decades. (Congratulations, Joe, for 'fessing up to this one!)

Did the Druries See Joe's Ship?

The Shadow learns that the **Druries** wrote postcards in **Dubrovnik**, and posted them in **Greece**. Did they, perhaps, see Joe's ship on the horizon?

The Shadow

This Week's Meeting:

Attendance: 41 Members + 2 Guest = 43 Total
Guest Speaker: Colin Crawford (Club Member)
Guests of Members: Robert Ball (David Rush),
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Other Guests: Nil
Thanks to: John Higgins (Chair), David Corrigan (Sergeant), Norman Hall (Raffle Donor), Chris Hanson (photos).
Congratulations to Ngaire Cannon (raffle winner)

Apologies	HALFORD Noel	STONEY Ian
DRURY Henry	MACFARLANE Ian	WEEKS Jill
DUMAYNE Geoff	ROSE Kevin	WRIGHT Geoff
	SHORE Dennis	

Makeups

None reported

Housekeeping						
(If you cannot perform your duty, please find a replacement. Or call Norman Hall 0401 100 177)						
Date	Setting Up	Badges	Front Desk	Grace	Raffle	Clearing Up
15 June	Terry Perree	Jim Earle	Gerry Cantwell	Kevin Rose	Anne Scott	Ian Warren
			Sandy Bennet			G. Swinnerton
22 June	No Tues Meeting	(Changeover	Dinner	6.30	Thursday	24 June)

Forthcoming Speakers					
Date	Topic	Speaker	Organisation	Chair	
June 15	Sing Australia	Shaun Islip	Sing Australia	David Rush	
The Sing Australia vision is for Australia to be a country where everyone sings. Amongst its aims: to create opportunities for singing and eliminate barriers and to make singing and groups accessible to all people who like to sing.					
June 22	NO MEETING				
Don't forget the CHANGEOVER DINNER on Thursday 24th June					
June 29	Identifying Gang Presence & Overview of Policing in Boroondara	Patrick Boyle APM	Acting Superintendent, Victoria Police	Ian Macfarlane	
Keeping up to date with the local community.					
July 06	Prostate Health and Continence Health	David Schmidt	Prostate Cancer Founda- tion of Australia	Kevin Rose	
Ah—this sounds self explanatory and, sadly, very relevant to our membership average age group!					
July 13	From University to Media	Waleed Aly	Lawyer & Journalist	Richard Groom	
Waleed Aly is a lecturer in politics at Monash University, where he also works within the Global Terrorism Research Centre. A former commercial lawyer, Waleed is also a regular on ABC radio in Melbourne. His first book <i>People Like Us: how arrogance is dividing Islam and the West</i> was shortlisted for Best Newcomer in the Australian Book Industry Awards					
July 20	Club Forum	All Directors		President Meredith Hayes	
Planning the year ahead for our club.					

Leave of Absence
Noel Halford 16 May—04 July

Second Bite Roster			
June	12	Kevin Rose	David Owen
June	19	Ian Hamilton	Norman Hall
June	26	Richard Groom	David Rush
July	04	Geoff Dumayne	Ian Stoney