THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

PROFESSOR SUSAN DAVIS, MBBS FRACP PhD FAHMS

Professor Susan Davis MBBS FRACP PhD FAHMS is an Australian National Health and Medical Research Council Senior Principal Research Fellow and Director of the Women’s Health Research Program in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University Melbourne.

She is a consultant Endocrinologist at Cabrini Medical Centre and Head of the Women’s Specialist Clinic, the Alfred Hospital Melbourne. She is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences and presently President of the International Menopause Society.

Professor Davis graduated in medicine from Monash University, Melbourne in 1980 and completed her specialist physician training in endocrinology and her PhD 1988. Since that time her research has addressed the roles of oestrogens and androgens in non-reproductive health including: breast cancer, cardiovascular function, obesity, cognitive function, mood, sexual function and musculoskeletal health.

She has over 380 peer-reviewed publications and has been the recipient of several awards including the International Research Laureate Award of the US Endocrine Society (2015), the North American Menopause Society / Menopause Journal Best Paper Award (2016), the International Menopause Society’s Henry Burger Prize (2011), the Australasian Menopause Society Award 2009, and the Monash University Distinguished Alumni Award (2009).

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

20 Mar: Andy Evans, CEO Star of the South

LAST WEEK’S MEETINGS

KEITH MURRAY

A Quantity Surveyor and Real Estate Agent by profession, Keith came to Australia twenty years ago. He is a fourth generation Mason and his commitment is demonstrated by the fact that he has been elevated to this senior role after such a short time.

Keith explained that Freemasonry had its roots in the 1500s, at the time of the building of the great Cathedrals of Europe. Amongst the stonemasons there were apprentices, fellow craft stonemasons and master masons. They formed groups, and by the 17th century the guild of Stonemasons extended their membership to men who were not directly involved in the masonry trade, but whose moral and spiritual ideals were aligned with that of the guild. In 1717 the Grand Lodge of England was formed for Freemasons.

Freemasonry grew into Scotland, Ireland and European countries as well, and came to Australia in 1788 with the First Fleet. By the 1800s there were more than 100 Lodges all over Victoria, and in 1883, the Grand Lodge of Victoria was established to oversee Freemasonry throughout Victoria.

Freemasonry focuses on personal development and community contributions, so it is no surprise that a history of Victoria's most prominent men is also, often, a history of prominent Masons.
It’s greatest growth in Australia came after the First and Second world wars. Freemasonry had a reputation for being a closed or secret society, so that membership began to slide. Today, however, it is much more open. It has a public web site, is digitally in touch, and tweets to the 10,000 brethren in Victoria. There are about 250 lodges throughout metropolitan and regional Victoria. As a result, young men are coming in, and there are currently about 300 who are being initiated, and their average age is about 36.

Charity is a cornerstone of Freemasonry and the three main avenues for that are the Royal Freemasons Homes, Freemasons Hospital (now run by Epworth Health) and the Freemasons Foundation, which gives away over $3M a year to charities in the health, education and community sectors.

Freemasonry has a bright new future in Victoria, and is looking forward to more opportunities to connect with the wider community through community activities as well as charitable support.

In answer to a few questions, Keith advised us that:

Freemasons Victoria is not exempt from land taxes like the Church sector.
there are lodges that welcome women. The Eastern Star which is a women’s lodge, and Co-Freemasonry, which is a French Masonic order for men and women together.

Thank you Philip for a terrific summary!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER
Pictured here with President Robert and Sponsor Ian Evans, is our new Member Jing Lin. Welcome Jing.

EXCELLENT EVENING MEETING
Photo shows Dr Kaushik Sridhar and some of last week’s Evening Meeting Members and Guests after Kaushik’s well presented discussion and presentation “The Building Blocks to Leading in Sustainability”.

CLUB NEWS & REMINDERS

OUR ROTARY SAFE FAMILIES IS BEING LAUNCHED
We are inviting you to attend two interactive workshops with case study discussion, group work.

**Workshop 1:** Overview of Family Violence in Australia; Family Violence Women & Impact Children
**Workshop 2:** Elder Abuse

**Workshop 1:** Wednesday, 27 March at 2.30 – 4.30 pm.
Morgan Stanley Boardroom, Level 14, 120 Collins St., Melbourne
**Workshop 2:** Wednesday 10 April at 2.30 – 4.30 pm.
Treasury Building, Spring St., Melbourne

Workshops will provide:

- Education to dispel the myths about violence and the many ways violence can impact on women, children, teenagers, males, elderly, siblings, step-families, in-laws;
- Manual, Toolkit, Wallet Card, Badge;
- Referral and support via agencies and organisations.

Rotary Safe Families Workshops will provide you with a “tool kit” to be skilled to undertake that “sensitive” conversation with someone at risk! Rotary Safe Families Workshops informs you not only about family violence but the impact of family violence on children and the covert under-reported abuse of the elderly.
Put up your hand and invite your friend, family member to attend the Rotary Safe Families Workshops?
This is a Rotary 100 Years initiative and we have received great interest from other Rotary Clubs and Districts around Australia. They see the need for a Rotary Safe Families initiative and we shall be sharing this project with them.

Email: Dorothy Gilmour – gilmour.dorothy@gmail.com to enrol in one or both Workshops

DON'T MISS OUT - THE FOOTY TIPPING IS HERE!

WHAT HAVE THESE TWO IN COMMON?
Two great reasons to buy a ticket or two in our Club Fundraising Raffle and to Save the Date for the President’s Dinner!

Books of tickets have been distributed to all Members. $10 a ticket. 10,000 tickets only. Which means that you have short odds of at least 1 in 1,000 to win a prize if you buy 10 tickets!

Provide the support by purchasing tickets and support the Give Every Child a Future project.

ANNUAL ARTS COMMITTEE WALK 22 MARCH
Always a terrific evening and this year we shall be doing a "walk around the block" followed by dinner at Kri Kri. Places are limited Book Online now to enjoy another annual Arts Committee Walk and Dinner organised by our VP Barabara: https://www.trybooking.com/BBCTM

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
Last Sunday was World Hearing Day. This is a WHO project raising awareness of the importance of protecting our hearing and helping those who can’t hear. It’s time to remember that we can help by collecting used hearing aids and giving them to Elaine Saunders or Jo in the Rotary office. These will be provided free to people who have no formal access to hearing aids through Recycled Sound: https://www.who.int/deafness/world-hearing-day/2019/en/

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Richard Skinner (2), Dina Gerolymou (3), Robert McQuirk (26), Alan Trumble (21), TODAY!! Alex Buchanan (17) & Paul Fowler (6), Peter Hanlon (1), Jim Orchard (2), Paul Caine (3), Neville Barwick (37), Peter Berg (5), Grahame Bond (34), Robert Medcalf (10), Jacques Morin (11), Rosemary Noon (2), Richard Parker (11), Justin Wibrow (2), Celina Yu (1), James Donnelly (15)

GREETINGS
Happy birthday this week to Graeme Whitelaw, Debra Yin Foo, Peter Burns, Sue Hunt, Sally James, Mev Connell

LAST WEEK'S GUESTS
Guests of the Club Keith Murray (Speaker), Jing Lin, Shaoling Jiang.
Visiting Australian Rotarians Trevor Moyle (Moreland).
Guests of Rotarians Rosemary Evans (Jan Moffatt), Chloe Lu (Jing Lin).

On duty this week Chris Rodd, Jim Orchard, Chanti Bou, James Pullar (Wine), Ian Ross (Photos)
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