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ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE CAMBRIDGE COURIER 2021 - 2022



District 9455 Western Australia

We usually meet at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Howtree Place, Floreat (near the Forum), at 7.10 am for 7.30 am.

Our next Rotary Meeting: Wednesday, 18 August 6.00 for 6.30 pm

Speaker: Four-Way Test Speaking Competition

Topic: n/a

No morning meeting on this day; see Frank's email of 10th August

On Duty 18/08/21:

Speaker intro & thanks: n/a

Set up/Pack up: all present

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

- We were happy to welcome Pipina Travlos & many of their family members to hear John's talk. Thanks for coming.
- **Our Rotary Four-Way Test Primary School Speaking Competition heat takes place next Wednesday evening 18th August. Please see Frank's email dated 10th August & let Frank know if you can attend or not. Pay in advance please.**
- The Social Committee has organised a visit to the WA Museum Boola Bardip on Wednesday 25th August at 10.00 am (see below). The cost is \$10 per head and invitations have been sent out. Numbers and payment by 18th August at the latest please.

Coming up soon: Wednesday, 25 August

Speaker: n/a

Visit to the WA Museum Boola Bardip at 10.00 am

Topic: n/a

No morning meeting on this day 25/08/21; refer to Jan Puddey's email dated 9/08/21

On Duty 25/08/21:

Speaker intro & thanks: n/a

Set up/Pack up: n/a

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Our good friend and frequent visiting Rotarian John Travlos was the Guest Speaker, and the subject was Aristotle Onassis. 'Ari' as he was known was viewed either as a cruel, callous, get rich quick philanderer, or else as an outstanding and caring philanthropist, and the facts point to the latter being true. He was born in what is now Turkey in 1906, but his family fled to Greece in 1922 at the time of the burning of Smyrna. A year later he went to Argentina where he started a tobacco trading enterprise, selling stock that he bought in Turkey. However the shipping was unreliable, so Ari bought a ship and started the Olympic Maritime Company. He added many redundant USA Q-ships to his stock after WWII, turning them into freighters, and then added tankers so that he could transport oil for the 7 largest oil companies. Early in 1953 he started buying shares in Monaco's SBM (owner of the Casino), and he achieved a majority holding. This later ended in tears when he had a spat with Prince Rainier about the future of the country. In 1956 Ari contracted with the Greek Government to run their air transport industry, and so Olympic Airways was born. Ari married Tina in 1946, and they had 2 children – Alexander and Christina – both of whom died at a relatively young age. Ari named his luxurious yacht, which he acquired in 1954, after his daughter and he entertained many prominent figures over the years, including Winston Churchill, John F Kennedy and of course Jackie Kennedy. On his death in 1975 he left the yacht to Christina, but she didn't want it and so she gave it to the Greek Government. John also showed us many interesting slides featuring Ari and the family, and pointed out that Ari was an imposing fellow whose motto was 'arete' – excellence. He loved opera and had a long affair with Maria Callas. His marriage to Jackie Kennedy in 1968 effectively ended after about four years, but she kept his surname and after he died Jackie got a payout from Christina not to contest the will. Fascinating topic, and very well delivered by John!



I asked the bank clerk to check my balance, so she leaned over the desk and pushed me!

Birthdays: none this time

Wedding anniversaries: David & Judy James (21 Aug)

Rotary anniversaries: none this time

**IF A MEMBER CAN'T ATTEND, OR WANTS TO BRING A VISITOR, PLEASE ADVISE LIBBY LARSEN BY EARLY MONDAY MORNING
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