

Dear Rotarians,

Welcome to another **D9800 Speaker Bank Update**.

Please send your **Speaker Bank 'Deposits' to us**.

Kind Regards

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To find the new Speakers as well as previously deposited Speakers:

1. Go to the D9800 website www.rotaryd9800.org
2. Go to the top of the page ...Click on 'Club Service'
3. When the Club Service page comes up, go to the 'Drop Down' menu and scroll down until you get to 'Speaker Bank'.
4. Click on Speaker Bank.

In Summary:

- **Feedback**
- **Withdrawal From Speaker Bank**
- **Pastor Vicki Mustafa**
- **A 'Letters Meeting', Brian Reid**

Feedback:

You may recall **Susan Foster** (of the RC Albert Park) mentioning that Brian Cox of the Melbourne Alcohol Recovery Centre, is an **excellent** speaker. More **positive** feedback comes from **Joseph Mulcahy (of the Rotary Club of South Yarra)..... who says that Brian Cox is an 'inspirational speaker from the heart. Normally members are away by 8.30 am from our breakfast meetings but on this occasion nobody wanted to leave and it was well after 9 am before we would let him go'.**

Contact: Brian Cox on 0424 397 388 or Email: richard@marc.net.au

Withdrawal From Speaker Bank

Please note that due to other commitments, **Margot Spalding**, (Telstra Victorian Business Woman of the Year, Westpac Business Owner Award Winner) is **unable** to speak at Rotary meetings.

Vicki Mustafa, Pastor

Vicki has had a Muslim background, for the first 21 years of her life. She has lived and worked in the **Middle East** for 20 years. Vicki is now a Christian Pastor who talks on Islam, **specifically:**

Explaining the religion of Islam

Sharing about Middle Eastern culture Talking specifically about Muslim women in the Middle East

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Great Idea Brian!! [A 'Letters Meeting'](#) Brian Reid, Program Director of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, recently organised a very interesting Rotary meeting. He has been kind enough to share his idea with us.

"A 'Letters Lunch or Dinner' is a very simple concept - invite members to bring a letter to the Rotary meeting and read them to their fellow members. You will be **amazed** at the broad range of letters you receive! Historical, recent, family, touching, business, amazing - *they will all be there.*

'We had a Letters Lunch at Hawthorn recently and it was a **great success.** *Members read letters from ancestors who came to Australia in the First Fleet, from a New York fireman asking about the rules of Aussie Rules, from a grandfather to his new grandson written in Hitler's bunker on his letterhead, from a 19th century politician giving his funeral instructions, from an early explorer anticipating the mineral deposits that would be discovered one day, from someone who had been sitting in the Pentagon when the crashed airliner stopped just outside his window - the list goes on.*

Brian's Three Top Tips:

1. **Organisationally** - give members plenty of notice, keep promoting it and reminding members and asking them to tell you "who will bring what".
2. **The MC** should have several letters to fill gaps - but for us they were not needed and we ran out of time.
3. **A roving microphone** helped keep things moving along, but you will need to find a way to prise it away from the slow ones!

Our Letters Lunch was easy to organise, it's still being talked about and will be repeated next year."

Many thanks Brian!

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