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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at The Old Orphanage Function Centre
Corner Goodwood Road & Mitchell Street, Millswood at 6.30pm.
Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3623
Date	5 August 2008
Venue	The Orphanage
Guest Speaker	Danny Zamoulis: "SAPOL STAR Group"
Chairperson	Colin Schirmer
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Andy Hill, Hon Member Ken Daly
Apologies	Alex Jonson, Anne Zada, Mark Zada, Geoff Howland, Janet Singh, Joan Reed, Ron Schubert, Neville Highett, Reno Elms, Sheila Evans, Stephen Baker
Make-ups	None
Sick List	Sheila Evans
Attendance	59%
Anniversaries	David Payne's induction of 5/8; Bob Mullins' induction on 11/8
Departing Rotarians	David Payne

President Jerry's Announcements

Pres Jerry reminded members again about the District 9520 conference in Mt Gambier from October 17th to 19th, 2008. Accommodation is booked at the Quality Inn and Pres Jerry feels sure we can get more rooms if we let them know early. He encouraged everyone to attend, as it is a great experience and an opportunity for good fellowship with the other clubs in our district. Pres Jerry has registration forms or you can get them from the District website at <http://www.rotary9520conference.org.au/2008/>.

It's My Own Work - PP Greg McLeod

Unley Rotarian and Past President Greg McLeod gave us a rundown on his work as a legal practitioner. One of four partners in the medium-sized law firm of Lempriere Abbott McLeod (LAM), Greg has practised law for over 30 years, all of that time with the same firm. He and his partners have also worked together in the firm for all of that time. LAM's offices are located "close to pub, deli and, of course, the courts." The firm has particular expertise in family law, commercial areas, international law and in Greg's practice in the areas of wills, estates and conveyancing, which forms a very reliable part of the firm's business. Greg is mainly involved in non-litigious matters and estate claims; while his partners cover the other areas of the practice.

He gave a strong recommendation (plug?) for people to have their wills prepared by a solicitor to ensure that there is no ambiguity and that the testator's wishes are correctly expressed; recovering from problems arising from a poorly drafted will can be costly compared to the "modest" fee charged by a solicitor. Greg made a plea that everyone have a will prepared and kept up to date and went on to recommend having Powers of Attorney and Enduring Power of Guardianship in place to enable someone to care for our financial, legal and medical needs should we lose the capacity to do it ourselves.

Greg described the sense of fulfilment he feels when matters are settled and completed and, where disputation is involved, preferably achieving resolution through compromise rather than litigation, which can cost a great deal of time and money. He is now seeing his third generation of clients, which enhances his feeling of being a "families" lawyer.

Greg described how South Australia has an independent bar rather than a fused bar where solicitors can appear in court. The rank of QC has now been replaced by the title of SC (Senior Counsel). Otherwise, Greg said, there have been no recent "stellar changes" in the legal system.

Thank you Greg for a comprehensive briefing on your work as a lawyer.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Bob Laws mercilessly levied fines on Rotarian "B" for unauthorised distribution of carrots and on Rotarian "M" who kept getting lost on the way to appointments (a GPS was recommended). Bob Laws won the wine and Martin Cooper won the lucky square.

Guest Speaker – Danny Zaloumis: "SAPOL STAR Group"



Colin Schirmer introduced Brevet Sergeant Danny Zaloumis of the South Australia Police STAR Group. Brevet Sergeant is a new rank given to Senior Constables with special skills, training and expertise. Danny is 38 years of age, has four children under the age of 12 and was educated at Concordia College and Urrbrae Agricultural High School. He moved to Zambia for a number of years to work on his father's ranch and after returning to South Australia he joined the SA Police. After 9-10 years working general patrols in the Unley and Payneham areas he joined the Special Tasks and Rescue (STAR) Group, which is stationed at Netley. He has been with the STAR Group for nine years and his speciality is Police Marksman.

Danny began by playing a promotional video used to attract applications to join STAR Group from among the members of SAPOL, then presented a slide show to illustrate his talk. The Special Tasks and rescue Group (S.T.A.R. Group) is tasked with the provision of mobile patrol personnel skilled in the use of firearms, anti-terrorist tactics, crowd control, crime prevention techniques, and underwater recovery and search and rescue operations. The **STAR Group** comprises seven different sections:

Operations Section, of which Danny is part, is responsible for a myriad of tasks including high risk policing, counter terrorist response, search and rescue operations and the supplementation of general duty patrols.

The **Water Operations Unit** is responsible for policing the coastal and inland waters of South Australia and provides the capability for search and rescue in those waters. There are five vessels varying from a five metre inflatable dinghy to a 16 metre Launch. The vessels are also used as diving platforms for police divers. The divers assist local police in the recovery of bodies or submerged objects from the sea, inland waters and caves. All water responses (sea search and rescue, water policing, diving, and Marine Crime Watch) are conducted by this Unit.

The **South Australia Mounted Police** is an integral part of today's policing strategies, unique in its contribution to the maintenance of law and order. Apart from the highly visible roles of escort duties and mounted patrols, there are many ways the Mounted Operations Unit contributes to the safety of the people. Imposing as they are, the non-aggressive presence of the horse enables mounted officers to safely and quickly defuse violent or antisocial situations, quite often without the hostility usually directed at other officers in similar circumstances.

The **Dog Operations Unit** provides support to operational police through the deployment of highly trained dog teams. Each team comprises a trained dog, being either a German Shepherd or Labrador retriever dog and handler. These dog teams are based in metropolitan Adelaide but are able to respond to calls for assistance throughout the State. Police dog teams are trained to carry out duties involving tracking, searching, criminal apprehension, drug detection and explosive detection. The Dog Operations Unit is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The **Explosives Coordination Unit** is responsible for disposing of improvised explosive devices (IED) and /or explosive material, disposing of commercial explosives, clearing explosives from safes, clearing explosives scenes before post-blast examination, advising members of the public on measures to counter bomb threats, conducting high-risk searches for bombs, explosives, booby traps etc., maintaining a credibility to respond, as required, to all terrorist incidents and coordinating responses for military ordnance.

The **Negotiation Coordinator Section** provides support to operational police by deployment of trained negotiators throughout the State. Under the National Guidelines, negotiation is considered the first option to achieve a peaceful resolution in high-risk incidents and negotiators respond to all types of incidents where their expertise may be of assistance.

Training & Development Section provides training support to all sections in addition to the training undertaken by each section.

During the course of his talk Danny related some of his own experiences in STAR Group and then answered a number of questions.



Above: Chairman Colin Schirmer presenting a Rotary Club of Unley memento pen to STAR Group Brevet Sergeant Danny Zaloumis

Jerry's Jottings

Last week saw the first official meeting of the new club board with a variety of topics discussed, you will see what we covered in more detail when **Anne Wehr** distributes the synopsis for the meeting.

One of the key decisions was to set the annual fees for the coming year and it was agreed that we would increase half yearly dues to \$100, an increase of \$10. We have not had an increase for some time and the club needs to fund our normal activities and cover the dues to RI, etc. Ken Haines, in Lindsay England's absence, will be putting together an analysis of the monies we collect, how they are spent and presenting this to the club sometime in the next two weeks.

On a different note, we have been banging the drum on membership and this has been a focus, not only for us, but also for our District and for Rotary International generally. Last week Andy Hill joined our meeting for the second time and it was great to see that he was made very welcome. We need more people to come and see what we do and given the work of **Ron Schubert** and **Bob Mullins** we have an array of quality speakers to entertain prospective members. Again, sometime in the next few weeks we will hear Martin's report on the Canberra convention. District 9520 is also holding a membership convention in late August; hopefully all of these will combine to generate some good ideas and generate positive results.



Our DG, **Peter Shipp**, joins us for his club visit on August 19th and will speak on his plans for the year. Please put the date in your diary so that we have good attendance. Peter produces a monthly newsletter which can be seen on the District website, have a look: <http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/9520/Newsletter/newsletter.html>

I hope you are enjoying the new Rotary year, please let me know if there is more we can do to make the club better and stronger.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Jokes of the Week

Golf can be tiring...

Fred got home from his Sunday round of golf later than normal and very tired. "Bad day at the course?" his wife asked.

"Everything was going fine," he said. "Then Harry had a heart attack and died on the 10th tee."

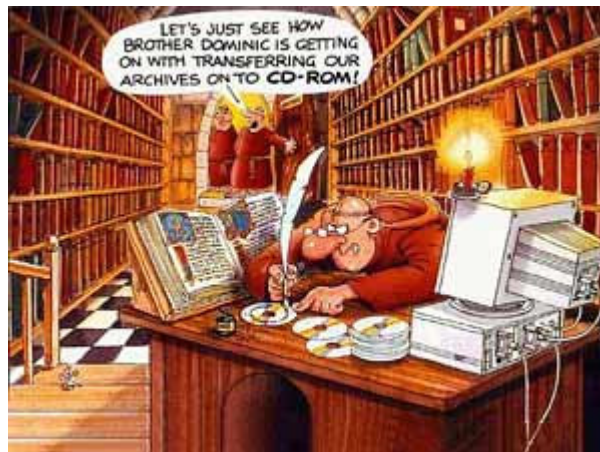
"Oh, that's awful!"

"You're not kidding. For the whole back nine it was hit the ball, drag Harry, hit the ball, drag Harry."

And you think you have all the bad luck...

Fire investigators on Maui have determined the cause of a blaze that destroyed a \$127,000 home last month - a short in the homeowner's newly installed fire prevention alarm system.

"This is even worse than last year," said the distraught homeowner, "when someone broke in and stole my new security system..."



English is really crazy

There is neither egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins were not invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies, while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce, and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So, one moose, two meese? One index, two indices? Is cheese the plural of choose?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

In what language do people recite at a play, and play at a recital?

Ship by truck, and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Park on driveways and drive on parkways? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? How can the weather be hot as hell one day and cold as hell another?

When a house burns up, it burns down. You fill in a form by filling it out, and an alarm clock goes off by going on.

When the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. And why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it?

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
12/08/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Jan Ward: "The Royal Flying Doctor"
19/08/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	DG Peter Shipp : District Governor's Official Visit - Partners Night
26/08/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Mike Dennis: "Consulate Experience in the Pacific"
02/09/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	David Bacchus: "SA Water Police Experiences"

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486.

Diary Dates

16 – 19 Oct District Conference in Mt Gambier

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
12/08/08	Anne Wehr	Bob Laws	Mavis Martin & Greg McLeod
19/08/08	Norm Wallace	Bob Laws	David Middleton & Bob Mills
26/08/08	Chandra Sluggett	Bob Laws	Bob Mullins & Jim Newall
02/09/08	Janet Singh	Bob Laws	Neesha Nandaseena & David Payne

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or contact:

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Attendance Desk: Glenys Ferguson (H) 8379 8821

Members are urged to diarise when they are required to serve and then they will be unlikely to overlook their rostered service duty.

For those members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board, the relevant paraphernalia can be found in the servery area of the Function Centre. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the top of the cupboard.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: July-August 2008

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
1	02/08/08	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	09/08/08	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	16/08/08	Glenys Ferguson & Chandra Sluggett	Joan Reed & Ron Schubert
4	23/08/08	Colin Schirmer & Chandra Sluggett	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	30/08/08	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Ken Haines

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**Remember our Rotary
theme for the year**

