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Attendance numbers were down at our meeting this week and in the absence of our President or Immediate Past President, our acting President for the evening was Past President Peter Spurling.

Chair and Sergeant for the evening was Past President Roger McKellar. Visiting Rotarians Gacques Oliver and Ray Carrington from the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst spoke about a planned fund raising event with the Rotary Club of Bendigo associated with the Great Australian Bike Ride.

Their aim is to raise funds to combat the suicidal rate in regional Victoria. The event will be staged on 7th October 2009. It is proposed that the Great Australian Bike Ride group of riders will be joined by a group of Bendigo bike riders at Marong, and will all ride to Bendigo where the City of Greater Bendigo will provide a public reception, the bike riders will then travel to Camp Getaway where it is proposed to have a joint district Rotary meeting. The Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat has been requested to consider catering for the Camp Getaway meal and utilize the club's liquor licence to provide the drinks. Bus hire would be provided to and from the venue. Up to 200 people could attend.

A meeting will be held Wednesday, 19th August at Gacques Oliver's home 20 Greenwood Drive, Kennington (off Edwards Road) to discuss plans for the event. Kangaroo Flat Rotarians are urged to attend.

Guest Speaker – Reetta Lauinieni

Our Guest Speaker for the evening was our Rotary Exchange student, Reetta Lauinieni from Finland.

Reetta gave us an insight to her country and life in Finland. Finland gained its independence from Russia in 1917, has a population of about 5.3 million and Helsinki is the capital.

Reetta comes from the township of Lahti which has a population of 100,000. Snow bathing and saunas are a way of life, and sporting activities include fishing, skiing, ice hockey, basketball, birdwatching, elk and reindeer hunting. Lahti is popular for ski jumping competitions.

Well over 40% of university students are female but equal pay for equal work has still not been achieved. Finland has over 188,000 lakes and the sun does not completely go down for 73 consecutive days of the year because of its northern latitude.

Reetta's family includes her father, mother, sister and pet dog.

Signing off as this weeks editor, David Rathbone.

**THE FOUR WAY
TEST OF THE
THINGS WE THINK,
SAY OR DO**

Is it the truth?

*Is it fair to all
concerned?*

*Will it build goodwill
and better
friendships?*

*Will it be beneficial
to all concerned?*

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| Bendigo Strathdale Tues. 6pm for 6.30, All Seasons, McIvor Hwy 5443 8166 |
| Eaglehawk, Wed. 6.15 for 6.30, California Gully Mechanics Institute, School Street, Cal. Gully 3556. |
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