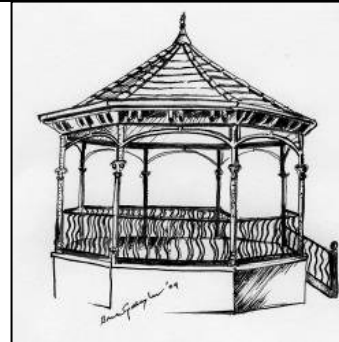


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Guests and Club Members can  
Register on the following link  
[Register for Meeting](#)

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## Acting President's Message

For some time now, many Rotarians have been convinced that their children and grandchildren are in fact communicating in a different language to the one we have been taught and used since school days. On Monday night, it was confirmed that this is indeed the case.... and confirmed by an expert in the English language and an educator who works with “the Like Generation.”

Our Guest Speaker was Michelle Maglito, a middle and senior school teacher of English, History and English Language at Methodist Ladies College... she is a colleague of Annette Gitz at MLC and we are very grateful to Annette and Bill Granger for inviting such an articulate, intelligent and entertaining speaker to address our Club. Michelle started her teaching career in England in two comprehensive schools. Following this, she taught English to international students and locals in England, Sweden and then in Melbourne. After teaching at language centres in Melbourne, she returned to the secondary sector and taught at Marcellin College and then at MLC. She is a presenter on VCE English Language Unit 3 and 4 for Engage Education. Michelle is currently working towards her Doctorate of Education at Melbourne University. She is indeed a most intelligent and interesting young professional and also a keen traveler and dilettante.

Michelle treated our very engaged audience to her explanation of “Teenspeak” and “the Like Generation”. She also explained other mysteries including why many teens have to put every boring mundane everyday activity of their lives on Facebook and Twitter.... quite simply it is because they need validation and affirmation of who they are.... “I have 200 friends on Facebook and so many followers”.

Language does of course vary according to age, gender and nationality but Teenspeak is all about conformity and inclusion. Michelle called upon Ja'mie King (aka Chris Lilley) to demonstrate this point in an amusing but close to the bone video from the TV show. She later played another absolute classic clip on the current usage of grammar in the English language... it was quick and brilliant and the link is included by Max later in this Bulletin for those like me who want to see it again and pick up on the many gems we missed.



*Michelle Maglito*

## Speaker and Events Program

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| Monday Oct 27 | Speaker: Maureen Salter (Camberwell High School), Chair: TBA<br><b>“How are things at Camberwell High”</b>      |
| Monday Nov 3  | Speaker: Josh Fergeus - International Project in Nepal<br>Partners and Friends Night<br><b>“Horsing Around”</b> |
| Monday Nov 10 | Speaker: Anne Kemp, Chair: TBA<br><b>“Options in Retirement Living”</b>   |

## Sunday Market 7am – 1pm

October 26 - Sue Clifford, Kay Gulenc, Kyle Wightman  
November 2 - Jess Siriweera, Graham Hindhaugh, Josh Fergeus  
November 9 - Doug Hawley, Lili-Ann Kreigler, Lynn Steel

**Contact Tony Simpson for all roster changes and requests, Home 9417 3995, Mob 0488 380 899**  
**Please be on time as if you are late, our Club pays \$50 penalty for each half hour or part thereof**



### Acting President's Message - Continued

The Like Generation are also often seen as the Me Generation and regarded as totally self centred and shallow... they are often aged 13 to 18, use Americanisms and upward inflections... Oh My God, did I say that... how awesome! Here are a few you probably don't recognize... cheezin (smiling), Wambulance (exhausted I think), moo (bored), my bad (my fault)... and many more. Using these terms immediately includes the user in the "In Group" with a sense of belonging and exclusion of others. It is the same with texting where terms are now part of our language... LTM (laugh to myself), ROTFLUTS (roll on the floor laughing unable to speak), NINKU (no I'm not kidding you). It is also about power and authority and a way to be rebellious and reject the mainstream. Not a lot different to what earlier generations have done with language in a time of less sophisticated technology. Come to think of it, not much different to a group of Rotarians talking largely in acronyms and titles as they often tend to do.

Nevertheless, our generation is often critical of the Like Generation and pine for the day when English will be correctly used again... we are prescriptivists, a technical word meaning boring old farts. Michelle did however have some good news for the critics. As these expressions get picked up and used by the older generation (and like this is happening like a lot), the Teens will drop it and move on to something else with new expressions. It is therefore incumbent upon all of us to immediately use Teenspeak to accelerate this process.

A wonderfully entertaining and interesting presentation from a very likeable and intelligent young woman... thank you Michelle and also Annette. I might also say it was also extremely well chaired by our own Lili-Ann who nodded wisely and knowingly many times during Michelle's presentation.

On Monday we were also pleased to again welcome Matt Millar, a previous visitor to our Club and a local Canterbury resident recently returned after two years in London. We all hope he comes again and becomes a regular visitor and a member.

Finally, there is a notice elsewhere in this Bulletin about the Servants Book Launch at Xavier College. This is one of our Club's strong Community involvements and this one also has relevance to Sue Clifford as one of her students is one of the journalists in this book (Melbourne Girls College). This event is free and I hope we may have some members go along to support the launch.

Next week, our Philippines team will be back, exhausted but no doubt exhilarated... we look forward to seeing them and hearing the success stories.

John McCaskill

### "Weird Al" Yankovic - Word Crimes

Michelle Maglitt played a video about grammar by the American musician, singer-songwriter, parodist and satirist "Weird Al" Yankovic.

Click the following link for [Word Crimes](#) on YouTube.

Click the following link for [Mission Statement](#) which is another good YouTube video by "Weird Al" parodying company mission statements.



### Narrative Book Launch

Servants Community Housing is thrilled to announce that our second book, *Narrative*, will be released on **Friday 31 October 2014**.

Following on from the success of our original publication, *Anthology*, in 2011, we take pleasure in inviting you to attend the launch of *Narrative*, which tells the stories of some of the residents who call their Servants housing 'home'.

This project was undertaken with seven Year Eleven students from Melbourne Girls College, Methodist Ladies College, Trinity Grammar School and Xavier College.

The launch will be held on Friday 31 October at **The Great Hall at Xavier College**, Barkers Rd in Kew. The evening will commence at 7.00 pm and conclude at 9.30 pm, with speeches at 7.30 pm. In true Servants tradition, the books have been published to be given away. There is no cost for tickets to the launch event, but please consider making a donation towards publication costs on the night.

Bookings are essential, so please [reserve your tickets](#).

If you have any inquiries, please contact Matt at [matt@servants.org.au](mailto:matt@servants.org.au).

We hope that you will consider attending this landmark event in Servants history!

For bookings, [click here](#).





### *President's Message - about the Philippines*

When you are in the incredible environment of the Philippines, all the problems we thought we had, all the little luxuries we thought we couldn't live without, they all simply disappear. It was hot, we worked hard, the coffee was terrible, we grabbed sleep when we could, yet the rewards of:

- giving someone sight for the first time in their life,
- restoring the sight of all those who had lost it - some, many years ago,
- restoring the hearing of hundreds of young children,
- relieving the pain of infections,
- reassuring people that inability to read once you are 50 is quite normal, and easy to fix with the spectacles we provided,
- saving the lives of those with critical dental problems,

made every moment of our Medical Mission to the Philippines worthwhile.

This year, for the first time, our team was trained to use the otoscope. This was a huge success, enabling us to look into 15,600 ears at 11 primary schools. We found 156 perforated eardrums, several ants and other insects, and issued 923 free medications to fix ear infections and remove the wax that was severely impacted into the ear canals, preventing sound reaching the ear drums.



We don't yet know the final number of eyes we checked, but this year the doctors were performing the eye operations the same day we screened the patients. PP Jill Keeffe told us just before we left that you could screen all you like, but unless you have an effective way to restore the sight of those you find with cataracts, there is little point. Four surgeons conducted 325 eye operations during this mission, so we were there to witness the miracles as the eye patches were removed twelve hours later. When a small child sees a tree for the first time in her life and with a beaming smile tells you how beautiful it looks, it melts your heart. When a father thanks you for enabling him to once again be able to earn an income to be able to feed his young family, it makes you feel proud you joined this Rotary Club. When a grandmother, who has outlived her children has her independence restored with the gift of sight, and squeezes your hand in gratitude with a toothless smile, you just know that you have to come back to do more.

These eye operations, donated free by our four doctors were valued at around 8,800,000 pesos. This was for some of the poorest people in the Philippines.

Rotary works best when we partner with those organizations who have expertise. No better example could be found than the deep partnerships that have been formed between our Rotary Club with our sister clubs in the Philippines: the Rotary Club of Masbate and the Rotary Club of Rizal West. The Cataract Foundation of the Philippines provided all the lenses, anesthetics, ear medications, reading glasses, sun glasses and training of local school nurses and medical staff to ensure this program is sustained well into the future for the areas we visited. We needed the support of the Provincial government and the Municipal governments for the facilities and to bring in their people. The support of our local doctors is critical.

What a team we had from our Club!! Bonded with our sense of purpose, there was never a complaint. Every challenge, we faced together, always seeing the funny side of each situation (sometimes slightly delayed). True Aussie spirit!! Doug Hawley is an absolute champion and the backbone of our project. Along with Mavis Campos of the Cataract Foundation, they plan every detail to ensure we are effective from the moment we arrive. This year we acknowledge the valuable support of the Rotary Club of Boroondara, through their past president, Cathie MacMillan. Cathie was an inspiring member of our team, who will hopefully encourage members of other Rotary Clubs to join us on future missions. If you want to learn about 'hand-on' Rotary, this is the project for you.

A huge thank you to those members of our team who are not yet Rotarians: Grant Lambert, Kathy Johnston, Jenny Fenton, Paul Rogers, Eugene Fitzwilliam, Karin Simpson and Ross Harrison.

Well done to our members: Rob Simpson, Kyle Wightman, Andrew Mastrowicz, Doug Hawley and Steve Wylie. Also to past member, Jim Clements and Best President Lea Alzola.

The young professionals who were so critical to our mission, not only for their medical knowledge, but for the enthusiasm and sense of fun they all brought to our group: Jess Siriweera, Miranda Styles, Faren Willett and Gareth Lingham. You will forever hold a place in our hearts.

On Monday, 8th December our Orthopticians will be our guests speakers for a report back night on this project. You are invited to be there to hear more of the incredible stories we all have to share. Bring your friends. We had so much fun together.

Peter May



*President Peter May using an otoscope*



### Photos from the Philippines Medical Mission

Here are some more photos on the 2014 Rotary Club of Canterbury Medical Mission to the Philippines.

Click on the Club's [www.facebook.com/CanterburyRotary](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyRotary) link for an inspiring story and photos about how two children with bad teeth, that had literally rotted through their faces, were helped by the Medical Mission Team this year. Also there are photos of the delivery of another 50 water purification units that were provided this year - even including a video of the operation of one of these water purification units.



And remember to click the Like link on each article that you support and like.

