

## Rotary D9800 Speaker Bank Update

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

1. Go to the D9800 website [www.rotaryd9800.org](http://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:***

#### **Seeing Eye Dogs Australia, Steve Nicholls and His 'Best Mate' Zappa**

"As a child, growing up wasn't always easy and even though I wore prescription glasses, life was difficult. I was 20 years old when they told me I had an eye disease, **Retinitis Pigmentosa** that is hereditary and produces tunnel vision and total night blindness. By the time I was 24 I would be completely blind.

I had a wonderful group of friends who were very concerned for me as I started to live like a recluse, too afraid to leave the house. In June, 2000 I received the **greatest gift** – my **Seeing Eye Dog Zappa**."

Hear how Steve and Zappa formed an amazing partnership and the **funny** and light-hearted situations they meet every day.

**Contact:** Steve Nicholls on 03 9381 6400 to hear this inspirational, entertaining and **up-lifting experience!**

#### **Telstra Victorian Business Woman of the Year, Westpac Business Owner Award Winner**

Margot Spalding is the co-owner and co-director of **Jimmy Possum Furniture Pty Ltd**, a furniture design and production company. Margot and her husband established the business 11 years ago in a small shed with just **one** employee. Today Jimmy Possum Furniture employs 130 people and offers over a thousand products through five own-name retail stores as well as supplies furniture to 66 stores across Australia. Margot is an **inspiring**, humorous and **interesting** speaker.

**\*\*NB:** Due to other commitments, Margot may not be available at all times\*\*

**Contact:** Marie-Thérèse Allen on 03 5449 3772

#### **'My Passionate Affair with a "Poker Machine' Gabriela Byrne**

is chair of the not-for-profit organisation **Chrysalis Insight Inc** (Rev. Tim Costello as patron); and a member of the Interchurch Gaming Taskforce; Community Action on **Pokie Problems** (CAPP); Duty of Care (Vice President); Know the Odds; People for Public Spaces and has participated as a community representative in many working groups of the Responsible Gambling Ministerial **Advisory** Council. She has published books, tapes and videos and helped 100's of people to break up and end a losing affair with the pokies. Her story from being "totally hooked" to "complete **freedom**" and 'The Chapel Restaurant' model, have been published and talked about on national media. Her **openness and warmth**, great sense of humour and **excellent** communication skills make her much sought after presenter at conferences, corporate seminars and community clubs.

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