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This Week's Speaker, Tues August 3rd

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

Paul Maguire

The Stadel Museum 19th and 20th century major exhibition at the NGV



"The Stadel Museum 19th and 20th century, is this year's major exhibition at the NGV.

The last 200 years is relatively recent in the span of history. The father of my grandfather's grandfather was 10 years old at the beginning of the 19th century. But during that time there have been huge changes in society, unification of Germany and Italy, empires have risen and fallen, industrialisation, two world wars. Art has reflected, responded, and even forecast these changes. This talk will revisit the history of the 19th and 20th centuries using some of the iconic paintings from the exhibition."

A reminder that a talk starting at 6:00 pm followed by a visit to the current 'blockbuster' exhibition has been arranged for 4th August. The exhibition is at NGV International in St. Kilda Rd. Please let Paul know if you are coming so he can confirm numbers with the gallery.

Duty Roster, Tues August 3rd

by Rebecca RIEBELING

Note: Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at **7am** as many guests start arriving from this time.

Please note if unable to attend please arrange to swap your role with another member.

Chairperson	Neville John
Sergeant	Mary Voice
Greeter	Michael Lapina
Reporter	Micaela Lapina
Door	Margaret Stuart Cheryl Batagol
Photographer	John Meehan

Meeting Report Tues, 27th July

by Allan DRIVER

Sister Trish Franklin Special Breakfast

Planning for this breakfast commenced in February 2010 when Roy Garrett knew that Sister Trish Franklin was visiting Australia and culminated in over 120 people attending a special breakfast on Tuesday, 27th July 2010.



As such it was only fitting that Roy introduced Trish to the assembled guests both from a historical and from a personal perspective. Roy



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mentioned that since he and Annie Garrett had moved to Vietnam, when they met Trish, they were immediately impressed with her work with the disadvantaged children in Vietnam. Roy also mentioned that, since both he and Annie had been living back in Australia, they had followed her work and achievements. So a visit to Trish in Ho Chi Minh City became a regular destination every time Roy and Annie take friends to visit Vietnam. Of course, these fellow travelers have come away really impressed with the effort and commitment being shown by Trish.

Trish Franklin was born in Ballarat and entered the teaching order of the Loreto Sisters in 1970. From teaching at various Loreto schools in Australia, she was appointed to a post in Thailand in 1985 and then to Vietnam in 1995.

In Vietnam, Trish found her life mission. As a result of war, poverty, bureaucracy and dysfunction, Vietnam has vast numbers of disadvantaged children - disabled, homeless, impoverished - needing a lift - which Trish determined to provide.

Since her arrival in 1995, Trish has established and/or worked in safe-houses for street kids, regional schools, and schools for the handicapped - blind kids, intellectually handicapped kids - children facing a life of poverty, unemployment and unhappiness. She has educated and turned lives around for literally thousands of children.

Trish has been recognized by both Australian and Vietnamese governments for her amazing work. She is regarded as a saint by the Aussie ex-pat community in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) and has become well known to many Australian travelers to Vietnam. They return inspired by her tenacity and possibly "the brightest eyes in all of Vietnam".

With this background, Trish, a petite woman, commenced her talk with a commanding voice.

Trish provided details as to how the Loreto Vietnam Australia Program (LVAP) was established under difficult circumstances.

She mentioned that Vietnam is not the poorest country in the world. However, the people of Vietnam had suffered for centuries with invasions and occupied by various powers; namely: China, France, Japan, the USA and Australia, culminating in the "American War" (the view of the Vietnamese people). As such, the skills and aspirations of the people had been crushed over the centuries, which is now evidenced by a cycle of under-achievement. But, as Trish stressed, there are strengths developed in poor communities.

In her talk, Trish gave some heart warming stories about many of the 6000 intellectually handicapped and vision impaired kids that are now being cared for under the LVAP schools program in a country where there are no social services, where disadvantaged kids are not treated in the same way as normal kids, and where it is very difficult for disadvantaged kids to get vocational training and a resultant job.

Trish further stressed that the aim of LVAP is to move kids out of poverty and to break the poverty cycle. Mention was made of large families, particularly in rural areas; where the kids are required to assist the family tend to the rice crops as the parents do not have enough money to live on while trying to maintain a thatched roof over a house made from straw.

Trish indicated that the poorest schools are in the rural areas of Vietnam where the schools are in isolated and remote areas, have dirt floors, the yards are regularly flooded, there is overcrowding which leads to "shift learning" (where the kids can go to school for only 2 hours per day), poor water and sanitation and in the wet season, the kids have to get to school when bridges have been washed away.

Consequently, LVAP selects rural areas to build schools and, as such, the kids do want to attend school. The establishment of a school has a great effect on the kids, whereby they get 2 meals a day and learn to

be "the future of Vietnam". Once the school is established and operating effectively, the school is handed over to the Vietnamese government. While LVAP is involved, the kids are able to have all classroom materials and bicycles to get to school.

While LVAP assists with intellectually handicapped kids, vision impaired kids are also assisted with a wide range of skills learning. Unfortunately, there are many reasons as to why kids are vision impaired. The causes can be lack of medical treatment both pre-natal and post-natal, eye infections, however, a major cause is the after effects of Agent Orange being used in the most recent conflict which ended in 1975. Agent Orange has seeped into the soil and consequently, second and third generation children are still being affected. Blind kids, if they do not have an opportunity to learn, end up begging on the streets.

LVAP assists these kids through teaching them in English and Braille, provide them with life skills, have music, sport, swimming programs in place as well as providing massage equipment, computers and scholarships for learning. In these schools, a special computer room is established so the kids can access special JAWS software and learn to use computers as a communication tool. The skills learnt provide increased opportunities for employment.

LVAP has also set up a "Sunrise Special School" where equipment is provided for classrooms for vocational training, which includes training teachers.

LVAP has set up Vocational Schools where the kids can learn about such things as horticulture, sewing, drama and massage as employment opportunities are not as plentiful for disadvantaged kids. LVAP also hope to assist the kids obtain jobs through convincing Vietnamese companies to employ these kids with ready made skills.

Trish mentioned that fundraising was a major issue; however, the aim is to make LVAP self-sustaining over the next 3-5 years.

Further information about LVAP can be found on the website:
www.loretovietnam.org

All interested members should take the opportunity to visit this website to get all the latest news!

At the end of Trish's wonderful presentation, President Anne King awarded Trish a PHF, which included the following words:

*A Paul Harris Fellow is a Recognition that was introduced in 1957 by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in honour of Paul Harris, who founded Rotary in 1905. To recognise the achievements of **Sister Trish Franklin**, our club has made a donation of US\$1000, in her name, to the Rotary Foundation, to enable it to carry out programmes that may improve conditions in the world*

Our Rotary Club believes that Sister Trish Franklin is a worthy recipient of this recognition for her selfless and untiring efforts to help educate children in Vietnam disadvantaged by poverty, physical impairment and homelessness.

As a result of this special breakfast the LVA Program was presented with \$1200 by Anne King, President, Rotary Club Central Melbourne-Sunrise.

August is Swap Month

by Mary VOICE

For the first meeting in August your incoming Sergeant, Mary Voice, would like to run a joke swap so please bring along a joke to share with your table. The best joke on each table will then compete with the other tables for a prize. All the runner-up tables (with great jokes but not winners on the day) will be asked to contribute the best to the bucket! If you don't bring a joke, well...

On the second Tuesday in August, please bring along a CD or two to swap with other club members.

Report on Working Bee, Sat July 24th

by Tony THOMAS

Home for Distressed Women, North Melbourne

We had a hard-working morning fixing up the grounds of the Regina Coeli charitable home.

First task from 8.30am was to re-erect a fence in another part of the grounds, to conceal a clothes line and improve the ambience of a garden area. The most difficult job was getting the old fence-posts out of their concrete footings, and thereafter Herb Greenwood and Doug Robertson laid out the fence afresh and concreted it into its new home. Leonie Greenwood and Jillian Cavanagh took on the somewhat neglected garden beds and dealt with sundry pruning.



The focus then shifted to the chapel garden where a sloping lawn had made it difficult for residents to sit at a table there. Various hands, including Frank O'Brien who was sporting a damaged shin from tripping over a tow-bar the previous day, dug a level base for 30 large pavers and under Herb's expert supervision and labor managed to get the pavers roughly level. Delays were encountered due to a shortage of yellow sand for leveling the clay ground and the appearance of a sponge cake made by the residents. We made up for that by eating our resident-provided lunch of toasted cheese 'n' tomato sandwiches on the run. Mercifully the rain-clouds held off just until our paving was finished and we could high-tail it home exhausted at 2pm.

An amazing fact was that one of Regina Coeli's own volunteer women, Jeannie, had lugged all 40 heavy pavers into the garden from the lane, single-handed via wheelbarrow. She and her colleague Ann kept an eagle eye on progress during the day. Two of our volunteers will complete the project by straightening a fence next week. Regina Coeli manager Robyn Davies thanked our club for the big difference it has made to their grounds.

Rotary ANZAC Peace Tour 2011

by Allan DRIVER

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"Rotary International provides members with wonderful opportunities to assist the community and also provides opportunities to meet Rotarians from other countries. The Rotary ANZAC Peace Tour (RAPT) is one of those rare opportunities! RAPT is an alliance formed between D9800 and western Turkey District 2420 and seeks to promote Rotarian and partner reciprocal visits, Joint Club Projects, "Matching Grants Projects" and Sister Club Relationships. A key feature is the annual Anzac Peace Tour which includes special access to the Anzac Dawn service at Gallipoli. Information is now available for the 2011 tour.

Rotarians and partners who invest in the 2011 tour can choose from either a 13-day or 24-day itinerary that includes:

- Return airfares
- Accommodation
- Sightseeing (please ask for your copy of our full itinerary); and
- A whole lot more!

THE 13 DAY ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
Dinner at roof-top restaurant in the heart of the Old Town in Istanbul.
Visit ancient Topkapi Palace. Treasures of the Ottoman Sultan. Lunch at Palace. Visit splendid St Sophia and Blue Mosque, plus Grand Bazaar

with 4000 shops, famous spice market followed by a Turkish floor show and dinner. Visit magnificent Dolmabahce Palace accompanied by Rotarian spouses. Informal brunch with GÖKSU Rotarians. ANZAC region visit includes Kabatepe Museum, Brighton Beach, ANZAC Cove and Commemorative Site, Lone Pine, Johnson's Jolly (Turkish and Allied trenches, tunnels), Quinns Post cemetery, The Nek, Chunuk Bair NZ Memorial. Helles Region visit includes S-Beach, Turkish, French, Helles and Lancashire monuments, V-Beach, Alcitepe village. Participate in Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day as guests of Gallipoli City Mayor. Guided tour of Troy. ANZAC Day Dawn Service, plus Lone Pine and 57th Regiment ceremonies (Australia and Turkey).

The Optional 11 day tour is available including Ephesus, Çanakkale, Troy, Pergamon, Kusadasi Sardis, Bodrum, Miletus, Antalya, Cappadocia

TOUR PRICE

Pricing is currently being finalised, however, in 2010, the price for 13-day tour, including airfares and taxes, was approximately \$6,600 per person. (Please note that this price may vary with Debbie Carr, Harvey World Travel-Surrey Hills, being able to provide the correct price at the time of booking the tour).

Feedback from a 2008 participant, Alan Seale, a member of the Rotary Club Central Melbourne-Sunrise should seal your decision: "The sights of Istanbul, the moving Dawn Service at Anzac cove and the hospitality of fellow Rotarians, both Turkish and Australian, combine to make this an extraordinary travel experience."

The brochure for the Rotary Anzac Peace Tour can now be [DOWNLOADED from our website](#).

RACV Club Discount Car Parking

by Bruce McBAIN

If you are not a member of the RACV Club, please ensure you collect your concession car park pass, usually available at our club's registration desk. The concession rate is valid for exits prior to 9.30am. When exiting the RACV club first insert your parking ticket into the ticket machine and then insert the concession ticket, this will automatically calculate your concession rate. If you have guests on your table please ensure they collect a concession ticket and are aware how to use it.

PHF for Assistant Police Commissioner

by John MEEHAN



An audience of almost 100 people were invited to attend the official launch dinner of the **"Victoria Police Mentoring Program - 2010-2011"** on 20th July at the RACV. The function was sponsored by IBM and hosted by our Club. It comprised 20 Police Mentees selected for this year's program together with their respective Rotary and Business Mentors. It was the first time for the trio of participants to meet and quickly get to know each other and there was a "buzz" of enthusiasm and perhaps apprehension at first. Our President Anne King was the chair for the evening and introduced speakers in Chief Commissioner, Simon Overland, APM and Rotary District Governor 9800, Iven Mackay. Both spoke of their full support and admiration for our Club's initiative in establishing the program in 2007 and guiding it through a 3 year pilot and expanding the selection process for greater diversification.

The evening was fortunate to have a high quality Guest Speaker in Ahmed Fahour, MD and CEO of Australia Post. Mr. Fahour spoke fluently and with inspiration about his early childhood and professional career which led him to become CEO of National Bank for 4 years prior to AusPost. His experiences and achievements together with his ideas on management style and implementing change were very topical issues for those present.

President Anne wound up the evening with a surprise presentation of a

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Recognition to Assistant Commissioner- Education, **Kevin Scott** (pictured). The Citation read:

"Kevin Scott commenced an association with Rotary in 2007 when approached to explore ways in which our Rotary Club might revive a previous association that began in 1992 with the then Airlie College. The approach explored ways in which Rotary might assist Victoria Police in its stated aims to form stronger links with the Victorian community. It was then that Kevin Scott expressed his perceived need for some form of mentoring for senior Police leaders to gain a better understanding of different organizational cultures as well as the challenges, roles and skills of Victorian business leaders; and to form stronger links with the community through Rotary. This initiative began the concept of a program unique in Australian law enforcement and possibly the world called "Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program" that started as a 3-year pilot in 2007-2008. The evaluated success of the program has led to its continuance into 2010-2011 and hopefully beyond. Kevin has ably chaired the Steering Committee responsible for the development, review and administration of the program since its inception.

Kevin joined Victoria Police in 1969. During this time he has performed a range of duties including uniform, C.I.B, administrative and corporate services. He was appointed as the inaugural Director of Airlie Leadership Development Centre in 2003. He was appointed to his current role as Assistant Commissioner (Education) in 2008 involving provision of education and training services and leadership development. Our Rotary Club and District 9800 are indebted to Kevin Scott for his initiative and leadership skills and we believe that his personal and career achievements make him a worthy recipient of this Paul Harris Fellow Recognition".

Savouring La Savoie

by Roger THORNTON

Walking tour in the French Alps: 17-23 September 2011

Next year, the Bowens and the Thorntons are going walking with Inez Dussuyer in the French Alps. Why don't you come too? Each year, Inez runs two weeks of walks around her old stamping ground near Chambéry. This is a little of how she describes her walks on her website (www.savouringsavoie.com):

"There is nowhere in the world quite like the French Alps. Its stunning physical grandeur and rich history make it a most spectacular fascinating place to visit. If you are looking for an exhilarating walking experience, combined with cultural and historical flavours, the French Alps have it all.

Our tours are of moderate/medium difficulty (there are more challenging options for the very fit) with an average of 3-5 hours walking - it is the climbing that matters not the distance. There are some ascents and descents but the walks are not too strenuous and are designed to be enjoyed. The walking tracks are well marked and sign posted; they are easy to walk on, although there are some rocky sections. We visit some 'must see' places but we also get off-the-beaten track to spots that few travellers have visited. Savouring La Savoie tours are well planned with careful consideration given to weather conditions; the timing and the level of walking ability of participants. Circumstances beyond our control may arise which require changes to the daily program.

Our tours focus on providing a memorable walking experience, while at the same enabling you to absorb the history and culture of La Savoie. You'll discover Roman ruins, monasteries and abbeys steeped in history, picturesque villages with their Baroque chapels, medieval towns, ancient fortresses and much more. The French Alps were also centre of gallant fighting during World War II and we visit moving memorials to the Resistance."

Please let Inez, Richard or Roger know if you're interesting in joining a small group (10-12) to walk in the spectacular French Alps.

Club Website Sponsorship

by Rebecca RIEBELING

A special mention goes to David Jones who this week became the first club member to sponsor our club through advertising on the club website and bulletin. If you are interested in advertising via our club website please select the link under **Club Site Sponsors**.

The Soul of Rotary

by Rebecca RIEBELING

I want you to think about a village and its members for a minute. They grew their own crops for food, built their own houses and developed medicines to help their sick and injured. There was responsibility among these members and every person played a part. If someone didn't carry out their task, this job would not get done and the whole village would suffer.

Now the world is now too focused on acquiring for the individual and its immediate family and shedding the responsibility of the greater community.

This is where I believe Rotary is still absolutely relevant. It upholds and encourages the sense of responsibility. Just like the village, our clubs have their own members with wide-ranging skills and capabilities. Rotary respects the experience and knowledge of its elders, nurtures and teaches the young and guides and helps the troubled. All our activities are for the benefit of the whole – our community.

I want to be a part of my community locally and globally and learn from people in my club and other clubs. I believe I have begun to make lasting friendships. I love the brilliant ideas my club has already come up with like our Paper Aeroplane competition bringing together the community of Richmond's housing estate and celebrating Melbourne's diverse talents through "street change".

I think Rotary is still highly relevant we just have to show people how and why. And I don't believe it's a brand new face we need. I think the old face is fine! We'll just give it a wash, a buff or a polish and bring out the smile and the soul that drew people to this wonderful organisation in the first place – community, friendship, companionship and something bigger than just the individual.

Acknowledgments:

Speech written and presented by Anastasia Driver, Charter Member of the RC Melbourne Park, reproduced courtesy of Allan Driver