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Meets at: London Tavern, 414 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield
We Meet at 6.30pm for 6.45pm each Tuesday evening

WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

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Robert Graziano, head of Ford Australia, to be Key Note Speaker at this years Business Persons Breakfast



Robert Graziano was appointed to the position of President & CEO, Ford of Australia in November 2010. In this role he is responsible for all of Ford's operations in Australia and driving the company's continued growth and profitability.

Prior to this, Graziano was Chairman and CEO, Ford Motor (China) Ltd, the position he assumed in April 2008, following his role as executive vice president and representative director for Mazda Motor Corporation.

Graziano joined Ford in 1982 as a sales analyst in the Omaha Ford District Office. He became a zone manager in the Houston District Office in 1984 and a department manager in Kansas City District Office in 1986.

Graziano was appointed financial studies specialist in the North American

Controller's Office in 1990. He moved to Lincoln Mercury to launch the Mercury Villager minivan in 1991. He was then appointed general zone manager for the Lincoln Mercury Southeast Region in 1992, a position he held until 1994 when he returned to Dearborn to work as a brand development manager.

In 1997, Graziano was appointed general marketing manager, Ford Brazil, a position he held until 1998 when he was elected strategic marketing director, Ford South America.

He returned to the U.S. in 2000 as brand manager for Ford large sedans. In 2002, Graziano was named director, product marketing, Ford North America, a position he held until being named director, product strategy and planning in May 2003.

In December 2004, Graziano was named president and chief executive officer, Ford Motor Company of Southern Africa.

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President 2011/2012

Garry Fabian

2011/2012

RI President:

Kalyan Banerjee

District Governor:

Keith Ryall

Assistant Governor:

Gordon Cheyne



January is Rotary Awareness Month	Feb 21	Feb 28	Mar 6	Mar 13
Speaker	Jonathan Barnett	Warren Howard		
Topic	911	Business Strategies		
Chair	Alan Samuel	John Leske		
Toast to Club	G Fabian	J Hill	I Marks	D Panakos
Toast to Australia	K Langfelder	D Hueberger	Basil 'O'	G Fabian
Meeting	Board			
Cashier	Ian Marks	K Langfelder	M Preston	A Nelson

THE ROTARY 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?

LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS MEETING TIMES & VENUES

Brighton North:
 Wednesday 6:30pm
 Royal Brighton Yacht Club,
 253 Esplanade,
 Brighton

Caulfield:
 Thursday 12:30pm for 12:45pm
 Signatures Cafe,
 741 Glen Huntly Road,
 South Caulfield

Brighton:
 Thursday 6:00pm for 6:30pm
 Royal Brighton Yacht Club,
 253 Esplanade,
 Brighton

Brighton Beach:
 Tuesday 6:15pm for 6:45pm
 Millanos Hotel,
 4 The Esplanade,
 Brighton Beach



DIK Back to School Exercise Book Project

The “Back to School Specials” specials usually feature cheap exercise books, the basic building block for education. This is the item most requested from Donations In Kind for their overseas projects.

For the past couple of years DIK have been distributing a wonderful donation of 750,000 books, but all good things come to an end and they are almost gone.



With books available for a few cents (Big W packs of 3 for 10cents) it's a simple and affordable way for Members and their friends to support a student who needs our help. If you see a store running a Back to School promotion have a look around. There is a very good chance cheap books will be available and it never hurts to ask.

In the past our club have supported this project with books pencils crayons and even simple school bags. Please consider your support again. Bring your donations to the club and John Strong will collect and take to the DIK store.

What I've learnt.

I've learnt that saying good-bye is never really easy.

I've learnt that when somebody offers you something, you accept it gratefully.

I've learnt when somebody says, “Make yourself at home”, you do.

I've learnt that for other people, it's not so easy to step outside their comfort zones.

I've learnt another language, one that I never thought I would learn.

I've learnt lessons, that I was almost certain I already knew.

I've learnt what it means to become self-reliant.

I've learnt the responsibilities parents have, because I've had to be my own.

I've learnt that buying junk food for lunch, because it's quick and easy, is not always ideal.

I've learnt to consider all my options before deciding.

I've learnt that image isn't everything, although first impressions matter a lot.

I've learnt to listen to people, and learn from them, instead of just talking and blocking everybody else out.

I've learnt that teachers are in fact people, and can become your friends.

I've learnt to trust my gut feeling more, and that it's generally correct.

I've learnt to outgrow jealousy and to instead admire the qualities in people, which I myself, do not own.

I've learnt to accept another culture into my life, and allow it to become a part of who I now am.

I've learnt that body language and facial expressions play an important role in understanding people.

I've learnt to find beauty, in the most outrageously mundane things, like an autumn tree in preparation for winter.

I've learnt that frozen lakes, aren't actually that cold when you jump in them, because you can't feel anything.

I've learnt to trust people I've just met, and allow my safety to be in their hands.

I've learnt to laugh at myself, even more so than usual.

Rotary Church and Lunch Day.
When Sunday March 4, 9.30am
Where Anglican Parish of the Parks,
384 Ferrars St. Albert Park
Who, Father Ray McInness.

Afterwards, Lunch at a local restaurant for all. As part of Melbourne's Wine And Food Festival restaurants are offering a 2 course lunch, a glass of wine and tea or coffee for \$35. Once menus are available we shall be choosing one of the restaurants in the South Melb area. So put it in your Diaries

ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN EIRA

WHISKY TASTING NIGHT

7PM THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2012

CAULFIELD RSL

3 ST. GEORGES RD, ELSTERNWICK

\$50.00 PER PERSON

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Forthcoming Events

23rd February 2012 Whisky Tasting Night

23rd February 2012 50th Anniversary of Rotary Club of Caulfield

4th March 2012 Rotary Church and Lunch Day

9-12 March 2012 9800 District Conference ,Melbourne Conference Centre.

16 March to 1 April 2012 Glen Eira club visit to Japan

Sun 18 March 2012 Ogaki club 50th celebration dinner

3 June 2012 (Thursday) Business Persons Breakfast Ford CEO Robert Graziano

Appointments for 2011/2012

President:	Garry Fabian
President Elect:	Mark Preston
IPP:	Jan Hill
Secretary:	Ian Marks
Treasurer:	Keith Faiman
Membership:	Basil Ornellas
Club Service:	Mark Preston
Speakers	Debbie Panakos
Bulletin Editor	Larry Blode
Community:	Geoff Asher
Vocational	David Heuberger
New Generations:	Alan Samuel
International:	John Strong
Foundation:	Sam Binstock
Sergeant:	David Heuberger

I've learnt that it's pointless to have fears and that they indeed hold you back.

I've learnt to accept people into my life, treat them like I would my sister, and then say good-bye the following day.

I've learnt that saying "I'll see you soon", is one of the biggest lies ever told.

I've learnt that no other family can really replace your own, although, they can become another family that you're a part of.

I've learnt that sometimes it's important to put your own feelings aside, and put all your energy into making sure that everybody else are okay.

I've learnt to admit my worries as soon as they occur, and that there is no real point in trying to hide them.

I've learnt that not everyone wants to be your friend.

I've learnt what frustration is, and how to deal with it. More so, the frustration of not understanding, and not being understood.

I've learnt that charades is a universal language and game.

I've learnt how to sleep, just about anywhere.

I've learnt that money isn't needed to have a good time.

I've learnt that materialistic things don't really matter at all when it comes down to it.

I've learnt to appreciate Australia more, and how lucky I am to live here.

I've learnt how lazy we are, compared to other nations.

I've learnt that it's okay to be different, and that no one person is actually the same.

I've learnt to find humour in serious situations.

I've learnt not to worry too much, and that things often have a way of fixing themselves.

I've learnt that age is not a set-back, but it is a major divider.

I've learnt to grow-up, in some situations, against my own will.

I've learnt that a smile can get you pretty far.

I've learnt that even walking in -23 degrees, you can get hot.

I've learnt that the sky looks different at night and so does the sunset, in different places.

I've learnt more history than I ever have in school, by either travelling, or talking to international students/people.

I've learnt that disagreeing with somebody is pointless, and that it's better to accept their point of view, or somehow mould it in with your own idea.

I've learnt what it's like to not speak your own language for a few days.

I've learnt that time goes extremely fast, and that if you don't act immediately, you never really will.

I've learnt the word "yes", is more valuable than almost any other word, because it allows more opportunities to happen.

I've learnt not to judge someone on their appearance or reputation and that if you give them time they will surprise you.

I've learnt that it is okay to be homesick overseas, and that no one thinks you're weak for doing so.

I've learnt that beanies, scarfs, gloves and woollen socks are so much more than a fashion item.

I've learnt how to say the same thing 10 different ways, so that people understand.

I've learnt that sitting in a car with strangers for 10 hours is actually not so bad at all.

I've learnt that darkness isn't so scary, by only having 3 hours of sunlight a day.

I've learnt skiing is actually really hard, no matter how easy everybody makes it look.

I've learnt not to say something is "weird", that it is simply "different" and to believe when I say that.

I've learnt that nothing is ever really boring, and that the situation is only so, because you aren't appreciating it.

I've learnt that sending an email once in a while, will comfort someone more than you think it does.

I've learnt that living in a small town has its advantages and disadvantages.

I've learnt that driving a tractor to school, can be completely normal.

I've learnt not to be embarrassed by who I am or what I do or what I represent.

I've learnt not to become nervous, and that there is really no point in doing so.

I've learnt to carry tissues everywhere.

I've learnt that ink can't be erased, and nor can what's written on the internet.

I've learnt my true friends, from my not-so-true ones.

I've learnt that if you just ask for help, it will be given to you.

I've learnt how to politely disagree with somebody without offending them.

I've learnt the ways of people, are the same everywhere.

I've learnt ordering an ice-cream in Russia is one of the hardest things you can do.

I've learnt empathy.

I've learnt that sometimes, people just don't want to listen to you. And that it is okay.

I've learnt that being in a wheelchair is fun for the first day, and then it gets annoying.

I've learnt that even the people who you think are the strongest, have their weaknesses.

I've learnt that it's okay to cry in front of someone.

I've learnt that having pride in yourself is important.

I've learnt that everyone one loves a good round of karaoke.

I've learnt that having the ability to hold a conversation is a gift.

I've learnt that some of the best times happen when you least expect them to.

I've learnt, unfortunately, that I've out-grown many things.

I've learnt that it's okay to let something go, and to move on with long strides.

I've learnt that sometimes, it's important to stop and look back, and take time to reflect.

I've learnt how naive we all are.