

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3397
Date	10 February 2004
Venue	U.C.S.C.
Occasion	John Schwerdt – Asian Nursing
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Netta-Riina Salila, Jill Cleghorn, Sheila Evans and Gordon Wilkinson (Rotary Club of Burnside)
Apologies	Stephen Westgarth, Greg Love, Norm Wallace, Bob Laws, Don Emmett, Trudi Wallbridge and Peter James
Make Ups	Darrol Foote, Don Emmett and Bob Mills
Percentage	83%
Sick List	Norm Wallace
Returning Rotarians	NIL
Departing Rotarians	NIL

From President John

President John expressed his **thanks to** Kaylene Kranz for standing in for him during his absence. Thanks also to Ron Schubert for chairing the board meeting.

A reminder that next week's meeting takes the form of a **Club visit to the Al-Khalil Mosque** on the corner of Torrens Road and Audley Street Woodville North (almost opposite the Cheltenham Racecourse). Please be there by about 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start. Dress code requires that women must not wear short skirts, must have their arms covered and must have a scarf to wear when entering the mosque. Men must wear long trousers and dress soberly. A meal will be provided at no charge. **Partners night.**

Last opportunity for **OSSAA picture theatre tickets** for Sunday 22 February 2004. \$15.00 per ticket to see "Mona Lisa Smile". Details on the back of this Bulletin.

Wendy Sellick and **Mignone O'Doherty** have written thanking the Club for recent birthday cards.

On the Spot

Geoff Dunn advised that on account of the current hot spell being expected to carry on through to the weekend, the house painting project at Aldridge House has been postponed for a fortnight and will now take place on the weekend of 28-29 February. Members are urged to get involved with this worthwhile Club project. See Geoff.

Adrian Sobels gave advance notice of the forthcoming Unley Way to Go fair which will be held on Unley Oval on Sunday 28 March. The Club will be participating this year and has invited the Broughton Arts Society to join with us and display some of its art works. It will also be an opportunity for the Club to promote itself to the public at large with a view to increasing membership.

Ian Pearson brought to members' attention the virtues and advantages to Unley Rotary of becoming members of the Unley Community Sports Club. With membership comes a plastic card which can be used in various ways to amass points which can be redeemed ultimately for value. By Rotarians joining the UCSC, the points can be pooled and a cash payment will be made by UCSC at the end of the year to Unley Rotary to be used for its projects. There is no charge to join and there is a benefit available to Unley Rotary. See Ian for membership application forms.

Induction of New Member

Sheila Evans (Social Health Policy) was tonight inducted into the Club by President John. Her mentor will be Mavis Martin and she will serve on the Major Projects Committee. Her dinner plaque was presented to her by Kaylene Kranz.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bob Mullins
Wine Raffle Winner: Stephen Westgarth
Lucky Squares Winner: Geoff Howland
 The fines were deftly collected by Netta-Riina.

Guest Speaker

Chairman Ken Haines introduced **John Schwerdt** who spoke to the members on the subject of "Asian Nursing", which was illustrated with slides.

John spent the large part of his working life in the insurance industry and is a former Rotarian, a recipient of a Citizen of the Year award from the Lions Club of Tailem Bend and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was heavily involved in the Student Exchange programme and he and his wife hosted many exchange students.

John spoke about the involvement of he and his family in the Asian Nurses Training Scheme which aimed to provide nursing training in Australia to suitable candidates from third world countries with a view to raising the standards of hospitalisation in their own countries through their advanced nursing training. The Rotary Club of Kuantan in Malaysia sponsored a young trainee (Sarah) who came to stay with the Schwerdt family while she underwent her training at the QEH. She soon became one of the family and this has led to a close association between her family and the Schwerdt family, so much so that John was present at her wedding in Malaysia and has chronicled the progress of Sarah's four daughters into young womanhood. Two of the daughters are pursuing medical careers.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
14/02/04	Kevin Rogers, Stephen Westgarth & John Russell
21/02/04	John Russell & Lindsay England
28/02/04	Darrol Foote & Joan Reed
06/03/04	Kathryn Howard & Tom Tirrell

Points to Ponder

Advertising may be described as the science of arresting the human intelligence long enough to get money from it. (*Stephen Leacock*, 20th century humorist)

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
17/02/04	Mosque	6.15 for 6.30pm	Visit to Al-Khalil Mosque (see above)	John Russell	N/A	N/A	N/A	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
24/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Mavis Martin and Ian Pearson – Personal Profiles	Bob Laws	Greg Love	Natalie Bowen	Bob Mills		8179 5650
02/03/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	John Russell	Geoff Howland	Natalie Bowen	Bob Mullins		
Wednesday 10/03/04	Edinburgh Hotel	6.00 for 6.30pm	Bowls Night vs Rotary Club of Mitcham	Tom Tirrell	N/A	Natalie Bowen	Jim Newall		

Rotarians around the world are helping AIDS orphans rebuild their lives.

*Reprinted from a Rotary Down Under Magazine article
by Anthony G. Cralne*

THE DEVASTATION wrought by the HIV/AIDS pandemic extends well beyond the people who contract the virus. One of the cruelties of AIDS is that if one parent in a family has the disease, it is not uncommon for the other parent to become infected. World health officials who monitor the spread of AIDS now also track the number of children who are orphaned by it.

According to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), about 14 million children under age 15 had lost one or both parents to AIDS through 2001. That figure is expected to soar to 25 million by 2010.

When parents become seriously ill, families suffer economically. Children may be forced to quit school and go to work. After the parents die, relatives are often ill prepared to take on the added financial burden. As the pandemic progresses, many children are orphaned again when the relatives who take them in become infected and die.

In addition to suffering from the psychological trauma of losing their parents, many of the orphans are ostracised because of the stigma their communities attach to AIDS.

Without an education and forced to fend for themselves, they become vulnerable to exploitation or abuse. According to UNAIDS, most of the world's AIDS orphans live in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. The number of orphans is larger in Asia, but the proportion is much greater in Africa. It is estimated that by 2010, as many as 25 per cent of children in some African countries will be orphans, half of them because of AIDS.

Rotarians are finding ways to support AIDS orphans by re-establishing stability in their lives through housing, education, and the means to achieve self-sufficiency.

In South Africa, where more than four million people live with HIV or AIDS, the Rotary Club of Kimberley supports Thusong Kids Haven, a home for street children.

Experts estimate there are more than 400,000 AIDS orphans in South Africa, leading to great numbers of children fending for themselves on the streets.

Thusong Kids Haven is run by Rebecca Tsiane. Eight years ago, she noticed a boy searching for food in a garbage can. That inspired her to open a facility big enough to house a small group of street children. Today, with support from the Kimberley club and other community organisations, Thusong Kids Haven is home to 1130 children who occupy three buildings, with a fourth being added.

Since the home's inception, more than 200 children have been returned to their families or placed in foster homes after benefiting from the regular meals, education, discipline and love dispensed by Haven staff. "Rebecca runs it like the army would run a platoon," said Jim Graham, a member of the Rotary Club of Brownsburg in Indiana, U.S.A., who recently led a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team to South Africa. "All of the kids help out by raising vegetables or repairing bikes to make money."

The Kimberley club provides wide-ranging support, including supplying weekly shipments of bread and arranging scholarships for two of the children. A Rotary Foundation Matching Grant with the Rotary Club of Kota Baru, Malaysia, paid for beds and bedding.

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FILM EVENING

Enjoy a night with Champagne, a Light Supper and
"Mona Lisa Smile"

starring **Julia Roberts** at the
Chelsea Cinema

275 Kensington Road, Kensington Park on
Sunday, 22 February 2004
at 5.30pm for 6.15pm

Donation \$15 per person

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Monday 23 February at 11.00am at the home of Pat Limbert at 40 "The Parks", 3 Cashel Street Pasadena.

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