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176 Greenhill Road, Parkside (Cnr George Street) at 6.30pm.
Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3651
Date	24 February 2009
Occasion	Interclub Meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Unley, Murray Bridge and Mount Barker
Venue	Murray Bridge Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Prof. David Paton
Chairperson	Jack Reddin (RC of Murray Bridge)
Guests	Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Rose Howland, Birendra Bhandari
Apologies	Heather Kilsby, Janet Singh, Joan Reed, Lindsay England, Mavis Martin
Make Ups	Mavis Martin
Attendance	60%

Interclub Meeting

Sam Cozens, President of our hosts the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge, welcomed members and guests of the Unley and Mount Barker Clubs to the Interclub Meeting and outlined the matrilineal relationship between the three clubs.

Guest Speaker: Prof. David Paton

"The Environment of the Lower Lakes and the Coorong"

Introduction: Chairman Jack Reddin from the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge introduced our guest speaker Dr. David Paton AM, Associate Professor of the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Adelaide. According to Jack, David has always had a passion be it birds, the Coorong, his wife and daughters, sports or work; not for him nerdy comfortable academia, no Sir! He is up front and public about a range of issues, largely environmental, which is not surprising for the son of a well known and respected ornithologist who has been on field trips to the Coorong since a very young age. The Coorong is where he met his wife Penny.

David was educated at Scotch College where he played cricket and football in a "fiercely competitive manner", as a result of which he acquired the nickname of "Skull". He graduated from the University of Adelaide in Environmental Sciences and did his doctorate in Victoria studying the New England honey eater and his post doctorate in Orange County, California studying humming birds. In his university position [as Head of Ecology

President's Announcements

1. There will be Board meeting this Thursday evening, 26 Feb at David Middleton's home.
2. Remember the Ten Pin Bowling social evening this Friday at 6pm at the Cross Road Bowl followed by dinner at the Hyde Park Tavern. Cost: Bowling: \$21.50 (two games, plus shoes); Dinner: \$30 (2 courses - entrée and main).
3. Pres. Jerry commented on how pleasing it was for the Unley (mother club), Murray Bridge (daughter club) and Mount Barker (granddaughter club) to be meeting together and to see Unley's 'children' doing so well.
Pres. Jerry thanked Pres. Sam Cozens and the Murray Bridge Club for hosting the joint meeting of the three clubs.

Sergeant's Session

There was no Sergeant's Session due to the Interclub Meeting held at Murray Bridge.

Presidents Sam (Murray Bridge), Jerry (Unley) and Jack Cooper (Mt Barker) formally opened the meetings of the three clubs. Pres. Sam presented Pres. Jerry with a book on the History of the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge.

and Environmental Biology] he teaches and is involved in research, conservation and birds. Outside of university David is involved in a large number of other projects: the Ngarkat group of conservation parks and fire ecology, the Roxby Downs Project and the Vivonne Bay Education Centre on Kangaroo Island.



Professor David Paton PhD AM

The research work carried out by David and his wife Penny was so highly regarded that in 2008 they were both made Members of the Order of Australia.

Prof. David Paton: The Coorong is the last wetlands on the Murray-Darling system, which spans Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Being the last wetlands it is the barometer of how well this country is meeting its sustainability requirements. The Coorong is a fantastic wetland that most South Australians don't know. It's almost a wilderness that starts from the Murray mouth and runs about 110 kilometres south east. It has two main lagoons, North and South, with a narrow channel (currently blocked due to receding water levels) connecting them about 50 km south of the Murray mouth.

The Coorong is regarded as a wetland of international importance, for two primary reasons: One is that it has a diversity of wetland systems and the second is the large number of birds that use it, some of which come from as far away as the sub-arctic zone (e.g. Mongolia) to breed here in Australia and then migrate all the way back again; these birds include migratory waders and sandpipers.

As you go from the Murray mouth south through the system the salinity of the water increases, which is the reverse of what happens when you go upstream in a river. Under normal circumstances the salinity of the system would rise to 1.5 times that of sea water. Salinity varies with seasonal inflows of fresh water.

The other part of the overall system is the freshwater lakes which add to the estuarine system of the Coorong.

The first major changes to this region occurred in the 1930s when it was decided to build the barrages. Under typical conditions, without any water being taken out of the system, there were flows out of the Murray mouth 99% of the time and the lakes were totally fresh water 95% of the time.

The barrages lifted the levels in the lakes to improve the ability of boats to move through the lakes and upstream, it opened up opportunities for irrigators to take water out, but also began to reduce the flows to the mouth. The first signal that this was becoming critical was in 1982-83 when the mouth closed briefly; it was quickly dredged and flushed with flows.

The mouth closed again in 2002 because of lack of flows down the river and coarse marine sands being whipped up and blown in from the Southern Ocean. One major storm event or very high tide can bring in tonnes of sand that will quickly block the mouth, but with no flows coming in the opposite direction there's no way that material will be removed naturally. Soon after the closure, in the interests of preserving the ecology of the lakes and the Coorong and meeting its Ramsar listed wetland obligations, the SA State Government decided to commence dredging to keep the mouth open and dredging has continued over the last seven years.

The number of wading birds in the Coorong has fallen from 250,000 in the 1960s to under 5,000 in 2008. We have obligations to manage the system wisely and provide habitats for those birds.

Historically, over the last 100-115 years there probably was never a period of more than three to six months when there were no flows going through the system. This system has been driven to collapse by the exploitation of the water resource. Using two dredges 365 days a year to keep the mouth open is merely applying an engineering solution to treating a symptom of the greater problem that is the lack of environmental flows down the Murray which we should be addressing instead of looking for engineering solutions.

The small channel between the North and South Lagoons separates the ecological functionality of the two. The South



The Murray mouth and the Coorong



The Murray mouth closed in 2002



Dredging the Murray Mouth



Goolwa Barrage



Pelicans wading in receding water



Water birds in the southern lagoon



Birds flocking over the Coorong



The Coorong is at the end of the line

Lagoon ecology is hypermarine is very salty and has a different kind of habitat that supports different organisms to the North Lagoon. The South Lagoon ecology is driven by one plant species known as *ruppia tuberosa*, a terrestrial plant which has gone back into the water over evolutionary time and adapted particularly well to the marine environment and its seeds provide food for wading birds. This plant has largely disappeared from the South Lagoon in the last five years indicating that this is no longer a healthy system. It was the most important element in the food chain, the 'primary producer', and a major food source for water fowl such as ducks and swans.

Over the last few years salinity levels in the South Lagoon have risen to a level 5-6 times saltier than sea water and getting close to the salinity of the Dead Sea. It is now too salty for any fish to live in. The South Lagoon was the drought refuge for our water

fowl but this winter less than 2,000 ducks sought refuge there. Several bird species are now approaching extinction because of the lack of fish for them to feed on. The number of migratory sandpipers visiting the Coorong has dropped five-fold and the numbers of other species of migratory birds visiting the Coorong have also declined substantially because the habitat in this region is no longer capable of supporting them.

What has brought about these remarkable changes is that around June 2005 the South Lagoon was cut off from the North, which has meant that flows of any kind into the South Lagoon are now minimal; the main marine life surviving is a high-salt tolerant shrimp whose high numbers are maintained by the lack of fish and the banded stilt being the only bird species feeding on them.

The Coorong can survive two years without water because seeds are the safety net from one generation to the next. But five to seven years of drought along with over-extraction of water from the river have brought about the present situation. It would have been easier to have fixed the problem of environmental flows back in the 1980s when ecologists were already pointing to future problems, and it would not have resulted in pain and hardship today. Water is so over allocated and so valuable that it is hard for any government to find water for environmental flows (only South Australia has met its environmental flow target of 35 gegalitres out of a total of 500 gegalitres promised by all Murray-Darling Basin States; and the delivery date keeps getting pushed out, so they'll never meet the target).

Another lesson is the realisation that it is very hard for someone living way upstream to appreciate that what they do there has an effect on the lower lakes and the Coorong perhaps two or more

years later. While we have that enormous inability to look at the problem on the right scale, it is difficult for local communities to suddenly appreciate that they are part of the problem but also that they are part of the solution. There is a real difficulty when you bring someone to the region they see a Coorong full of water and they don't necessarily appreciate that the water is very different to what it was and that the real changes are below the surface; it is difficult to sell the problems to someone who thinks the system is still functioning.

There is a suite of solutions to the problem:

- (1) Do nothing;
- (2) Put environmental flows back, but the chances of getting the sort of flows needed to fully flush out the excess salt in the lakes-Coorong system are minimal as they correspond to the flows that annually went out through the mouth before water was extracted from the river. The storages upstream currently contain insufficient reserves to deliver the 2,500 gegalitres required;
- (3) Pump in sea water to dilute the salt water in the lakes and the Coorong and possibly pump the salty water out of the South Lagoon. However, these solutions will not restore the ecology that existed previously.
- (4) Engineering solutions such as dams, regulators and dredging.

But the lakes need to be fixed first and a combination of increased flows and engineering solutions will be needed to achieve this. Unless extractions from the Murray-Darling cease we can never return the lakes and Coorong to their original state.

Jerry's Jottings

My thanks to all those who attended the joint meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Mount Barker, Murray Bridge and Unley. It was a long way to travel and I was pleased we had a good turnout. For those who missed it, this was a good chance for fellowship with some daughter clubs. Attending were 120 Rotarians and friends all of whom had a good time. The speaker was thought provoking with discussion about the Murray River, the Coorong and what can be done to save them.

The good news following last week's International night is that we will be funding at least 15 cleft palate operations from funds donated on the night and through the International Committee. It is good to know that we as a club can say with pride that we have helped transform 15 lives. It is causes like this that make Rotary a great organisation to belong to and Unley can be exceptionally proud of its long history as a major fund raiser and donor as well as delivering hands-on service. On the latter, in coming weeks we will be searching for a replacement project to the initial one to repaint of the Rotunda. It is important for us to be visible in the community and if you have ideas for such projects let me know.

Last Saturday as part of the World Rotary Day celebrations, the club had a stand at the Unley Shopping Centre. This was organised by Martin Cooper and my thanks go to him and Janet Singh for setting this up and to those who supported the event. The throng of Rotary balloons was great and we would certainly have increased awareness and, hopefully, some interest in the club.

I hope many of you will join us for the first social event of 2009 with the bowling night and dinner on Friday. I look forward to seeing you.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Rotary News

Zimbabwe Cholera Crisis Reprinted from the District Governor's Newsletter – February 2009

The following email has been forwarded from UNICEF, USA, via Peter Rostron, Zone 7 Coordinator, Water Resource Group with a request for promotion to District Clubs' members, and friends, encouraging their direct support.

"As a supporter of our Tap Project, we are urgently seeking your help in responding to a major water-related humanitarian crisis.

The worst cholera outbreak in its modern history is sweeping through Zimbabwe, with a reported 13,960 cumulative cases and 589 deaths to-date. Some 80% of Zimbabwe does not have access to water and sanitation at present. Cholera is an intestinal disease that spreads through

contaminated water. Once infected, onset of symptoms is rapid and severe in victims—acute diarrhea can lead to rapid dehydration within hours, and is known to cause shock, then death. For young children, cholera is especially lethal. A bout of severe diarrhea in an already malnourished child can lead to death within hours, if not treated. Cholera does not have to kill children, it is both preventable and treatable and UNICEF is on the forefront of efforts to do both in Zimbabwe.

Prevention: UNICEF is working around the clock, doubling its staff presence and appealing for emergency funds to ensure adequate water sources are created,

clean water is available, and sanitary latrines are provided to seize the spread of the infection. We're also addressing the nutrition and health needs of the children who are at greatest risk.

Treatment: A simple six cents dose of oral rehydration salts, mixed with clean water, can literally bring a dying child back to life. **SIX CENTS CAN SAVE A LIFE!** Zimbabwe's water and health systems have collapsed due to prolonged political and economic instability and innocent children are paying the price. *UNICEF needs your help now. ZERO of Zimbabwe's children should die from cholera.*

Donate at: tapproject.org ■

Australian districts provide relief to victims of bushfires

By Ryan Hyland - Rotary International News -- 24 February 2009

Rotary districts in Victoria, Australia, are bringing relief to families victimized by a series of devastating wildfires that swept across the state this month, killing more than 200 people and leaving thousands homeless.

As the scale of the disaster becomes clearer, Rotary clubs in districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, and 9820 are excavating debris and providing food, clothes, tools, and short-term shelter to those affected by the blaze.

District 9800 has also established an emergency fund for medium- to long-term assistance for rebuilding.

"Victorian clubs are doing a tremendous job at rallying to help those in need, both in donations and relief projects," says District Governor Jim Studebaker. "Rotary will be there when the fire is out and the dust settles. It's clear that many communities are going to need long-term help rebuilding."

The process of rebuilding is unlikely to begin for months, and it will take many years to replace homes lost in the fire, says Joan Janka, president of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, near Melbourne.

Just days after the fire started, her club partnered with members of the Rotary Club of Boroondara to turn a vacant nursing home into a temporary shelter for up to 60 displaced residents.

"Volunteers worked very hard and extremely fast to transform an unusable residence into a clean, fully functional

living facility," says Janka. "It's a huge effort put forth by Rotarians."

Members donated and purchased furniture, bedding, and kitchen supplies. They also cleaned, painted, and repaired 30 bedrooms, dining areas, and six common areas, which are furnished with couches, tables, and TVs.

Rotarians are working with the Boroondara City Council to identify the families with the most need to occupy the facility. All units should be completed within the next week, says Janka.

One big family

Norman Kenyon, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, was helping a friend clean up when he learned that the fire had spread to his part of town.

When he returned later that day, he found his home had burned to the ground. Club members gave Kenyon clothes and bought most of his meals.

"Rotarians helped me immensely. Literally every member of Eaglehawk offered their home for me to stay," says Kenyon. "I can see the benefits to being a Rotarian. They are like one big family. Rotary has been remarkable, not only to me but to other fire victims."

Philip Archer, director of marketing and membership for District 9800, is helping coordinate efforts between the five districts. Eaglehawk's response is just one of many throughout Victoria.

In addition to taking part in hands-on relief initiatives, Clubs are also funneling

resources and funds to the Rotary International District 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund.

"We're doing a good, old-fashioned Rotary assault on affected areas," says Archer. "Rotary will be there helping extensively in the rebuilding and recovery of communities affected."



Members of the Rotary clubs of Hawthorn and Boroondara, Victoria transforming an unused nursing home into a temporary shelter for residents left homeless by the bushfires.

For more information on the ongoing relief efforts and ways to donate, visit [District 9800's Web site](http://District9800'sWeb.site).

Landmarks lit up with 'End Polio Now' message

Rotary International News -- 23 February 2009

A number of iconic landmarks, including the British Parliament, the Roman Coliseum, and the Sydney Opera House, provided a dramatic backdrop for an equally dramatic message: End Polio Now.

Those three words -- Rotary's pledge to rid the world of the crippling childhood disease -- were projected onto each structure's exterior the week of 23 February, the organization's 104th anniversary.

"By illuminating these historic landmarks with our pledge to end polio, Rotary clubs are announcing to the world that we will not stop until the goal is achieved," says Jonathan Majiyagbe, Rotary Foundation trustee chair. "We hope people everywhere will see these words, either in person or through the media, and join with us and our partners in this historic effort to rid the world of polio once and for all."

The illuminated displays are just one highlight of an already historic year in Rotary's 20-year effort to eradicate polio, which has helped reduce cases of the disease by more than 99 percent.



Culzean Castle in Ayrshire, Scotland

RI Web site honored

Rotary International News -- 17 February 2009

Encyclopedia Britannica recently named www.rotary.org as one of its Web's Best Sites for 2009.

Each year, the encyclopedia's editors review and handpick Web sites that are related to topics on Britannica.com and found to be of high quality. Users who access the online encyclopedia's entry on Rotary International can now link directly to Rotary.org for more information.

In English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish, www.rotary.org offers information in the following six broad categories:

- [About Us](#) -- Basic information about Rotary's leaders, history, and financials
- [Contribute](#) -- All the ways people can donate to The Rotary Foundation and get recognized for their contributions
- [Service and Fellowship](#) -- Polio, fellowship opportunities, and how to do a project, including how to fund it with Foundation grants
- [Students and Youth](#) -- RI youth programs, such as Rotaract, as well as the Foundation's educational programs
- [Members](#) -- Training, how to run a club, how to run a district, and Rotary events
- [Media and News](#) -- A repository for all of the news and publications for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation and an extensive database of photos called [Rotary Images](#). ■

RI Convention - Birmingham UK

Reprinted from the District Governor's Newsletter – February 2009

In 2009, you will enjoy a spectacular line-up of Rotary, Foundation and guest speakers at the plenary sessions. Purchasing tickets to luncheons hosted by the President, President-elect and the Foundation Chair is another way to meet Rotary leaders. Keynote speakers just announced include Mia Farrow, acclaimed actress and humanitarian activist, Dame Jane Goodall, renowned primatologist, Rotarian Tom Henderson, CEO of ShelterBox, Rotarian Deepa Willingham, President of PACE. Archbishop Desmond Tutu has agreed to address the Peace Symposium prior to the Convention of June 18th.

The next deadline date for registrations is 31 March 2009; So, REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Revolving Loan Funds

Reprinted from the Rotary International Website

Revolving loans (also called microcredit or village banking) allow low-income people, usually women, to borrow money, animals, or equipment to facilitate small businesses. Funds are loaned to beneficiaries, repaid, and loaned again, hopefully in perpetuity.

Up to US\$10,000 of grant funds per credit group may be used as revolving loan capital, and one grant may support multiple credit groups. A credit group (also called a village bank) consists of 10 to 30 borrowers, usually women, who are organized, educated, and trained in the basics of saving, credit, and entrepreneurship and who guarantee each other's loans to ensure repayment to the fund. ■

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
03/03/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Akhtar Esmail-Zadeh: "My Life in Iran"	Norm Wallace	Greg McLeod	Colin Schirmer & Janet Singh
10/03/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Helen Bulis: "The History of Australian Customs"	Mark Zada	Greg McLeod	Chandra Sluggett & Norm Wallace
17/03/09	Sturt Bowling Club	6 for 6.30pm	Annual RC Unley vs RC Mitcham Bowls Match	Stephen Baker	Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
24/03/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Lachlan McLaren: "Ex Rotary Exchange Student"	Natalie Bowen	Greg McLeod	Martin Cooper & Anne Zada

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Attendance Desk: Martin Cooper on 0403 910 161 or e-mail unley.membership@rotaryclub.org.au.

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

Members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board should see Tiffins on the Park staff to gain access to the club's meeting paraphernalia. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storeroom.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
February	Friday	27/02/09	Ten Pin Bowling at 6pm followed by dinner Bowling: \$21.50 (two games, plus shoes) Meal: \$30 (2 courses - entrée and main)	Cross Road Bowl Hyde Park Tavern	Jerry Casburn
March	Friday night to Sunday afternoon	13/03/09 to 15/03/09	Rotary District 9520 Youth Program of Enrichment (formerly RYPEN). BBQ on Friday evening to be provided by RCU - all Members welcome	Woodside Scout Camp, Piccadilly	Stephen Baker
	Sunday	15/03/09	Beach Fish and Chip Party Fish and Chips: \$10. BYOG	Brighton Beach	Jerry Casburn
April	Sunday	26/04/09	Botanical Gardens Visit and BBQ Admission: Free, BBQ: \$10-\$15, BYOG	Adelaide Botanical Gardens	Jerry Casburn
June	Sunday	07/06/09	Fireworks and Fun Day from 3pm to 8:30pm	Wayville Showgrounds	Andy Hill

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: February-March 2009

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
4	28/02/09	Sheila Evans, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & TBA
1	07/03/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	14/03/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Bob Laws & David Middleton
3	21/03/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Bob Laws & TBA

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A Short Story

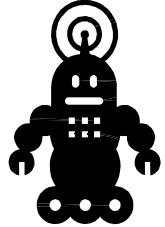
Two blokes are drinking in a bar.

One says, "Did you know that lions have sex 10 to 15 times a night?"

"Damn!" says his friend. "And I just joined Rotary....."

Lie Detector

John was a salesman's delight when it came to any kind of unusual gimmick. His wife Marsha had long ago given up trying to get him to change. One day John came home with another one of his unusual purchases. It was a robot that John claimed was actually a lie detector.



It was about 5:30 that afternoon when Tommy, their 11 year old son, returned home from school. Tommy was over two hours late.

"Where have you been? Why are you over two hours late getting home?" asked John.

"Several of us went to the library to work on an extra credit project," said Tommy. The robot then walked around the table and slapped

Tommy, knocking him completely out of his chair.

"Son," said John, "this robot is a lie detector, now tell us where you really were after school."

"We went to Bobby's house and watched a movie," said Tommy.

"What did you watch?" asked Marsha.

"The Ten Commandments," answered Tommy.

The robot went around to Tommy and once again slapped him, knocking him off his chair once more.

With his lip quivering, Tommy got up, sat down and said, "I am sorry I lied. We really watched a tape called Sex Queen."

"I am ashamed of you son," said John. "When I was your age, I never lied to my parents."

The robot then walked around to John and delivered a whack that nearly knocked him out of his chair.

Marsha doubled over in laughter, almost in tears and said, "Boy, did you ever ask for that one! You can't be too mad with Tommy. After all, he is your son!"

With that the robot immediately walked around to Marsha and knocked her out of her chair.

The Three Bears

A far more accurate account of the events of that fateful morning...

Baby bear goes downstairs, sits in his small chair at the table. He looks into his small bowl. It is empty. 'Who's been eating my porridge?' he squeaks.

Daddy Bear arrives at the big table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl and it is also empty. 'Who's been eating my porridge?!?' he roars.



Mummy Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, 'For God's sake, how many times do I have to go through this with you idiots? It was Mummy Bear who got up first. It was Mummy Bear who woke everyone in the house. It was Mummy Bear who made the

coffee. It was Mummy Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night and put everything away. It was Mummy Bear who swept the floor in the kitchen. It was Mummy Bear who went out

in the cold early morning air to fetch the newspaper and croissants. It was Mummy Bear who set the damn table. It was Mummy Bear who walked the bloody dog, cleaned the cat's litter tray, gave them their food, and refilled their water. And now that you've decided to drag your sorry bear-asses downstairs and grace Mummy Bear with your grumpy presence, listen carefully, because I'm only going to say this once....

'I HAVEN'T MADE THE DARN PORRIDGE YET!!!'

I.T. Problems

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?

He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.'

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'An, ID ten error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.'

Eric grinned. 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?'

'No,' I replied.

'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'

So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T



Hooker

Ed and Dorothy met while on vacation and Ed fell head over heels in 'Like' with her. But after a couple of weeks wherein Ed took Dorothy out to various dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, etc., he was convinced that it was true love. And so, on the last night of his vacation, the two of them went to dinner and had a serious talk about how the relationship would continue.

'It's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut,' Ed said to his newfound lady friend. 'I eat, sleep and breathe golf, so if that's going to be a problem, you'd better say so now!'

'Dorothy took a deep breath and responded: 'Since we're being honest with each other, here goes ... you need to know that I'm a hooker.'

'I see,' Ed replied.

He looked down at the table, and was quiet for a moment, deep in thought ... then he added: 'You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you tee off.'



And Finally...

- ✓ A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
- ✓ Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says "Dam!"
- ✓ Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."
- ✓ Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during root canal treatment? His goal: transcendental medication.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real