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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at "Tiffins on the Park",
176 Greenhill Road, Parkside (Cnr George Street) at 6.30pm.
Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3652
Date	3 March 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Roshanak Amrein
Chairperson	Mavis Martin
Guests	Akhtar Esmail-Zadeh, Barbara Russell
Apologies	David Payne
Attendance	61%
Birthdays & Anniversaries	Inductions: Sheila Evans 10/2, Kevin Rogers 14/2, Neville Highett 16/2, Lindsay England 25/2. Birthdays: David Payne 14/2, Janet Singh 27/2. Anniversary: Stephen Westgarth 1/3.



As reported in last week's edition, on its 104th anniversary, Rotary launched a worldwide message to "End Polio Now" on several of the world's most renowned landmarks. The worldwide awareness campaign began in Sydney a little after 7pm on 23 February 2009.

President's Announcements

- Thanks to those who attended the Bowling and dinner on Friday it was a great evening's fun and fellowship. I am again circulating the Social Diary for you to update. Please try to join us, bring friends, particularly if you think they may be interested in joining. We get to learn far more about our friends in a social atmosphere.
- The Rotary Club of Blackwood are presenting the Adelaide Art Orchestra performing "Glenn Miller and Friends" at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Auditorium on Saturday 4th April. Details will be in this week's Bulletin.
- Congratulations to Greg McLeod on his 25 years of service to Rotary. A Paul Harris Fellow, Greg's dinner plaque carries flaps recognising his long and varied service including as President, Secretary, Chairman of committees and Bulletin editor.



Pres. Jerry with PP Greg McLeod

Sergeant's Session

Our new Sergeant for the month of March, Greg McLeod, fined just about everyone for even the slightest of misdemeanours. Anne Wehr won the Lucky Square and Geoff Hill won the wine.

Spots

Chandra Sluggett thanked everyone for coming to the International Night and advised that she has obtained more copies of the **Multicultural Calendar** for anyone who missed out on getting one. The event raised \$2,402 for Operation Cleft, enough for 12 operations.

Stephen Baker: RYPEN is coming up on 13 March. Expert chef Geoff Hill will be cooking the barbeque for the kids. Rotarians and guests are invited to attend that event (see full details under RYPEN on page 3, below).

Stephen reminded members that the **Annual Bowls Challenge** against the Mitcham Club will be held on 17 March at the Sturt Bowling Club.

Bob Mills reported that he recently received a phone call from **Dion Skinner**, who was a member of this club in the 1960s. Dion was well known in Adelaide for stamp and coin collecting and writing books on those subjects. He has an idea involving stamps and school kids that he would like the club to look at getting involved with in some way. Dion sends his regards to the club and to all members who can remember him.

Mavis Martin: There will be a **Community Service Committee** meeting at 10.00am on Friday 6 March in the Salvation Army Hall, Marion Street. All members are welcome to attend.

Geoff Hill reported that **Vince Michielin** called in to the Thrift Shop after returning from six weeks in France. Vince went to France on his own and had a wonderful trip; he admits to being 92!!! He had driven himself to the barber shop next to the Thrift Shop and appears to be doing very well.

Andy Hill Reports: "Family Fun Day & Fireworks Spectacular"

Andy Hill reported on developments in the planning and preparation for the Family fun Day and Fireworks Spectacular scheduled for 7th June 2009. There has been a lot going on behind the scenes to establish the event for this year. Last year's event was cancelled due to lack of sponsorship and in the current economic climate it is unlikely that any sponsorship will be obtainable for the event this year. Therefore the financial viability of the project and the credibility of the Club need to be assured from the outset.



Andy Hill

Methods of raising money investigated include:

- Sponsorship, although none is on the table at present;
- Commissions received from side-show and amusement ride operators; about 20% of turnover representing \$20-30,000;
- Event TV advertising and media coverage provided by the Ten Network to a value of about \$50,000 (both on-air advertising and known Network Ten faces at the event); and

- Event admission fees and "show bag" sales, including a raffle voucher (the winner gets to set off the fireworks), to raise about \$50,000.

If at least two of the above sources of revenue are achievable then the project can be regarded as financially viable. Any sponsorship that we do obtain is then "icing on the cake".

Network Ten would begin TV advertising 3-4 weeks before the event and will provide compeering of the event, so and we would offer them event naming rights.

A major radio station is also likely to sign-up to help promote the event. In addition to TV and radio promotion there will be banners displayed across Unley Road.

In all cases Andy has asked all venue and services providers to provide them free, which has mostly occurred to date, e.g. the Showgrounds Central Arena, Wayville Arena and RAS Board Room. The fireworks will be the equivalent of the Royal Show final night display and supplied at a discount of 60% (so far).

The Starlight Foundation will be the primary charity beneficiary.

Financial underwriting by the Club will probably be no more than \$9500 at this stage.

RYPEN Weekend

The Rotary Club of Unley is the Host Club for the 2009 RYPEN event.

What is RYPEN: The **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment** is a weekend seminar designed for young people 15—17 years of age. At RYPEN, awardees are presented with a variety of experiences that will help them develop interpersonal, social and leadership skills that are needed to make a success of life. It is also a fun weekend where awardees make new friends and establish their networks. RYPEN is aimed for that large group of, both boys and girls, aged 15 to 17 years, who have shown some qualities of decency, courage, persistence, sincerity and application in everyday life, which deserve further development. The principle aim is to communicate to young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards and to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

When is RYPEN: Friday 13 March to Sunday 15 March 2009.

Where is RYPEN: Woodhouse Activity Centre - Rymill Centre, Spring Gully Road, Piccadilly. Telephone: 8339 3333.

Welcome BBQ: RCU Members and their partners are invited to join in the BBQ dinner on Friday 13 March, which will be provided by our Club. Dinner is at 6:30pm and at 8.30pm we will enjoy Bush Dancing with the Old Gum Trio.

If you would like to attend the BBQ, please RSVP to Martin Cooper, to assist with catering requirements. Telephone 0403 910 161 or email martin@thecoopers.biz.

Host Parents: Martin and Angie Cooper have generously agreed to act as Host Parents, as well as purchase, prepare and cook the BBQ dinner. Host Parents are on site for the whole seminar and are there for advice, guidance and support and to assist in the delivery and flow of the seminar.

RCU Promotion: The RCU promotional display boards, banner and membership flyers will be on display over the weekend. This is a great opportunity to promote our Club to the RYPEN awardees, team leaders, presenters, parents and other Rotary Club Members.

Enquiries: If you would like to read more about RYPEN, go to the [District 9520 website](#), click on the "Visit the YOUTH pages" link then scroll down to RYPEN.

If you require further information regarding the weekend, please contact Janet Singh, by 'phone on 0458 052 893 or email singh.janet@sharedservices.sa.gov.au.

INVITATION



THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD PRESENTS

The Adelaide Art Orchestra performing **GLENN MILLER & FRIENDS**

Conducted by Timothy Sexton

A glorious night of nostalgia & laughter

**7.30PM SATURDAY
APRIL 4TH 2009**

**BLACKWOOD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH AUDITORIUM
72 COROMANDEL PARADE, BLACKWOOD**

Come and hear the smooth sounds of the 26 piece Adelaide Art Orchestra as it takes you on a sentimental journey back to the music of the 1930s and 40s.

Featuring **Glenn Miller** classics such as *In The Mood*, *Tuxedo Junction*, *String of Pearls* and *Pennsylvania 6-5000*, in addition to the superb music of **Cole Porter** and **Irving Berlin**, with new episodes of exciting and hilarious radio plays, this will be a feast of memorable melodies.

... *brilliantly entertaining* THE ADELAIDE REVIEW.

Major proceeds to

Victorian Bushfire Relief

**Tickets at \$30.00 each (supper included)
are now on sale from:**

Bob Lehman	8278 3746
Helen Henbest	8278 1073
Blackwood Newsagency at Foodland Shopping Centre	8278 1221

Guest Speaker: Roshanak Amrein "Life in Iran as a Bahá'i Woman"

Introduction: Chairman for the evening Mavis Martin introduced our guest speaker Roshanak Amrein to speak on the subject of her mother's life in Iran. Roshanak came to Australia with her parents as refugees in 1997 to join her two brothers, the elder of whom was the first Iranian refugee to settle in Australia 25 years ago. One brother is a professor with Carnegie-Mellon University in Adelaide and her other brother is an ophthalmologist in Cairns. Roshanak is a Doctor of Dentistry with her own practice: Adelaide Cosmetic Dentistry in North Terrace. She is married with two young energetic sons aged four and two.

Roshanak's mother is Akhtar Esmail-Zadeh, a volunteer in our Thrift Shop, and it is her story that was related to us in words and pictures.

Roshanak Amrein: Akhtar Esmail-Zadeh was born and raised in the city of Yazd in Iran in a house similar to the one pictured at right. Yazd is an ancient city with beautiful architecture and is famous for its wind catchers. Akhtar's family is pictured [at right] with Akhtar standing on a chair at the back.

With the Islamic revolution in the 1970s, many things changed in Iran. While under the pre-revolutionary rulers there was not the democracy we enjoy in the west, there was a lot more personal freedom than we have now in Iran. Before the revolution women could choose to wear the chador or a bikini and people seemed to be happy with that arrangement [see picture at right]. At that time Akhtar was married, working as a teacher and in her final year of studying for a degree in Persian literature. The family could happily celebrate events such as New Year in the traditional Baha'i way.

The Islamic revolution in 1979 meant that women no longer had the choice of how to dress; the hijab became compulsory and within months public lashings of women commenced. Akhtar's pre and post revolution passport photos [bottom right] show the imposed change in attire.

Akhtar and her family are Bahá'is, the largest religious minority in Iran. The Bahá'í faith is the latest religion in the line of prophets from Abraham and Noah to the present times. The Bahá'ís believe that throughout history, God has revealed Himself to humanity through a series of divine Messengers, whose teachings guide and educate us and provide the basis for the advancement of human society. These Messengers have included Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad. Their religions come from the same Source and are in essence successive chapters of one religion from God.

Bahá'u'lláh, the latest of these Messengers, brought new spiritual and social teachings for our time. His essential message is of unity. He taught the oneness of God, the oneness of the human family, the oneness of religion, the equality of men and women and harmony between science and religion.

Over the last 160 years about 20,000 Bahá'ís have been killed in Iran for their religious beliefs; come the revolution Bahá'ís were targeted again with the sanction of the government. Roshanak's uncle, a member of the local Spiritual Assembly of Yazd, was arrested on his way home from work and three months later was executed. Arrested Bahá'ís invariably are imprisoned and executed for espionage for Israel. This was because Bahá'u'lláh died in exile in Acre, now Haifa in Israel, which is where the holy places of the Bahá'í faith are located and Iranian Bahá'ís send money there for the maintenance of the holy places. Bahá'í graves have been desecrated across Iran. Young Bahá'ís involved in socio-economic projects, like Rotary projects, have been arrested and charged with espionage.

The rights of women are in a holding pattern at the moment. Iranian women are outgoing, beautiful, educated and don't want



Akhtar Esmail-Zadeh and Roshanak Amrein with Chairman Mavis Martin



Family photo with Akhtar at back left



House in Yazd, Iran



Pre-revolution Iranian women



Women are harassed by police



Desecration of Baha'i graves



Shrine of the Bab, Haifa, Israel



Akhtar's passport photos pre and post revolution



Akhtar with Archbishop Wilson

to have the Islamic dress code imposed on them; women can be harassed by police just because they look good [see above].

Soon after the revolution Akhtar's sons escaped Iran with people smugglers to Pakistan and then came to Australia. Fourteen years later in 1997 the family was reunited in Adelaide. Since then Akhtar has been actively involved in settling refugees, teaching Persian and cooking classes. Her work has been recognised at the Immigration Museum and other community organisations.

Hat Auction Nets US\$17,600

By Antoinette Tuscano - Rotary International News - 13 Feb 2009



A winning bid of US\$17,600 was received for the hat that Bill Gates wore and autographed at Rotary's 2009 International Assembly in San Diego while announcing a new US\$255 million challenge grant to Rotary. The signed baseball cap was sold on eBay through an auction that ended 12 February.

Proceeds will go to help support Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication. Gates also wore the hat in India while he was immunizing children against polio. ●

Australian Rotary Health

Reprinted from the District Governor's Newsletter – February 2009

Australian Rotary Health (formerly known as Australian Rotary Health Research Fund) has a new name, logo and website: www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au.

We are pleased to announce that in 2009 a further \$1.9 million will be awarded to mental illness research through Post Doctoral Fellowships, PhD Scholarships and Research Grants.

Many of these disbursements are directed towards children's mental health projects spread across most areas of Australia.

Australian Rotary Health is funding 44 mental health research projects in 2009.

For more information on research funded by Australian Rotary Health, contact: Gerardine Grace - (02) 8837 1900 or via email at: Gerardine-grace@australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Donations to Australian Rotary Health are tax deductible and can be made online at: www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or sent by snail-mail to: PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW 2124 ●

Literacy is the Key to Success

By Jonathan Majiyagbe – Chair of Trustees, The Rotary Foundation

Knowing how to read and write can transform a person's life. These basic skills, which so many of us take for granted, can mean a job, an income, and hope for a better future for those who are struggling to break the cycle of poverty. That's why Rotary has focused on promoting literacy for more than two decades, and why The Rotary Foundation has provided millions of dollars to support literacy projects.

March is Literacy Month on the Rotary calendar, a time to consider what your club could be doing to boost literacy rates in your community and in communities around the globe. In parts of our world, less than 30 percent of the population can read and write. Many of those people are women and girls who have few opportunities for education and who then cannot teach their own children to read. Even in wealthy countries, you'll find substandard schools that are failing to adequately teach basic skills and far too many adults who cannot read or write well enough to function effectively in society.

Our Foundation's Humanitarian Grants Program is at work throughout the world helping many disparate groups gain life-changing literacy skills. Foundation grants are providing books, school supplies, computers, and other educational equipment. With Foundation support, clubs are adopting failing schools and helping them to thrive and developing programs using the concentrated language encounter method that has proven so effective in Thailand and many other countries.

Literacy opens doors to employment and economic security. Let's use our Foundation resources to provide that essential key. ●

Humanitarian Grants budget reduced

Rotary International News -- 19 Feb 2009

Due to the global economic downturn and volatile investment climate, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, like many charitable organizations, must make some difficult decisions.

The Rotary Foundation has experienced significant unrealized investment losses. General Secretary Ed Futa has provided regular updates to Rotarians on the situation as part of an ongoing effort to keep the Rotary world informed. (Read "Year-to-date results through 31 December 2008" in The Unley Rotarian 17 Feb 2009)

At their January meeting, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation reduced the Humanitarian Grants Program budget by US\$16.3 million for the 2008-09 Rotary Year in an effort to minimize the impact of unrealized losses to Foundation assets. Matching Grants and Volunteer Service Grants will be most immediately impacted by this decision. District Simplified Grants and 3-H Grants will not be affected in 2008-09.

Matching Grants: The Foundation will continue to approve complete Matching Grant applications that meet all requirements on a first-come, first-served basis until the remaining budget has been committed.

Volunteer Service Grants: At this time, the budget for Volunteer Service Grants has been fully committed for the 2008-09 Rotary Year, and **no further applications will be accepted**. In light of this development:

Information about Humanitarian Grants funding in 2009-10 will not be available until after the April Trustees meeting. Decisions from that meeting will be communicated to Rotarians well in advance of the start of the 2009-10 Rotary Year.

Sponsors of applications that do not receive a grant in this Rotary year are encouraged to fund their humanitarian efforts via other sources, if possible. ●

Health, Hunger & Humanity Grants

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants are awarded to fund large long-term international self-help and grassroots development projects that use an integrative approach to address humanitarian needs. An integrative approach incorporates multiple program components, including a combination of sustainable factors such as training, community participation, capital assets, and technical expertise from Rotarians and other sources.

Projects must be self-sustaining after the 3-H grant funds have been spent. All projects must involve Rotary clubs or districts in at least two countries, with a significant number of Rotarians actively participating in the project.

To be eligible for a 3-H grant, the primary host and international sponsor clubs or districts must have successfully worked together as primary sponsors of a Matching Grant project within five years of submitting their 3-H application. The sponsors must contribute at least 10 percent of the 3-H grant award amount. Grants range from US\$100,000 to \$300,000. ●

Photographer of the Year Competition

The Rotary Down Under Photographer of the Year Competition is for subscribers of Rotary Down Under, and will be run over the Rotary Year. Entries are invited for the current year until the 30th of June 2008.

The prize is a Konica Minolta Dimage X50 Digital Camera featuring 5.0 Megapixels, 2.8 X Optical Zoom and a wide 2 inch Display. ●

Jerry's Jottings

Another great meeting on Tuesday and Roshanak Amrein gave an emotive talk about life in Iran since the Revolution. It serves as a reminder that we live in a great country that preserves our freedoms.

Next Friday is an opportunity to mix service with some fun and fellowship, Janet has already sent out an invitation to join in the RYPEN barbeque and bush dance, I hope many of you can make it. The program aims to introduce young people to opportunities that would not normally be available to the average teenager. The weekend gives them the chance to practise a range of skills including teamwork, communication and leadership, in a friendly and stimulating environment. It will introduce them to possibilities that they may otherwise never experience. Participating in RYPEN may lead to them attending a RYLA program which will further develop leadership skills and recognise your contributions to the community.

This year we are hosting RYPEN and I would like to thank **Martin and Angie Cooper** for volunteering to be the host parents, please support them in this.

Finally a reminder that we are looking for a suitable community based programme which the whole club can get involved in, if you have ideas, please let **Mavis, Reno** or me know.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



President Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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
31/03/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Fiona Godfrey: "It's a Girls World"	Martin Cooper	Greg McLeod	Anne Zada & Bob Mills

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486; e-mail: unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au.

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

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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
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
	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: March 2009

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
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
4	28/03/09	Sheila Evans, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & TBA

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The Back Page

Not Many People Know That...

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb".

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for the game of Monopoly than by the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better than men can.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

Each king in a pack of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades – King David

Hearts – Charlemagne

Clubs – Alexander the Great

Diamonds – Julius Caesar

111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321

If a statue of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Is this weird?

Don't ignore this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

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I'm certainly getting old!

I've had two bypass operations, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes.

I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts.

I have bouts with dementia, poor circulation; can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.

I can't remember if I'm 85 or 92 and have lost all my friends.

But, thank God, I still have my driver's licence.

Q: Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A: Obsession

Q: If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go to find the letter "A"?

A: One thousand.

Q: What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windscreen wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A: All were invented by women.

Q: What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A: Honey.

Q: On which day are there more reverse charges phone calls than any on other day of the year?

A: Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened making the bed firmer to sleep on, hence the phrase, "Goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale was ordered by pints and quarts; so in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

AND FINALLY

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!



Little Johnny Joke

Little Johnny's neighbour had a baby. Unfortunately, the baby was born without ears.

When mother and new baby came home from the hospital, Johnny's family was invited over to see the baby.

Before they left their house, Little Johnny's dad had a talk with him and explained that the baby had no ears.

His dad also told him that if he so much as mentioned anything about the baby's missing ears or even said the word ears, he would get the smacking of his life when they came back home. Little Johnny told his dad he understood completely.

When Johnny looked in the crib he said, "What a beautiful baby." The mother said, "Why, thank you, Little Johnny."

Johnny said, "He has beautiful little feet and beautiful little hands, a cute little nose and really beautiful eyes. Can he see?"

"Yes", the mother replied, "we are so thankful; the doctor said he'll have 20/20 vision."

"That's great", said Little Johnny, "coz he'd be stuffed if he needed glasses".



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real