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SPEAKER LAST WEEK

EDEN exists to rescue, restore & empower women caught in exploitation & human trafficking.. Eden is an Australian organization with its basic front-line operations in Myanmar, which borders China, Bangladesh, India and Thailand. Eden also operates in rescue work where necessary in Australia.

Those currently suffering from human trafficking are estimated to number slightly under 50 million.

Hence, the challenging and heart breaking frontline work for people as Michelle. This led to Michelle highlighting the estimated profit of \$150 billion annually; 98% involving girls with an average of 13 years.

Michelle highlighted the EDEN mission:

BE LIGHT, BRING HOPE, SHARE LOVE.

Despite the depressing background of her subject, Michelle wanted all present to leave the meeting with a feeling of bright hope. Children being sold by parents overnight, young girls being abducted, the horrors of brothels and backyard sheds, Eden inspires hope. This is possible after rescue with a wide range of 'treatments':

Drop-in centres

Emergency Shelters

Trauma Counselling

Vocational Training

Economic Empowerment

Community Education



EDEN JEWELRY: Jewellery designed and made by those rescued and freed from slavery is one answer Michelle promotes. By buying EDEN jewellery one is collaborating in the freeing and rehabilitating process. One is speaking up for those trapped in exploitation and abuse. One is sounding the alarm on this worldwide issue. One is reaching out to those previously unreachable.



thisiseden.org

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Kate Austin 19/9



Julie Morris 19/9

Lyn Mogford 13/9

Carolyn Pinder 16/9



VISITING LAST WEEK: Barbara Gilbert; Keith Ryall (Carlton Rotary and PDG District 9800); Johanna Sanchez; Carlos Aristizabal.

SPECIAL GREETINGS TO GMAN: Members are well aware of Gerry's recent health battles. Sadly, while in repair, he has had to farewell his sister in Sydney who passed away while in her young seventies. Gerry is a strong man but this has been an extra challenge. All in the club are by him and his extended family in these times.

COMING DATES

SPEAKERS

Sep-13	LIFEBLOOD DRIVE PROGRAMME	Ashleigh Hales
Sep-20	CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION	Jessica Redwood

NEXT FOOD BANK DELIVERY: Tuesday 12th September; arrival between 11.30-11.45am. Because of school holidays the following delivery may not be for a month later. Stay advised.

Weekly Roster August - September 2023

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
13-September-2023	Carla Finocchiaro	Norbet Schaber Peter Gilbert	David De La Coeur	Pete Sambell
20-September-2023	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert Elaine Price	Julie Morris	Paul Smarrelli
27-September-2023	Susan Still	Norbet Schaber Paul Smarrelli	Peter Peyton	Ruth McCall

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE FIND SUBSTITUTE

ROTARY YEAR: Monthly Themes. Month of September: Basic Education and Literacy

CLUB NEWS

President Kannan has sent all members the request for a voting response to the **PILOT REGIONALISATION** matter. It is a YES or NO vote and must be returned to Sec. Geoff by 5pm on FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023. Kannan must return the Club vote to D9790 by 5pm on Sunday 17TH September 2023.

The best result for getting club news items into the **WEEKLY BULLETIN** is by emailing or by hand print to the editor.

At times, members are relying on a quick statement from the floor at club meetings. They are not aware of passing ambulances on Bell Street, some members at the end of a table carrying on a conversation or poor use of a microphone! Taking on board the above, it may make the Bulletin a better conveyor of Preston Rotary life.



YOUR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED - TEAMWORK. Before and after each weekly meeting the room at the Darebin RSL needs to be set up and packed away. For a long time this has been undertaken by the same small group of members each week. Could all members consider arriving a little earlier or leaving a little later to “share the load”. It only takes about 10 minutes. None of the items are heavy or difficult to handle.

DigiCloud, a Fairfield based IT services company, is offering members and connections a **CYBER SECURITY AND SAFETY WORKSHOP**. Six have already put their names in and the class is for a maximum of 12.

The aim is to teach seniors how to remain safe online – avoiding scams, frauds and identity thefts. This is an interactive and engaging workshop and will be held at Darebin RSL, November 1, 9.30am to 12.30pm (before the club meeting which will begin at 12.45am).

Attendees contact Sec. Geoff.



COME ON ROTARY, COME ON!



There is more than enough food produced in the world to feed everyone on the planet.

Yet, as many as 783 million people still go hungry.

Two weeks ago in the USA this person on the right ate 276 chicken wings in 12 minutes . . .



COMMUNITY CAR RAFFLE – ROTARY CLUB OF MOOROOPNA: At the Club's invitation, Preston Rotary has decided to participate in the upcoming Mooroopna Community Car Raffle to be drawn New Year's Eve 2023. First prize Kia Stonic Sports with extras, valued at \$28,500.

Tickets are \$5 each; a book is \$20 (5 tickets). Tickets will be available from September 20. 60% of club sales returns to the club. The ticket design makes a clear statement that the majority of the ticket price goes to the community work of the organisation that sells the ticket.

Raffle draw will be at the Mooroopna New Year's Eve Festival, December 31st.



The **COMMSAFE** information session run by Victoria Police recently at Latrobe University was both enlightening and educational for all attendees. Attendees included Geoff, Elaine, Julie, Paul and Kannan. It was a three-hour session. Organisation was controlled by police of the North West Community Region.

RIMERN (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network): Growing pains means needing volunteers. In its short existence Rimern's community service growth has been rapid.

Since June 23, 5 new agencies serving Melbourne's north have joined the list: Mind Australia, South Port Community Housing Group, St. Vincent's Hospital Foundation, Lighthouse Foundation and North Richmond Community Health. Whatever the individual cause of need recognised by these groups, Rimern is there to respond and furnish an empty property.

July 22 – June 23, 230 orders/12,000 items have been supplied (\$326,000 second hand value). That's double the previous year. Word is out there. Hence more supplies, demands and hosting volunteers. Persons referred to Rimen are hosted through the showrooms and aided in making their selections.

This growth has caused the call-out for more volunteers particularly on Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm. Contact Ruth McCall.



Club Website addresses:

The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000, A/c 154 200 034

For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

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