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Meeting 3635 – 28 October 2008

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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.	3635
Date	28 October 2008
Venue	The Old Orphanage
Guest Speaker	Sergeant Michele Smith: "SA Police Officer of the Year - 2007"
Chairperson	Bob Mills
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Heather Kilsby, Jenn Casburn, Genese Mullins
Returning Rotarians	David Middleton, Colin Schirmer, Mavis Martin
Makeups	NA
Sick List	Ron Schubert, Margaret Payne
Attendance	69%
Birthdays & Anniversaries	Birthday: Greg McLeod 28/10; Janet Singh, Anne & Mark Zada 1/11

President Jerry's Announcements

1. First a reminder that we have the BBQ and Tennis Day being organised by Anne Wehr, which will be held on Sunday 9 November. Be there or be square. Family and friends invited. The cost of \$10 covers food; BYO everything else.
2. Our next meeting is on **Monday** 3rd November not Tuesday and will be the Melbourne Cup Calcutta. Please feel free to invite friends and family.

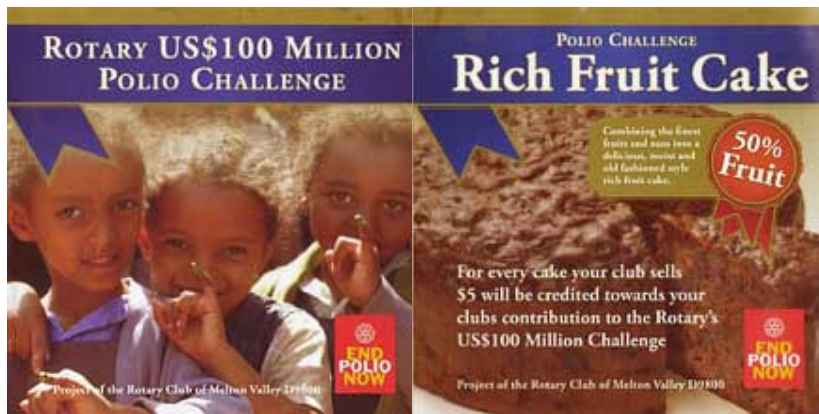
Spots

Chandra Sluggett reminded members of **Rotary's US\$100 million Challenge for PolioPlus** and circulated a form for members to begin recording their orders for Rich Fruit Cakes at \$21 ea, of which \$5 is credited to our Club's contribution to the fundraising project. (See the advert below). Chandra suggested that each Rotarian could buy a cake to be donated to senior citizens at Christmas, we could sell them through our businesses and we could give them away as Christmas presents. PolioPlus was the reason why Chandra joined Rotary in the first place and she referred to her own experience with the disease; she urged all Rotarians to do their best to help meet Rotary's US\$100million Challenge. Chandra is willing to tell us her whole story one day, but it's going to cost the Club at least 70 cakes.

Bob Laws: The Thrift Shop Committee will meet at Bob's home this Saturday morning. The next working bee at the Thrift Shop will be on Sunday 2 November to wash, clean, dust, vacuum and cull excess stock and all members are invited to come and work alongside the Committee members. The Shop had a good day today (Tue 28/11) with takings of \$450. A Rotarian was needed to sub for Colin Schirmer on the early shift of the 4th Saturday this month and Sheila Evans volunteered to help.

OSSAA is holding a **fundraising film afternoon** at the Chelsea Cinema at 4.30pm on Sunday 30 November to see a screening of "Australia". The cost is \$15 per head which includes light refreshments and a glass or two of bubbly. The event is being organised by the Lions Club of Edwardstown and the proceeds will be split 50-50 between OSSAA and another charity. Please see Bob Laws ASAP to book your tickets and avoid disappointment.

Reno Elms gave an update on planning for the **Carols at the Rotunda** on 14 December and asked Rotarians to let him know which teams they would like to work on, especially if they would like to do something different to last year. He reported that has met with Dean Griffith, the new commanding officer of the Army Band, who has already come up with some new and exciting ideas for the music component of this year's Carols program. Reno will be meeting with Dean at 10am on 7 November at the Unley Salvation Army Corp and invited interested Rotarians to also attend the meeting along with available members of the Community Committee.



The **Polio Challenge Rich Fruit Cake Project** is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Melton Valley D9800. For every cake our club sells \$5 will be credited towards our club's contribution to Rotary's US\$100 million challenge.

Since 1985, ending polio has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. Since then, polio cases have been slashed by 99 percent worldwide. While most of the world is polio-free, this vaccine-preventable disease still threatens children in parts of Africa and South Asia.

On 26 November 2007 the Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation gave the Rotary Foundation a grant of US\$100million for Rotary's Polio Plus Program in which Rotary's challenge over the next 3 years is to match dollar for dollar.

Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge is a continuation of Rotary's longstanding commitment to protect every child from this devastating disease.

Sergeant's Session

Under the watchful eye of the SA Police Officer of the Year, Sergeant Greg McLeod wound-up his month of duty. In between jokes with a matrimonial flavour many Rotarians were accused of petty offences and fined despite pleas of innocence. Ken Daly won the wine, which Sergeant Greg managed to turn into water, and Bob Laws won the Lucky Square.

Guest Speaker – Michelle Smith: "Police Officer of the Year 2007"

PP Bob Mills opened the "real" Sergeant's Session by introducing our guest speaker, SA Police Officer of the Year for 2007 Sergeant Michele Smith. Michele is stationed at Port Pirie. She joined SAPOL in 1981 and has been awarded the National Medal and SAPOL Service Medal and 20 Year Clasp. Michele was the 30th recipient of the POOTY award after being nominated by two organisations in the Port Pirie area as being very community minded and an active leader of the Mid North Drug Action Team since its inception in 2002. Both nominating organisations were particularly impressed with her design, development, coordination and facilitation of the "30 Lives" exhibition which focused on lives lost in road crashes in the Mid North area from 2000 to 2006.

Michele spoke on "Road Safety", a distressing subject for many but a matter of great importance that we all need to be aware of because of the long term impacts on our community, not just the short term impacts that happen at the time of a road crash.

Although she is not a "traffic person", i.e. doesn't know the difference between a Tarago and a truck, Michele is passionate about our country communities, particularly her own community in the Mid North region of South Australia. She knows that as a country police officer, what she does can have a direct impact on the community in which she chooses to work, live and play. Her policing input matters and it is something she is quite proud of.

One of the downsides of being a country copper is seeing at firsthand how devastating road crash fatalities are on families and the pain and grief that comes out and washes over our communities as a result.

The "30 Lives" project was centred around remembering the local people the Mid North community had lost on the local roads; it was not about blame or fault, it was about remembering the real people, remembering the pain that doesn't go away and acknowledging people as those who mattered and not as nameless statistics. This project was one of 15 undertaken over a 15 month period in the Mid North after the police secured funding of around \$30,000 from the Motor Accident Commission to help with activities to reward positive behaviors. All of the initiatives were linked with traditional police activities because it is well recognized that law enforcement is a very important and powerful road safety strategy, but the downside is that police usually only get to interact with the people who have failed and done something wrong on our roads, which doesn't reward the good.

With this project the police have tried hard to reinforce positive measures and empower the community to take on road safety responsibility themselves. The project gave away over \$4,000 worth of book swags to "party posters"; if you posted a party or event in the Mid North during 2007 you were in the running each month to win a swag if you had worked with the police to ensure that you had safety measures, not only for road safety but also for your community and the people at your event.

The "Rock Patrol", part of the Police Band, came out to help run school concerts. Huge road safety banners were put up in all kinds of businesses. There was a 30 Lives float in the Christmas pageant and the Port Pirie police station Christmas tree was decorated with Road Safety Puddings featuring photos of Police members. Over 2,000 Rodeo and Bachelor and Spinster Ball "morning after" patrons were voluntarily breath tested to ensure they had good information to know whether or not it was safe for them to drive home and, if it wasn't, how long they needed to stay at the party. It's great fun doing those RBTs even though the police facilities lacked anything resembling luxury; they were often dusty, dirty, hot and smelly. And it is fantastic public relations for the police and an important part of the public education process.

The 30 Lives Exhibition presented the factual details of fatal road crashes based on the content of police road crash reports. Permission was sought from the families of road crash victims for their family members' details to be exhibited. Many visitors to the exhibition found the displays confronting, particularly the black stakes positioned throughout the floor to represent the 30 road fatalities. Family members participated by embroidering the names of their loved ones on a memorial patchwork quilt. Many young people attended the exhibition and they appeared to have been impacted by it. In addition to the displays the project produced books and a DVD about the 30 Lives.

Michele wound up her talk by giving comprehensive answers to questions from Rotarians and guests and was thanked by Bob Mills.



Bob Mills with SA Police Officer of the Year 2007
Sergeant Michele Smith

Jerry's Jottings

We had another good meeting this week and an excellent speaker in Michele Smith, a credit to SAPOL and to the Police Officer of the Year Awards. It is great that the club has forged close links with the police and has maintained the awards for so many years. This year its organisation leaves the capable hands of **Bob Mills** and the event will be managed by the Vocational Committee under the capable hands of **Stephen Baker**.

As we heard from **Reno Elms**, plans for the Carols are well progressed but he will need lots of help from the club both up to and on the day. Please be prepared to set aside the time to help this key event.

Two weeks ago I mentioned that the Rotunda repainting project had been killed off following discussion with Council regarding health and safety issues. In discussions with **Mayor Richard Thorne** following this it is possible that it may be resurrected. I have written to Council outlining our plans and seeking their support for the programme or for them to suggest an alternative, I will keep you posted on the outcome.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
Monday 03/11/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Melbourne Cup Calcutta Partners Event	Bob Mills	Bob Mullins	Alex Jonson & John Peacham
11/11/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Bob Such MP: "Food Labelling in Supermarkets"	David Middleton	Bob Mullins	Mavis Martin & Greg McLeod
18/11/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Simon Cameron: "The Kokoda Track Pilgrimage"	Greg McLeod	Bob Mullins	David Middleton & Bob Mills
25/11/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Quiz Night: Partners Event	Mavis Martin	Bob Mullins	Bob Mullins & Jim Newall

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486.

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: November 2008

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
1	01/11/08	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	08/11/08	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	15/11/08	Glenys Ferguson & Anne Wehr	Joan Reed, Ron Schubert
4	22/11/08	Sheila Evans, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	29/11/08	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Ken Haines

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Diary Dates

Mon 3 Nov	Melbourne Cup Calcutta at The Old Orphanage
Sun 9 Nov	Games Day at Orphanage Tennis court: Noon to 4pm, BYOE
Tue 25 Nov	White Ribbon Breakfast
Tue 25 Nov	Quiz Night at The Old Orphanage
Tue 16 Dec	Christmas Dinner at Mt Osmond Golf Club
Wed 24 Dec	Joint Breakfast Meeting with Hyde Park and Eastwood Clubs at the Sturt Club; 7 for 7.30am

Unley Rotary Club Members Directory

The Club Members Directory is maintained by our Secretary, Anne Wehr, so would Rotarians who wish to advise of changes to their contact details please give/send them to Anne? Subsequent updates to the Members Directory will be distributed with the Bulletin. Ed.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S INAUGURAL WHITE RIBBON BREAKFAST

**BANQUET ROOM, ADELAIDE FESTIVAL CENTRE on TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2008
7.00 FOR 7.15am START, UNTIL 9.00am**

“Not Violent, Not Silent”

Men have a crucial role to play in stopping all violence against women. The White Ribbon Campaign is the first male-led campaign to end violence against women. Men are encouraged to take a stand and say that violence, in any form, is never acceptable. Violence against women will only stop when men join with women to put an end to it – everyone will benefit from a world free of violence.

Co-Hosted by Media Personalities

Leigh McClusky and Peter Goers

with

Guest Speaker

Derrick McManus

In 1994 Senior Constable Derrick McManus of the elite SA Police STAR Division was shot 14 times with a high-powered semi-automatic weapon. With broken bones and severed arteries he lay bleeding to death for 3 hours before he was rescued. SA's longest running siege in Nuriootpa continued 40 hours, with 2,000 rounds of ammunition fired. Amazingly Derrick survived and demonstrated that individuals can defy the odds. During his career, Derrick has been awarded the Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year, the inaugural SA Police Bravery Medal, and is an Ambassador to the Australian Red Cross.

\$45 per person includes a Delicious Hot Breakfast!

RSVPs with payment by 7 November 2008; Enquiries to Evonne 8296 1582 or Felicity 0411 655 104

The Breakfast Booking Form can be obtained from <http://unley.rotaryclub.org.au/Documents/WhiteRibbonBreakfast.pdf>.

Water RYLA Focuses on Conservation in India

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 21 October 2008

Work on several health-related club projects in western India gave Rotarian Bal Inamdar a firsthand view of the plight of villages that lack usable water. So, aiming to improve health, hygiene, and cash crops for farmers through cleaner water, Inamdar in August convened the first water-themed Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) workshop.

"Today's youth needs to be made aware of water-related problems," says Inamdar. "They need to be stimulated to think about solutions. Water RYLA has opened the minds of our future leaders about the importance of clean water and created an opportunity for a hands-on experience."

During Water RYLA, held 22-24 August, 160 participants from District 3140 were divided into four groups to develop water-harvesting projects in villages of Kelva Beach, Palghar, India. Each year, thousands of young people ages 14 to 30, who are chosen for their potential as leaders, attend an all-expenses-paid RYLA seminar, camp, or workshop to develop leadership skills.

Theme RYLAs

RYLAs that focus on a theme or world issue such as safe water, poverty, or global climate change, are becoming more popular according to the RI Programs Division. The benefit of thematic RYLAs is twofold: They tend to appeal to a broader age range than a RYLA that covers basic leadership skills, and their themes encourage participants to focus their ideas of leadership, citizenship, and responsibility.

"This is a qualitative addition to the existing structure of RYLA," says Inamdar. "The goal is to have a sustainable impact on communities."

Three weeks before the RYLA workshop, participants were divided into four groups, each named after a river in India: Ravi, Yamuna, Luni and Alaknanda (i.e. R.Y.L.A.). Each group researched and conducted a water project that had to be completed in a single day.

Two groups, Ravi and Luni, created reservoir dams along rivulets. The Yamuna team constructed a contoured embankment to catch rainwater running from the mountains and hills. And the Alaknanda group, made up of 28 hearing-impaired students, built a rooftop water-harvesting system for a local school.

On the last day, the projects were judged by two water scientists from Eureka Forbes, a water purification company based in Mumbai, that also gave the teams free technical support.

Inamdar, a member of the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast, Maharashtra, says the training will enable participants to help Rotary clubs in their own communities launch water projects. He estimates that 15 to 20 projects will be developed this year by District 3140 clubs because of Water RYLA.

"Thematic RYLAs are a way forward for many underdeveloped areas," says Inamdar. "Participants leave RYLA as theme experts and are able to exchange ideas with leaders in their community." ◇



The Alaknanda group built a rooftop water-harvesting system (top) for a local school during Water RYLA 22-24 August, in villages of Kelva Beach, Palghar, India. (Bottom) The Ravi group completes a reservoir dam. Photo courtesy of Water RYLA

Donations In Kind

Donations in Kind ("DIK") in Australia grew out of the desire of returning FAIM team members to continue to offer material support to schools and communities in which they had been operating. The need to coordinate the gathering, storage and despatch of goods was obvious and the organisation known as DIK was set up.

DIK's warehouse is off Taranaki Rd and East Ave, Edinburgh (but suggest you phone first for directions).

Every club IN D9500 and D9520 has been requested to assist by having working bees at DIK to sort, unpack, pack and load containers of various donated items. Clubs can also collect goods and provide financial support.

Funding is required to assist with the shipping of goods, which are generally sent by the container load.

DIK is always on the lookout for serviceable goods, particularly anything suited to education and health. However, please check on the need and suitability of equipment before sending it to the warehouse.

DIK has sent surplus school and library materials, medical equipment, tools, typewriters, sewing machines, computers, etc throughout the Pacific and beyond.

DIK obtains support from the Armed Forces and the help of trucking and shipping companies and airlines.

The nearest Rotary Club in the recipient area must be involved and all customs and quarantine regulations must be adhered to. ◇

Jokes for the Week

The Worst Day of My Life

A little guy is sitting at the bar just staring at his drink when a large, trouble-making bikie steps up next to him, grabs his drink, gulps it down in one swig and then turns to him with a menacing stare as if to say, "Well, wotcha gonna do about it?"

The little guy starts crying.

"Come on man I was just giving you a hard time", the bikie says, 'I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life", says the little guy between sobs.

"I've got to admit it – I'm a complete failure. I just can't do anything right."

"I overslept and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me.

"When I went to the parking lot, I found my car was stolen and I don't have any insurance.

"I left my wallet in the cab I took home.

"I found my wife in bed with the gardener and then my own dog bit me.

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all.

"I buy a drink, I drop my capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve, then you show up and swig the lot!"

When a Man Goes Shopping

"You just go ahead," the man in the shopping mall said to his wife. "While you're shopping, I'll browse in the hardware store."

An hour later, she returned and saw him at the checkout counter.

The clerk was ringing up the last of a pile of tools and supplies that would fill two wheelbarrows.

"Are you buying all this?" his wife asked incredulously.

"Well, yes," he said, embarrassed. Then waving his arm toward the interior of the store, he added, "But look at all the stuff I'm leaving behind!"



"I think it's going to be a boy, because ever time I reach for the remote control it kicks me."

My Dad's Car Can Beat Your Dad's

Three boys were heading home from school one day when one started the time-honoured Aussie game of paternal one-upmanship.

"My dad's Falcon is way faster than any of your dads' cars. He can nail it off the line at the lights and before anyone else has even seen the green, he's in third!" he says

One of the other boys says, "Oh yeah? Well my dad's Commodore can drive from Adelaide to Melbourne in four hours and it's so fast that he's past a speed camera before it's taken a shot!"

The last boy said, "Your dads' cars don't even come close to being faster than my dad's. My dad drives a Government car and though he works every day until 5pm, he gets home at 3.30!"

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real