

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3401
Date	Wednesday 10 March 2004
Venue	AFA Bowling Club
Occasion	Bowls Night with Rotary Club of Mitcham
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Netta-Riina Salila and Peter Hill
Apologies	Geoff Dunn, Paul Howard, Don Emmett, Adrian Sobels, Norm Wallace, John Symons, Mavis Martin, Lou Barteletti, Ron Schubert, Joan Reed, Stephen Westgarth and Helen Richter
Make Ups	Paul Howard, Mavis Martin, Joan Reed & Geoff Dunn
Percentage	Not available
Sick List	Don Emmett
Returning Rotarians	NIL
Departing Rotarians	NIL

From President John

Letter received from the DG advising that the District has decided to become involved in the State Disaster Plan. The Community Service Committee of the Club is to be asked to consider how the Club can be of help.

Last call for indications of interest in participating in the GSE team exchange to Scotland during the month of October 2004. Applications close on 19 March. See President John if interested.

Unley Council is seeking input into its Open Space and Recreational Strategic Plan. President John will complete the survey form received from the Council and he will attend one of the proposed discussion meetings as the Club's representative.

Eastwood Rotary Club is hosting a major dinner function for the visiting Canadian GSE team on 14 April 2004 at the Eagle on the Hill Hotel, at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. If interested in attending the function or in being involved in the Team's programme during its visit between 12 April and 17 April, see President John.

Thanks once again are extended to Janet Pearce for her

untiring efforts in sending out birthday cards and greetings not only within the Club but also to the Thrift Shop volunteers. This is much appreciated by the Club and by the recipients.

Special recognition by the Club to our exchange student Netta-Riina Salila for her eager participation in the events of the Club, in particular spending part of the last two weekends in "lending a hand" to complete the Paint your Heart Out project in Parkside. Her actions on this occasion do her proud and are certainly in keeping with the ideals of Rotary and this year's Presidential theme.

Kaylene Kranz has provided President John with a detailed report on the recent celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary by the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge of the receiving of its charter, and this report will be studied carefully in the lead-up to the planning for this Club's 70th anniversary celebrations next year.

The visit to the Regency Park School of Catering on 30 March has been cancelled. The revised programme for that evening to be advised.

Bowls Night Report

The invocation and toast were delivered by Vice President Dudley Mitchell of Mitcham AFA Bowling Club.

After a meal of barbecued sausages and patties followed by ice cream, the teams got down to work and toiled assiduously in their endeavours to win the coveted trophy for the year's winner of the bowls challenge.

President John urged the Unley players to be aggressive in their play and to do well. Many of Unley Club's newer members joined in and acquitted themselves admirably. Netta-Riina and Matthew Paternoster both helped in the Unley Club's valiant attempts to wrest the prized trophy for the glory of the Club but, alas, our efforts came to nought and the Mitcham Club fell first over the line, recording a 47 to 36 win.

The night was perfect, albeit a bit chilly. Good sportsmanship and comradeship abounded to make this annual event the pleasant pastime that it is. Congratulations to President Keith Millington and the members of the Mitcham Club.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
13/03/04	Kevin Rogers, Michael Tait & Lindsay England
20/03/04	Dean Swinden & Maeve Swinden
27/03/04	Stephen Westgarth & Chandra Sluggett
03/04/04	TBA

Laughter the Best Medicine

A physician told this story about her then four-year-old daughter. On the way to preschool, the mother had left her stethoscope on the car seat, and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it.

"Oh, how wonderful!" thought the mother, "my daughter wants to follow in my footsteps!"

Then the child spoke into the instrument . . .

"Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

Two men were digging a ditch on a very hot day. One said to the other, "Why are we down in this hole digging a ditch when our boss is standing up there in the shade of a tree?"

"I don't know," responded the other. "I'll ask him."

So he climbed out of the hole and went to his boss.

"Why are we digging in the hot sun and you're standing in the shade?"

"Intelligence," the boss said.

"What do you mean, 'intelligence'?"

The boss said, "I'll show you. I'll put my hand on this tree and I want you to hit it with your fist as hard as you can."

The ditch digger took a mighty swing and tried to hit the boss' hand. The boss moved his hand and the ditch digger hit the tree.

The boss said, "That's intelligence!"

The ditch digger went back to his hole.

His friend asked, "What did he say?"

"He said we are down here because of intelligence."

"What's intelligence?" said the friend.

The ditch digger put his hand on his face and said: "Take your shovel, and hit my hand!"

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
16/03/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Ric Maurovic - Painter	Greg Love	Lucien Parent	Natalie Bowen	John Nowland	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
23/03/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Eda Payne – Language and Cultural Teaching of Afghan Women and Children	Bob Laws	Joan Reed	David Middleton	Lucien Parent		8179 5650
30/03/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	TBA	Wayne Ross	Ken Haines	David Middleton	Rob Paternoster		
06/04/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	John Russell	Adrian Sobels		David Payne		

Polio Eradication Update

Recently there was an historic meeting of the Ministers of Health from the six remaining polio-endemic countries in which they pledged to eradicate polio once and for all. They have set a goal to do this by the end of 2005.

The plan is to immunize 250 million children multiple times during a series of massive programs. The countries of Afghanistan, Egypt, Pakistan, Niger and Nigeria have only small pockets of the virus.

The only real concern is that of Nigeria where in the Kano Province the immunization program ceased due to the unfounded rumours that the vaccine was unsafe. As a result, the poliovirus spread back into the previously polio free countries of Cameroon, Chad, into Niger and then into adjoining countries. This outbreak put 15 million children at risk and so necessitated a massive immunization program across west and central Africa. Total eradication is the only answer!

The very generous donations from the last Rotary year are most certainly needed – in fact there is still a need for more funds so that by the end of 2005 there will be no more cases of polio. Our goal of having the word certified polio free by 2005 will not happen – let us hope that we can say this by the end of 2008.

Profile of District Governor Nominee Arthur Manser and his wife Shirley

Arthur joined the Rotary Club of Modbury in 1983 when he operated the Hope Valley Newsagency. In 1985, Shirley and Arthur, their three children, Jodie, Darren and Megan, moved to Berri in the Riverland of South Australia to become the Berri newsagent.

They ran two shops and the delivery round until October 2002. This brought to an end a busy period of 35 years in the newsagency industry. During this time they were "South Australian Newsagents of the Year" on two occasions and are still the only SA newsagent to win the title of "National Newsagent of the Year".

Arthur has been President of the Rotary Club of Berri on two occasions, in 1987-1988 and again in 1992-1993. The Rotary Club of Berri has presented Arthur with a Paul Harris

Fellow and he has also received a four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians.

At District level, Arthur has served on several committees, the latest as a third year member of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. He has also served as an Assistant Governor for three years and prior to that was a DG's Rep for two years.

Arthur enjoys sport, having coached softball when his daughters played, and when time permits still tries his hand at golf. Gardening is also an area in which he now spends time seeing that he no longer delivers newspapers.

Arthur has served on the Berri Barmera District Council for six years, was President of the Berri and District Traders Association for six years, is a Justice of the Peace and is currently President of the Riverland Justices Group.

Shirley played an excellent game of netball in her youth and later was involved in the Berri Softball Club where she was President for five years and Secretary for three. Nowadays she enjoys making teddy bears and doing craftwork.

Centenary of Rotary

The 23rd of February 2004 marked the beginning of the 100th year of Rotary International. The humble beginnings of Rotary centred around Paul Harris and three friends, Silvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr and Hiram Shorey; a rather unique mix of an American lawyer, a German mining engineer, an Irish tailor and a Swedish coal merchant.

From that humble beginning our organisation is now in 164 countries with over 1.2 million members spread across 31,000 clubs. In a world marred by conflict and fragmentation, Rotary is a unifying presence respected around the world, as is evident through the Polio Immunization Program, a Program that has been successfully carried out in many warring countries.

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Monday 22 March at 11.00am at the home of Muriel Wallace at 28 Hardy Street Goodwood.

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