



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise

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Future Speakers

Mar 6 2012

Group Study Exchange
Team from Southern
California

Mar 13 2012

Mr Jack Hoadley

"ARCH HOADLEY: A Man of
Inspiration and Courage"

Mar 20 2012

Mr Colin Carter

"Musings on Meaning in Football
and Business"

Mar 27 2012

Libby McCann

"Kampuchea House: providing a
better life"

Apr 3 2012

District 9800 GSE team to
Southern California

Apr 17 2012

Emeritus Professor David
Beanland

"Engineering Education: The need
for transformation"

May 15 2012

Gerry Phillips

"Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for
Children (ROMAC)"

May 29 2012

Roger Thornton

"Our year in Dubai"

Upcoming Events

**Welcome BBQ for GSE team
from USA**

Mar 7 2012

Dandenong Cultural Ramble

Mar 17 2012 - Mar 17 2012

**Working Bee Royal Talbot
Rehabilitation Centre**

Apr 15 2012

Horizon's Day

May 27 2012

Guest Speaker - 6th March - Group Study Exchange Team from Southern California

Group Study Exchange

Our Club is one of five selected to host the visiting Group Study Exchange Team (GSE) from Southern California, USA.



The Team will be hosted for five days/nights from Sunday 4th March in the homes of our Club members - Kevin Love, John Meehan, Alan Seale, Neville John and Koren Harvey.

The Team comprises two non-Rotarian females and two males together with a male Rotarian Team Leader. Two are engaged in water treatment and recycling and three are employed in the winery industry.

The vocations of the team are: Leader Wayne Kuhn (Retired Building Contractor), Sara Moncrief (Wine industry and hospitality), George Meyer (Wine maker and marketer), Christopher Canepa (Cellarmaster and wine making) and Aubrey Bettencourt (Exec Director of Water Alliance).

Duty Roster 6th March 2012

by STEVENS, Kay

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	Ian Angus
Sergeant	Justine Murphy
Reporter	John Barker
Greeter	Brian Downie
Photographer	David Jones
Door	Richard Bowen

Meeting Report, Tuesday 28th February 2012

by BOWEN, Richard

Chair: Kathy Illott

President: Kevin Walklate

Sergeant: Gerard Hogan

Visitors: Des Benjamin, Christine Tippet (guest speaker)

Vocational Talk

Steam Rally with Rotary Club of Echuca Moama

Jun 9 2012 - Jun 11 2012

Charity Auction

Oct 12 2012

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Neville John commenced by saying that he was a chartered Accountant, but that of course did not describe what he did. Neville retired from active chartering (or was that accounting?) in 2002 after 27 years of professional employment, and now 'only' works three days per week in specialised roles that include being Fund Secretary of a superannuation fund catering for staff and other members of non-government girls' schools, and he is the Secretary to the Board of a data electrical company employing about 400 people.

Neville explained about the ever-changing regulatory environment of the superannuation industry in Australia and the need to perpetually keep up-to-date with changing legislation. He described his fund as a 'virtual' fund, with most tasks being delegated to third-party service providers.

Although he thought that retirement would bring never-ending sessions on the golf course, Neville realised that he needed to be active in other areas of community work, and is now a member of the board of Kildonan Child & Family Services and also is heavily involved in a business development and mentoring role with his son.

Announcements

- Justine Murphy will be the Sergeant-at-Arms for the next month, and urged Members to use the Club website to check their knowledge in preparation for some searching questions.
- Working Bee at Royal Talbot on Sunday 15th April
- Walk through Dandenong on Saturday 17th March starting at 9am. President Kevin will not be able to attend due to a prior commitment.
- Our Club's 25 year celebrations to be held on 6th May, format yet to be finalised, but keep the lunchtime free for some great fellowship.
- District Conference: applications close this week, so anybody who has been holding back has limited time to apply.
- GSE Team, inwards from USA, will be hosted by our Club next week and should be presenting to us on Tuesday. Neville John is hosting a barbeque on Wednesday March 7th.
- GSE Team, outwards to India, lunch at the Melbourne Zoo on 25th March.

Sergeant's Session

Vintage Hogan, a variety of medical health questions with humorous connotations resulted in "cash in the can".

Guest Speaker - Dr Christine Tippet OA

Christine is currently Director of Maternal-Foetal Medicine, Monash Medical Centre Southern Health, Lead Clinician of the Victorian Department of Health Maternity and Newborn Network and Honorary Senior Lecturer, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Monash University.

Christine grew up in Ballarat, and after marrying and having three children, she decided to return to tertiary studies in the field of medicine. In those days the presence of "mature-age female students" studying to be a doctor raised quite a few eyebrows amongst the old male traditionalists, but Christine was determined to complete her studies. Her choice of medicine was made even more difficult as her female-only school in Ballarat did not offer physics, chemistry or maths at a high level.

The decision to get involved in obstetrics and gynaecological field was made very early in her medical life, and is where she has made her mark in the world.

The statistics concerning the mortality rate of women immediately following childbirth were outlined in detail: in some parts of the world these figures are alarmingly high. The medical terminology for the most common cause of death in these circumstances is Post Partum Haemorrhage, more simply, bleeding to death. This condition which is relatively simple to treat, is the world's leading cause of maternal mortality and accounts for around 1/3rd of all deaths following childbirth. In those nations around the world where the female is completely subservient to the male population, and where a woman's life is 'cheap', the mortality rate is infinitely higher than in western nations. For instance, the mortality rate in Papua New Guinea is in the order of 750 per 100,000 births, compared with Australian figures of around 4-5 per 100,000 births. PNG has the 2nd highest mortality rate in the world, with a pregnant woman having a 1 in 7 chance of dying from reproductive problems. Even amongst indigenous Australians deaths are around 8-10 per 100,000, which are nowhere near the worst nations. In Kenya, there is often no light, water or sanitation in the huts where the women live and "nobody notices if another mother dies".

Christine has been working through various agencies and government bodies to improve the medical attention given to women giving birth, but financial support is very limited in countries such as PNG due to the high incidence of corruption and money siphoning. As an example, the Gates Foundation will not provide grants to PNG as this country is on the top of their list for corruption, thus ensuring exclusion from their donation lists.

Part of the maternal health programmes include education on contraception and abortion, i.e. babies by choice not chance. Research shows that 40% of pregnancies from which a woman dies are unwanted pregnancies. Education is the vital link.

Christine's role is to promote the Pacific Partnership, aimed at building medical capacity in the Pacific Islands.



Pictured: guest speaker Christine Tippet

RCCM-S International Services Committee Report for 2011-12

by DRIVER, Allan

This report is a summary of actions taken so far this year and highlights the following:

- 3E Project
 - Agreement signed between Hands-on-Health, Australia and RCCM-S concerning the provision of funds for 3E projects in Bagong Barrio, Manila, Philippines
 - So far RCCM-S has provided \$4,500 to fund an Education program in the form of scholarships and initially, \$2,500 for an Enterprise program in the form of business start up kits. These programs will be followed up in the next few months.
- Sister Club Relationships
 - Dialogue continues with the RCs Osaka-Hommachi and Echuca-Moama
- International House
 - The Fraternities Award has been made to Sarah Ong for her outstanding work at International House last year. A formal presentation has been organised for early April 2012.
- Disaster Aid Australia
 - The club provided \$1,600 for the provision of 2 Family Survival Kits for use in emergencies.
- Donations in Kind
 - A very successful working bee was held in September 2011 at the DiK facility at Brooklyn. The working bee was well attended with pleasing support from students and staff from International House.
- Building a School in Laso
 - Roy Garrett has organised a party of 16 people to travel to Laos to assist in the building of a school in a remote area outside Luang Prabang in October 2012. A total of nearly \$16,000 has been raised by the participants for materials, etc.
- Assistance for the people in Mindanao, Philippines
 - As a result of a severe tropical storm late last year, the RC Brighton Beach organised a container of suitable goods to be delivered to the people of Mindanao. The RCCM-S contributed \$2,100 to enable this container to be delivered as soon as practicable.
- Guest Speakers
 - As part of the Rotary International World Understanding Month in February 2012, the committee organised two high profile speakers in Ms Jenni Heenan, CEO Disaster Aid Australia on 14th February and on 28th February, Dr Christine Tippet, who is currently Director of Maternal-Foetal Medicine, Monash Medical Centre Southern Health, Lead Clinician of the Victorian Department of Health Maternity and Newborn Network and Honorary Senior Lecturer, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Monash University.

This Week's Conundrum

by MURPHY, Justine

As promised, March will see the introduction of a Sergeant led discussion regarding ethics in the workplace. This week's ethical dilemma provides a highly topical conversation starter for your family and friends. Come prepared next week with some of the varying opinions you encounter. There may even be a little prize on offer for the opinion of the day!

The ethics of conflicting allegiances

You have served loyally as the deputy to the leader of your political party

for a number of years. You are very committed to the success of your party and strongly believe in all that it stands for.

The leader is your mentor and a friend of many years. He is a person nearing retirement, but who has a burning desire to 'go with dignity'.

In recent weeks a number of your colleagues have pointed to the consistent evidence of opinion polls showing that your party's political fortunes will be ruined without a change of leadership. Your colleagues ask you to agree to make yourself available to contest the leadership.

Knowing the devastating impact that this will have personally on the current leader, it is only with the utmost reluctance that you agree 'to be drafted'. Your colleagues ask for and receive your assurance that their approach will be kept strictly confidential (in part they know that the current leader will be a merciless opponent if his suspicions are aroused). Later that evening, your leader calls you aside and states, "If you value our friendship, then tell me if you know anything of a challenge to my leadership. You owe me at least this much honesty".

Ethical questions:

- What are the issues?
- Who are the stakeholders?
- What should you do?
- What would you do?
- Is Rotary's 4-Way Test helpful?