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THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

Greig Gailey, recently retired Chairman, Caltex Australia Ltd

Speaking on The Coming Transformation of the Motor Car.

Event

Date From : Wed Aug 30, 2017 : 12:30

Date To : Wed Aug 30, 2017 : 14:00

LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER

MARTINE LETTS

The Committee commenced in the late 1980s when the city was going through a difficult period and the State was seen as a laggard across Australia. It is a very different environment today with Melbourne leading the country's job growth and yet again voted one of the world's most liveable cities.



Martine took us through the range of work the Committee continues to do to shape a better future for Melbourne, most significantly the Melbourne 4.0 project which aims to prepare Melbourne for what she termed "the fourth industrial revolution". She described the various strategies that will be needed for Melbourne to make the most of the digital revolution and the rise of AI.

Martine called for any members wanting to get involved to contact her office.

NEW MEMBER

KERRY KORNHAUSER OAM

Kerry is not new to Rotary International and is respected as a great support to Rotary District 9800 Clubs. Kerry joined the Rotary Club of Albert Park in 2008 and has worked tirelessly in many projects for Albert Park Club and District.

She was awarded a Royce Abbey Award, Paul Harris Sapphire Awards and held a variety of Rotary Board positions leading up to her Presidency at Albert Park in 2011-2012.

Kerry has a background in the advertising industry including positions with two major advertising agencies, Clemengers and George Patterson. After joining forces with her brother and father, Kerry was then involved in the creation of the largest private hospital chain at that time in Victoria, Australian Health Resources.

The next move was into hospitality and Kerry took a major role in the company that owned and managed corporate hotels in Melbourne, winning many awards for innovative ideas in providing excellence to Hotel guests.

In her personal life, Kerry contributes to many volunteer organizations and in 2008, was asked to Chair the first Sudanese Womens' Conference, which she notes, though very successful, was also "very challenging" as the Sudanese women at that time, were socially "disenfranchised".

In 2012, Women in Rotary was born and changed the face of gender balance in the District. Kerry instigated this and is obviously proud of the Women in Rotary International Women's Day Breakfast, which now seats over 1,200 men, women and senior students and raises over \$50,000, whilst showcasing Rotary. This successful Breakfast is now in its seventh year!

Her dedication and passion for projects which respect the diverse roles of women in Rotary and our world continues in strategic initiatives, such as, her personal mission to increase the current 17% of women in Rotary to 30%. Presently it is sitting on 28%.

Recently, Kerry joined the Bridge of Hope's "White Dove" movement working to help vulnerable girls and young women as they exit from the State care and youth justice systems. This organization is trying to create a positive difference and influence in the lives of these young women.

Kerry sits on the Violence Free Families Board, Safe Futures Board and Road Traffic Support Services Victoria and was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Awards, 2017.

The Age "Spectrum" wrote an article that may be found on this website:
<http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/lunch-with-kerry-kornhauser-20170509-gw15yr.html>

ROTARY NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating committee consists of nine (9) members of the Club, one of whom is the President, one is the President-elect, two are the most recent Past-Presidents available, two are Board elected members and three are elected by the membership. I am pleased to announce that the Board has confirmed the two Past Presidents to serve on the Nominating Committee are IPP Quin Scalzo and PP Peter Rogers.

We are now calling for nominations for the 3 candidates elected by the members. Nominations may be made in any number by any member in writing with each nomination being signed by the nominator and another member, and must carry acceptance of nomination signed by the member nominated.

No Past-President is eligible for nomination by the members for any of the (3) vacancies. No member who has twice accepted membership on the Nominating Committee is eligible for service in any subsequent year except as a Presidential Officer.

Nominations must be made to the Honorary Secretary Keith Callinan by 2.10 p.m. on Wednesday 6 September 2017. Nomination forms and any questions should be directed to the Honorary Secretary Keith Callinan.

SIR JOHN REID COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

From 2017, the generosity of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has made it possible for the Rotary Club of Melbourne to also *make a significant grant to the organisation where the awardee has volunteered*. This furthers the value volunteers can offer to our community.

Nominations for the Award are now open. We are looking to identify persons who have volunteered their services for a lengthy period without remuneration. The Awardee is normally not a Rotarian and has not previously received major awards to recognise their contributions.

Nominations need to be made by a proposer able to attest to the value added by the nominee and supported by up to two pages of supporting materials.



Nominations for this year's award should be submitted by 20 October 2017 by post, email, or via our website.

The Awardee will attend lunch on the 29th November to receive a plaque and citation and say a few words about their achievements.

Prior recipients are listed in the Directory and the website. Members of the Community Welfare Committee would be pleased to assist Rotarians and others to make a nomination for this important Club Award.

Postal Address:

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ROTARY CLUB NORTH MELBOURNE BOOK FAIR

Member, Pauline Nunan, said she is reminded every day of the homeless as she walks to work in the city centre and sees people begging. This is one way you can assist in a practical way and enjoy browsing through thousands of books, as well as having a coffee and biscuits.

All readers will find something to entice them to pay just **\$2 per book** amongst the wide range of adult, young adult and children's fiction and non-fiction.

An additional feature of the book fair is an opportunity to hear former refugee, social worker and writer – Abdi Aden – speak about his life experiences at 11am Sunday 3 September.

Proceeds are being donated to local organisations who support the homeless and who work with refugees.

Rotary North Melbourne are generously supported by local businesses and organisations including The Centre in Errol St. North Melbourne, Nardella Real Estate, AlexKarbon Real Estate, North Melbourne Primary School, Kensington Primary School and Symonds College.

Dates / Times:

Saturday 2 September 9.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday 3 September 10.00am – 3.00pm **Abdi Aden** speaks at 11am Sunday

Contacts: North Melbourne Rotary

Pauline Nunan 0417 433 142

Ted Dziadkiewicz 0408 106 719

Andrew Georgiou 0433 061 088

HOMELESSNESS FORUM SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Homelessness Forum

Date: Sunday 10 September
Time: 9.30am for a 9.45am start, finishing at 1.00pm
Venue: Trinity Grammar School, Centre for the Arts - East Room, Charles Street, Kew
Parking: There is plenty of street parking in Charles Street.
Cost: \$10 to be paid on the day which includes a light lunch

Action to take: If you, your Club, or a Club member, are involved in activities in this area, please encourage a response to share the experience and hear about what others are doing. We want to hear about as much involvement as possible.

Register now by emailing Jane Pennington, Jane.Pennington@bigpond.com by 28 August 2017.

CLUB 'CHAMPION'

GEORGE TIPPETT

"Serious" anaesthetist is what George labelled himself. He also mentioned a few times that he was not a man with "ambition" but rather someone who had the flexibility and confidence to say "yes" to a challenge or a project that he deemed important.

From Caulfield North State School and with the assistance of a scholarship, George became a Boarder at the Geelong College from 1937 to 1944, where he excelled at rowing, participating in the 1944 Head of the River. This is where he met a fellow student, John Urbahns who in later life, duly "recruited" him into Rotary with a "You must join Rotary!". Thankfully for our Club, George was inducted in 1981 and John Urbahns served as President in 1988-89.

George attended Melbourne University, first studying Metallurgical Engineering, then transferred to Medicine after winning a Queen's College Scholarship. He worked as a GP in Darwin and became aware of his passion for anaesthetics. Incidentally, George thought this "passion" might have commenced in the tropics of Darwin because the Operating Theatre required constant air conditioning!

Accompanied by his wife, Naomi and their two children, George spent a few years in Alice Springs as Medical Officer in charge of the new Commonwealth Department of Health Aerial Medical Service. He experienced wide demands of medical service in the Territory and this again led to an interest in anaesthetics. Also, as Medical Officer for native health, George witnessed firsthand the special needs and welfare of disadvantaged communities.

Later, armed with four years practising General Medicine in Leichardt, NSW, George pursued further study in London and made the decision to become a "serious" Anaesthesiologist. He was duly awarded a Clinical Fellowship in Anaesthesiology at the American University in Beirut.

At that time, Lebanon was the home of the highly respected American University of Beirut which offered the most accredited studies in Anaesthesia. (See Note 1 below.) After completing the first segment of his studies, George spent time again practising in London before completing his final studies back in Beirut. This study time coincided with the 6 Day War in 1967.

George returned to Australia as a qualified Anaesthesiologist in 1969 and it was in Dandenong, with a colleague, he founded Dandenong Anaesthetic Group and developed Australia's first registered and accredited Free Standing Ambulatory Day Surgical Facility, firstly for the NSW State Government, and then for the private sector.

This Centre "challenged" the strict procedures of all public hospital/doctor relationships with George "pioneering" the concept that not all operations required a patient's lengthy stay in hospital. Operations performed under anaesthetics at the Dandenong Anaesthetist Day Centre saw an improvement both in quality, performance and much shorter recuperation.

George described the Centre as looking like the Foreign Legion with fully accredited clinicians from Singapore, Malaysia, Wales, UK and Yugoslavia joining him in creating

this specifically designed and built ambulatory surgical facility in Melbourne.

During that time, anaesthetics' development was improving and the use of "non explosive" anaesthetic gases and modern scientific measuring devices were being applied. Consequently, patients did not have to attend a traditional hospital. They could enter the Day Centre as an "Out Patient" for dental work, Endoscopies, Colonoscopies, Plastic Surgery, eye surgery et al.

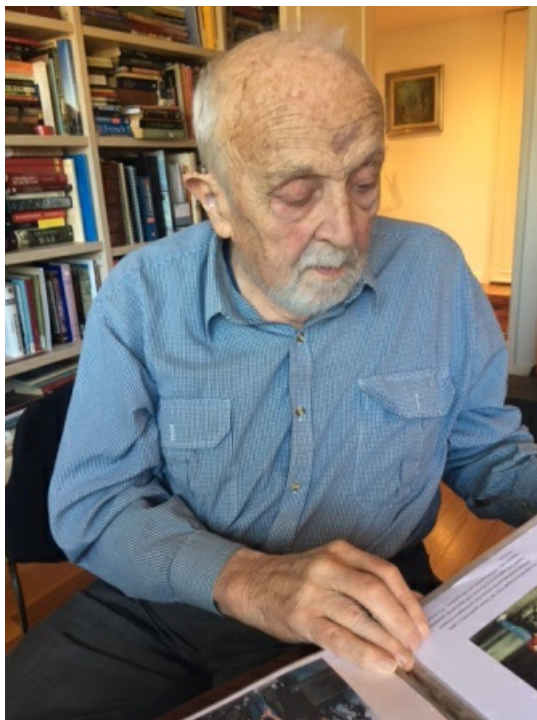
Previously, eye surgery required a major operation with full anaesthetic and 3 days in hospital. The Day Centre, only required a light anaesthetic for 15 minutes surgery and the patient able to leave the Centre the same day.

These Centres continue today thanks to the legacy of Dr George Tippett.

I asked George about Rotary in his life and what it meant to him, what Projects he was passionate about? This led to my getting "just a surface scratching" of George's contribution to Rotary International. He spoke of being "proud of what I learnt myself" and that what you were often asked to do and what help was often thought to be a priority, was often not what was actually needed.

An example of this: Children and the poor education of parents and community in Third World countries. Pregnant women were taught by their elders to "diet" during pregnancy so that the baby's head would be of a small size, creating an easy delivery. The woman could then return immediately to work. The baby would not be breast fed but fed rice water so that the infant could be cared for by a nonworking person. Also, George learnt that "pressure" exerted on the younger woman by the older females resulted in no vaccination and necessary ante natal care of the young woman.

A Project then evolved whereby over time, communities were educated and a system of complimentary health was introduced. This Project was highly successful as George experimented with ways of the community wanting and agreeing to accept new practises for better health. This was achieved by "record keeping". George described how the local people and children actually enjoyed the collection of data and consequently showed great pride in "recording" everyday life and health statistics (eg. Identifying and efficient removal of dirty water, dirty nappies etc.) thus improving health care and support for each other. George quoted that the 25% vaccination rate increased to communities having a 90% vaccination rate!



As we sat at George's desk, he produced a pictorial history of the many Projects he immersed himself as a Rotarian and skilled clinician. So many photographs displaying villages, families and children from China, North and South Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Lebanon, Wales, Borneo, Ambon and the Northern Territory. All being supported and tended with love, compassion and dignity. Another Project George described, was creating primary dental care in northern India/Tibet orphanages.

This was also the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Rotary's esteemed Keith Brierley. George affectionately called Keith "old Scrooge" as he conveyed how Keith ensured every cent was accounted for whilst advising

and working on many Rotary Projects together.

A Rotary Project for the improvement of dental health of the disadvantaged in Thailand was born. With \$30,000 to allocate to dental health and the exceptional generosity of volunteer dentists, nurses and assistants, it was decided that instead of "lugging"

expensive dental equipment around and spending time and money on a relative small number of adolescent mouths, \$30,000 could improve the lives of hundreds of young people by simple dental hygiene education, cleaning and periodontics.

George's albums contained photographs of 250 monks from southern Indian monasteries who were invited to be tested for possible stomach ulcers, *Helicobacter pylori* bacteria and cancer. There was a very high rate of these illnesses in this tropical part of India which struggled to find clean water and healthy nutrition. George and a Gastroenterologist took biopsies without use of anaesthetics, from 250 young monks.

George smiled relating how he took himself out the back of the tent prior to the first biopsy, to push the tube down his own throat as a "test run" for how it felt, before applying this technique to the 250 being biopsied!

He proudly showed me photographs of smiling beautiful children in Vietnam who were suffering different ailments and developmental problems from harbouring Roundworms in their malnourished bodies. George found volunteer nurses to work in village clinics and aided by the same Gastroenterologist, they took on faecal analysis of 250 children! He was later named "Prince of Poop"! A few months later after the treatment of Roundworm in the children, they returned to check on the results and were thrilled to record the children's improved health, attendance at school and cognitive development.

Again George repeated that his entire life has not been fuelled by a "drive or ambition" but one of "ego". I asked George to explain this and he replied that when faced with something asked of him or others, George would say: "I can do that!" "OK, I can give this a go!". (Editor Note: I don't think "ego" is the word George. I think it shows your strength of character and absolute unfailing generosity in giving to mankind!)



When asked about changes in Rotary and the future of Rotary, George thought carefully and this is his message: "I see Rotary as having become increasingly critical of the rationale of what they (Rotary) were doing especially around Projects. Firstly, Rotary now deals more directly to fully assess what is needed and important for the people they are working with. Secondly, it has become obvious that Rotarians participating in a Project are now aware of the "feminisation of poverty". They are now aware of the "real" societal problems that need to be addressed.

"Feminisation of poverty" - George described the five factors that we need to address:

1. Inheritance
2. Wages
3. Education
4. Health support
5. Civil support (ie. Police respect for women's safety).

His message to the future generations of Rotarians? "I admire Rotary's "Object of Rotary" (printed front of Directory) and the personal satisfaction that leads people to make their own minds up to understand the problems of others".

What is something Rotarians may not know about George? George is a student of Neurophysiology and studies Kashmir Shaivism. He described this study as: "The relationship between what one thinks and what one feels physically." (Editor note: One of the philosophies of Kashmir Shaivism is that "one may be suffused with the feeling of the divine love and respect that rules over all things in the universe". Taken from: www.iep.utm.edu/kashmiri)

Just "touching the surface" of George Tippett in the 90 minutes spent with him, I believe this philosophy describes George perfectly.... His life has not been fuelled by "ambition" but a "respect for all things in the Universe".

Please note that when I asked George his thoughts about joining Rotary in 1981, with great humility he said: "I was impressed by the character of the Rotarians (Melbourne) to the point I'd be 'lucky to be worthy'". No George, Rotary Club of Melbourne is 'lucky to be worthy' to have you!

GEORGE'S HISTORY OF PUBLIC AND ROTARY AWARDS

- 1957 Commissioned as Captain of the Australian Active Citizen Military Forces
- 1990 Order of Australia Medal - for service to International Relations in the field of Medicine.
- 1993-94 Rotary International 'Service Above Self' Award
- 1993-94 Rotary Foundation Service Award
- 1993-94 Vocational Service Award
- 1996-97 'Weary Dunlop' Asia Medal
- 1997-98 International Understanding Award

Editor Note: George showed more pride in receiving the "Service Above Self" Award than being bestowed with a Knight of St John of Jerusalem which he sees as a "privilege but doesn't represent who I am".

In 2005, Dr George Tippet created an endowment fund for the Geelong College to provide bursary assistance to families where help is required to enable students to remain at the School. He established this fund in recognition of the bursary assistance he received while at the school. *Sources: Ad Astra No. 108 June 2005 p23; Ad Astra June 1990 p9.*

George served as President of the Victorian Division of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and of the Medical Benevolent Association.

Editor Note: In 2012, Mrs Naomi Ruth Tippet was awarded an AM for service to children and their families nationally and internationally through the development of health and welfare programs, as a contributor to multicultural education, and to the promotion of social harmony.

NOTE 1: The year of 1958 was an important stage in the growth of anaesthesiology at American University Beirut. Anaesthesiology was separated from the Department of Surgery and became an independent Department. The years under the Chairmanship of Dr. B. Brandstater 1958-69 witnessed a period of rapid growth and rapid change.

The program of residency training was improved and made both practical and theoretical, putting more emphasis on basic sciences and in 1964 was increased to three years. Facilities for research, research equipment and new anaesthetic apparatus and techniques were introduced. Pioneering steps took place in the introduction of respiratory treatment of adult polio patients, innovated prolonged intubation in children inflicted with tetanus, positive pressure ventilation, epidural analgesia for painless deliveries, blood gas measurements and low-flow breathing systems. (Excerpt taken from: www.anesthesiology.aub.edu.lb/story.html)

Interview by: **Dorothy Gilmour**

IMPORTANT ROTARY REMINDERS

AROUND THE BAY IN A DAY 2017 - REMINDER

Our aim is to raise close to \$15,000 for the Learning for Life program of the Smith Family. This program supports disadvantaged Melbourne kids to remain at school and reach their optimum education level to be able to contribute fully to the society.

You can help by either riding, volunteering along the route and/or in the sponsorship of the riders.



Again, which one will you do to assist the Club in one of its main fundraising activities?

[Click here to volunteer/ride/or sponsor](#)

MONASH 'PEACE' CANTATA UPDATE

Kevin Sheehan recommends that given the importance of Sir John Monash's contribution to Australia, he would like to see our Club Groups support this iconic once-

only performance. This is an ideal opportunity for our Club members to support the work of David Kram and Kevin O'Flaherty, whilst honouring the memory of our Second Club President - General Sir John Monash.

Here is the link to a video featuring David Kram promoting the "Peace" Cantata:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PWNhfmgteU>

If you are interested in taking advantage of a Group Booking and attend the Cantata, please let your Group Captain know as soon as possible. Invite your family and friends to this noteworthy performance. Further information will be circulated from the Rotary office with Arts Centre booking details and the concert will conclude at 8pm so there is the opportunity to pre-book a Group dinner at one of Southbank's restaurants.

CAMBODIA TOUR 2018

Our small group will also take in the tourist sites of Cambodia as detailed in the itinerary. Some tour funds will be allocated to the projects.

David and Kris look forward to your company. We need to know numbers by 24th August.

Itinerary for Cambodia Tour 2018 is available. Enquiries to David Hayes.

Contact: Kristine Hayes 0419 971016 and/or David Hayes 0418 971016;

Email: csdi.hayes@gmail.com

AROUND THE "GROUPS"

CENTRAL GROUP 1 ENJOYING THE AUSTRALIAN TAPESTRY WORKSHOP

Central Group 1 enjoyed a colourful, fascinating evening visiting the Australian Tapestry Workshop in South Melbourne last week. After the visit it was on to dinner nearby. So good to see the members out and about together!



UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

6 Sep Joanna Murray -Smith, Playwright - **PARTNERS DAY**

13 Sep Todd Harper, CEO Cancer Council Vic

20 Sep Susan Alberti AC, AFL Luncheon

27 Sep Mark Anderson, Club Manager , Melbourne Cricket Club

Happy Birthday this week to Chris Wang (today!), Dean McIntyre, and "Spring babies" - Linda Martin, Lorraine Lilley, Peter Bearsley, Bill Charlton, Peter Duncan, Richard Fowler, George Tippett.



GUESTS AT LAST MEETING

Guests of the Club Martine Letts (Speaker), Clive Dwyer, Greg McCluskey.

Guests of Members Ellen Flint (Sandra Hills), Amanda Perry, Rahul Soans (Stephanie Woollard), Howard Hutchins (Cheryl Lacey), Graham Ford (David Kram).

On Duty LF, SW, TS, LL, Peter Addison (Wine), Ian Ross (Photos)