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176 Greenhill Road, Parkside (Cnr George Street) at 6.30pm.
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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3662
Date	12 May 2009
Venue	Glenelg Golf Club
Occasion	SA Police Officer of the Year Award
Sergeant At Arms	Greg McLeod
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Visiting Rotarians	DGE Dick Cuttle
Guests	Commissioner Mal & Marcia Hyde, SC Andrew & Laurreta Murphy, Sergeant Michelle Smith, Superintendent Ferdi and Jo Pit, SEO Geraldine White, Karina Cuttle, Wendy Andrews, Beverley Baker, Ken & Pauline Daly, Linda England, Jill Hill, Rose Howland, Maria Mills, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Linda Sellers, Barbara Russell, Sandra Schirmer, Muriel Wallace, Susan Westgarth
Sick List	Sheila Evans in hospital
Apologies	Unley Mayor Richard Thorne, David Pisoni MP, Joan Reed, Bob Laws, Reno Elms, Neesha Nandasena, Chandra Sluggett
Make Ups	Chandra Sluggett (Indigenous Scholarship Program Meeting)
Attendance	80%

President's Announcements

President Jerry welcomed members and guests to the presentation dinner for the 2008 SA Police Officer of the Year.

Pres. Jerry also reminded members about the change of meeting venue next week.

Next Week's Meeting Venue
PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB
207 EAST TCE. ADELAIDE



Sergeant's Session

There was no Sergeant's session this week.

DG Elect Dick Cuttle: On Rotary

Rotary began just over 100 years ago and during that time has grown from four members in one club in Chicago to over 1.2 million in 33,000 clubs in all continents of the world.

We have been involved in serving our communities in many ways, from the first public toilet in Chicago to a local school breakfast program for hungry children in our northern suburbs, to water and sanitation projects in developing countries, or providing literacy support for schools all over the world. Included in that is the largest public health initiative in the world to date, the PolioPlus program where in the next few years we will, with the help of some other organisation, eliminate polio from the world.

Rotary's worldwide contacts and local support systems enable us to provide service where others are unable to gain access or do not have the required logistical support. For example, the Director of Health in Pakistan is a Rotarian; this helps to smooth the bumps on the immunisation road, but more importantly it helps to make the program more effective.

Over our 100 years Rotary has matured and in particular we have learned to respect and work with and in many other organisations on government and non-government programs in many places. A particularly effective example of this is the United Nations which had six Rotarians on its first Security Council. We have also moved from solving problems for other people to providing resources to help communities develop their own solutions. This applies to a small local playground project here in Adelaide or to programs like our Timor Lesté water and sanitation project where all the work is undertaken by local villagers. Sustainability and the optimum use of resources are always in the forefront of our thinking.

I am sure that the challenges facing communities are not worse than in the past, but they are certainly more visible on our televisions, on U Tube and a whole range of computer programs that bring them to us every day. To meet these challenges Rotary is maximising its effectiveness by working with organisations and individuals to provide the best programs possible. We acknowledge and support the work done by these groups; likewise Rotary acknowledges and supports the people who are out on the front line of service. This trend has been with us for some time and has been adopted by our major funding source, The Rotary Foundation.

DGE Dick congratulated this year's Police Officer of the Year. ●



DGE Dick Cuttle

SA Police Officer of the Year

Report from our 2007 Awardee

Sergeant Michelle Smith: Not long after I won this award last year I was bestowed with the title of 'Queen of Police', but no queen can rule without her crown and soon afterwards I received a pink plastic tiara from my colleagues at Port Pirie Police Station. All very amusing sitting upstairs wearing the crown, but it was a little embarrassing when I realised after I went down to the front office to assist a member of the public, that I was still wearing the crown. Fortunately he didn't notice. But now my reign has ended and I take great delight in bestowing my crown upon this year's winner [and proceeded to crown him].

The last 12 months have really been for me a time of sunshine. I know that I have grown and matured both personally and professionally. Part of the reason for that is a Rural Leadership course that I undertook over the last 12 months and part has been this award [POOTY]. I have been invited to speak as the SAPOL representative at several conferences and functions and I have loved doing that. And I have been confident enough to speak up and question the status quo when I think that there are ways we can do things better. It has been really rewarding for me.

Keeping South Australia and, in particular, keeping country communities safe, is my passion and it continues to be so, specifically in the areas of alcohol and drugs, personal safety and road safety. The new Crime Prevention Sections, of which I am a part, are really a great step forward. I don't know what the answers are, but that doesn't mean we can stop trying.

I really think that a lot of our behaviours that we are seeing now are tied up in the way that my generation, not the younger generation, mine, view and use alcohol.

Announcement of Awardee for 2008

Chairman of the Vocational and Youth Committee and Coordinator of the Police Officer of the Year Award, Stephen Baker, announced the winner for 2008.

Stephen Baker: This is the culmination of the Club's major vocational project, the Police Officer of the Year, presented annually since 1978. Tonight we recognize the 31st recipient.

The men and women of our Police Force are often involved in outstanding acts of compassion, courage, courtesy, kindness, understanding and devotion that go way beyond that expected. However, little of this reaches the eyes and ears of the general public. In contrast, negative stories receive widespread publicity.

This award is an opportunity to put more balance into the ledger and celebrate all that is good about our police force. From a personal point of view it is satisfying to see the strong and positive response from the public. Each year we have a range of excellent candidates as we have again this year with 20 worthy nominations. Thank you for all your efforts!

The recipient of the Police Officer of the Year 2008 award is a Crime Scene Investigator stationed at the Elizabeth Police Station. Such accolades as 'conscientious and effective', 'selfless attitude', 'a true inspiration', 'friendly, honest and reliable', 'a credit to the Police force', 'caring, concerned and focused', and 'wonderful kindness' have been cited in relation to his policing efforts. Above and beyond that he has been praised for his outstanding contribution to the Dalkeith CFS over countless years, his long standing commitment to Neighbourhood Watch, School Watch and the local Blue Light Disco and his support for many other worthwhile causes.

He has been awarded the National Medal and South Australia Police Medal for his ethical and diligent service to the community. Guest and Rotarians I have much pleasure in announcing the recipient of the **SA Police Officer of the Year 2008** is

Senior Constable First Class Andrew Murphy

My generation has devolved into one which supports and endorses really strong legislation and punitive consequences on the one hand, but then chooses to ignore those same rules and regulations when they impinge on their own day to day lives. We have chosen to be blame shifters, especially in relation to our children and our responsibilities as adults and parental role models. We want to be friends rather than parents and we want to practise as we want to preach rather than practise.

I think the pendulum is swinging back from that liberal, self-centred focus and we heading into a more inclusive society that values community and recognises our strength lies in working together towards common goals, but it's going to take a long, long time.

However, the work of Rotary and the Police Officer of the Year Award have reconciled this and have combined to be stronger than the individual.

Again, my thanks to the Rotary Club of Unley for the sponsorship and coordination of this award; I have enjoyed my time in the sun and I wish Spud well for the coming twelve months. ●



PP Bob Mills with 2007 Police Officer of the Year, Sergeant Michelle Smith

We received a message to Andrew from his nominator Euan Ferguson, CEO of the Country Fire Service:

"I know that you are probably feeling a little overwhelmed and self conscious on receiving the most prestigious award of 'Police Officer of the Year'. You are a humble, hard working Police Officer and you constantly demonstrate compassion, energy and professionalism in every aspect of your police work and community volunteering. Your attitude and efforts serve as an inspiration to your fellow officers and to the citizens around you. This is a very significant award and you are a most worthy recipient."

I had the very great pleasure of liaising with a number of your Police and CFS colleagues to support your nomination. The respect and esteem with which you are held is rare. You are a very special person who does a very special job.

As I am unable to attend the award ceremony (I will be overseas) I want you to know that I am thinking of you. Thank you 'Spud' for the wonderful example you are to us all. I salute you. Enjoy the moment and keep up the terrific effort'.

Chairman Stephen went on to say: We have a cute tradition of having a public award ceremony in the Rundle Mall and then taking away the trophies so they can be represented once again within our club.

Chairman Stephen called on President Jerry Casburn to present the citation and personal shield to SC Andrew Murphy. ●



Pres. Jerry presented the citation and personal shield to SA Police Officer of the Year 2008 SC Andrew 'Spud' Murphy

POOTY 2008 – SC Andrew Murphy

SC Murphy thanked the Rotary Club of Unley for his award and said he felt humbled in accepting it, again (yes, he could keep the citation and shield this time).

SC Andrew Murphy: I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Unley for continuing to recognise and support the human face of policing through this award, now in its 31st year. I acknowledge all the previous recipients of this very prestigious award.

In my 34 years of service to the community in the Elizabeth Local Service Area, I have found policing to be a very challenging but rewarding career and would urge anyone considering policing as a career to follow your dreams and to join us.

I thank the management team and all the other officers at Elizabeth who continue to work tirelessly to make our community a safer place to live in, to visit or to travel through. I have had the pleasure of working in partnership with some wonderful people and organisations during the time that I have been working at Elizabeth, including Hillbanks Neighbourhood Watch Group, the Dalkeith Brigade of the Country Fire Service, the various schools

I have been involved in as a School Watch Coordinator and Health Watch at Lyle McEwen Hospital.

The main reasons that I wanted to join the South Australian Police all those years ago were the opportunities that would give me to serve the people of South Australia. And nothing has changed in that period. I still get an immense sense of satisfaction when I have been able to assist someone during a personal problem, a crisis or other emergency.

Finally, I would like to thank my parents for all their support and encouragement over the years. An a very big thank you to my wife and daughters for their understanding of my frequent absences while I have been attending to various policing functions or while I have been attending to call-outs for the CFS.

Once again, thank you all.

In keeping with the tribute Andrew paid to the support he has received from his wife and his daughters, **Mavis Martin** presented flowers to **Lauretta Murphy**.

Presentation to Commissioner Mal Hyde

Pres. Jerry presented the SA Police Officer of the Year perpetual shield to Police Commissioner Mal Hyde. The shield bears the names of all 31 winners of the award and is kept on public display at Police Headquarters in Flinders street, Adelaide.



Pres. Jerry presented the POOTY Perpetual Shield to Commissioner Mal Hyde.

Mal Hyde: Reflecting on 'Spud' Murphy's career, somebody mentioned, 'Is he ever apart from it?' Well, I wonder if he's ever at work!? He is involved in so many things and only some of them have been read-out; for example, he is a fortnightly blood donor. He is involved in a huge range of things.

There are some constant things in policing, which might seem a strange thing to talk of when we work in such a changeable environment and we have so many challenges and pressures within the community. There are always things happening in policing; we have the current debate about bikies and the new laws which are coming into place to try and deal with bikies, and they are a real concern because of their behaviour.

Organised crime generally has grown because the things that make globalisation work and make organisations able to operate better can also help criminal organisations operate better. And of course we know that illicit drugs have grown in our community, particularly amphetamines, a traditional product for the bikies which they have been engaged with in producing and distributing for decades. But the bikies are only one part of the problem.

Indigenous crime really concerns me immensely. Indigenous people are only less than 2% of our population but 20% of our offenders are indigenous, and a high percentage of that crime is occurring in indigenous communities too and so

really [the people living in those communities] are a high percentage of the victims [of crime]. Unless we as a society start to find ways of solving that problem then it will just be a self-perpetuating problem, so we really have to work on that.

Illicit drugs and alcohol abuse continue to be a real problem. In this economic uncertainty we can in fact have a lot more problems with pressures on crime, and as we grow in wealth as a society there is still a big and increasing difference between the haves and the have-nots, which [Supt.] Ferdi Pit sees quite a bit of out Elizabeth way; it is really a big job for us in Elizabeth to deal with the many problems they have.

The two constancies I want to talk about tonight relate to the style of policing and the police officers we have. The style of policing we have is very much in tune with the English tradition. The establishment of the South Australia Police back in 1836 was only a few years after the London Metropolitan Police was formed in 1829. The legislation, philosophies and style from England were very much part of the debate about what was required in South Australia. One of Sir Robert Peel's philosophies, which is relevant tonight, is that "the police are the community and the community are the police" and that sort of partnership was considered appropriate for South Australia. We are very much involved in a service model rather than just a law enforcement model, but the rule of law is nevertheless maintained.

The other constancy is the police who embrace that style, and you have to have police officers who actually live that style. And tonight the award [has been presented] to Andrew who, I think, epitomises the style of police officer that we have been trying to build in terms of that bridging to the community and the commitment to the community and building policing in a much broader way than the simple law enforcement model.

Tonight we have an award recipient, and Michelle Smith as well, who epitomises the style that's best for the community.

Mal Hyde then read some glowing comments about Andrew Murphy from the Captain of the Dalkeith CFS Brigade.

Wrap-up

Chairman Stephen firstly thanked everyone for making this occasion a great success, then in particular, thanked the Glenelg Golf Club, Karen Fry and staff, the 'Two Dads' from the SA Police Band, SCs Paul Simpson-Smith and David Burvill-Holme for their masterful music, and the members of the Vocational Services Committee: Heather Kilsby, Sheila Evans, Alex Jonson, Geoff Hill and Mark Zada. Let us not forget the efforts of Bob Mills who has guided POOTY over the last nine years and Ken Daly who has provided the superbly crafted shields over many years; we are stocked up for quite a while.

Finally, Stephen thanked his 'new mate' Geraldine White; for both of them this was a maiden performance and Geraldine expertly steered him through. Stephen presented Geraldine with a Rotary pen 'to keep her up to the mark in future years.'

Congratulations to our outstanding Police Officer of the Year, Andrew 'Spud' Murphy. We wish you every success, knowing that you will maintain your wonderful effort. Please remember this day with joy and pride.

Rotary Club of Camden – D9750 Creates 'Young Rotarians'

By PP Dorothy Johnson-Kelly – Rotary Club of Camden, NSW

In a review to 'revive' their Rotaract Club, new thinking emerged: Invite a group of young people to 'join' the Club, not as 'full members', but as 'Young Rotarians'. The Guidelines evolved as follows:

Age: Recommended that the 'Young Rotarians' be between 22 and 32 years old

Attendees: In recognition of the lifestyle of young people today, the attendance of 'Young Rotarians' would be required on a Fortnightly basis (50%). However, Community Projects, and Social Events will be counted towards fulfilling that requirement.

Membership: 'Young Rotarians' can be re-invited to membership as a 'Young Rotarian', or can be invited to become active members of the Rotary Club.

Additional Guidelines:

Joining: Invited on a similar basis to that of an Active Member of the Rotary Club

Eligibility Criteria: In keeping with the Ideals of Rotary, the following eligibility criteria will apply:

1. Gainfully employed;
2. Shows leadership potential;
3. Male or female.

Membership Numbers: Membership of the 'Young Rotarians' will be limited to a total of 20% of the Active Membership of the Rotary Club.

Board Representation: 'Young Rotarians' will not be eligible for membership of the Board of the Rotary Club.

Induction: 'Young Rotarians' will be inducted in the same way as other Rotary members. They will be provided with mentors, who will be members of the Committee for Young Rotarians, plus other members invited to be mentors as required.

Membership Fees: A nominal fee of \$50 per annum is recommended. This will cover cost of a dinner badge and other incidental costs.

Meals: Paid on the same basis as Rotary Members.

Dinner Badges will be issued and worn at club meetings to identify 'Young Rotarians' to other club members and guests

Committee Involvement: 'Young Rotarians' will assist the Attendance Committee and act as Stewards at club meetings when rostered.

Mentors will be assigned to each 'Young Rotarian', and will join them at club meetings.

New Members: Prospective Members will be interviewed by the Committee in charge of 'Young Rotarians', and invited to join subject to approval of the Board.

Projects: 'Young Rotarians' can conduct their own service projects, subject to approval of the Board, and would also be expected to assist with other Rotary Projects run by the Club, e.g. Christmas Raffle, Show Gates.

Insurance: Project covered by existing policies.

Without doubt Camden Club with this brilliant inspiration has paved the way for all Clubs in Australia and maybe the Western World to 'restock' our Clubs with the youthful membership required to prevent the frightening decline in membership and allow we senior members to move over to Probus and so allow all Clubs to regain the attractions which younger membership enjoys. ●

[Ed: Dorothy Johnson-Kelly was a visiting Rotarian at the Unley Club's meeting on 5 May 2009.]

As Others See Us: RI Focus Group Findings

By Rob Wylie – Membership on the Move – May 2009

In 2008-09, Rotary International commissioned some non-Rotarian professional organisations to assess the perceptions of Rotary within two specific demographic groups:

- Professional women 30+ years of age, and
- Professional men 30 - 45 years of age.

Focus groups were conducted in Sydney, Johannesburg, and Buenos Aires. The results were presented to the Regional R.I. Membership Coordinators Training Seminar in February 2009. This article presents an introduction and summarises part of the 14 page report.

Specific objectives of the research project were on:

- Interest in and awareness of volunteering
- Awareness and perception of Rotary International or a local Rotary club.
- Why would they or why would they not be interested in joining a local Rotary club.

Awareness of Volunteer Based Organizations

When asked about groups providing humanitarian and volunteer options the organizations mentioned were:

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| • Doctors Without Borders | • Oxfam |
| • Salvation Army | • Green Peace |
| • Red Cross | • World Vision |
| • Amnesty International | • Make A Wish |
| • UNICEF | • St. Vincent De Paul |
| • Habitat for Humanity | |

Many local concerns were also noted and included the following actions or focus: animal welfare, school feeding schemes, soup kitchens, housing projects, education and literacy, public health and HIV/AIDS, and street children. Rotary International or local Rotary clubs were not readily mentioned in any of the regions surveyed.

When asked about Rotary International, most respondents did recall hearing about Rotary International, Rotary fundraising events or local Rotary clubs. There was a general positive impression that Rotary did good work. When asked about Rotary clubs the following functions were mentioned:

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| • fundraising for hospital equipment | • exchange programs |
| • community activities with youth | • well set up |
| • shelter boxes with Burma | • compete with Lions |
| • provide scholarships | • they have that wheel |

"With Rotary, they do a bit of this, a bit of that; you don't really know what drives them."

"It's a male bonding thing where businesses are advanced...but personally I don't connect with them..."

When asked about their perception of Rotary, the following words were used to characterize Rotary and Rotarians:

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| • business men | • not 'sexy' |
| • elite | • not 'trendy' |
| • not sure that women are allowed into local clubs | • older |
| • largely based on former rules | • wealthy |
| • associated with Free Masons | • secretive |
| | • inflexible |

The one significant point that must be acknowledged is there continues to be a strong perception that WOMEN are not allowed or welcome into Rotary.

Some of the comments and observations made may be considered harsh and reflect negatively towards RI, but such comments should be viewed objectively, as an opportunity to implement change and demonstrate improvement. ●

Jerry's Jottings

What a great night we had at the Glenelg Golf Club for the **SA Police Officer of the Year**, congratulations to **Andrew (Spud) Murphy** as the award winner for 2008. Andrew is a great choice of a solid local copper who gives everything to his community. Well done to **Stephen Baker** and the Vocational team for their organisation for the awards this year.

This weekend, **Mavis Martin, Janet Singh** and I represent the club at the District Assembly being held in Waikerie, this Sunday. Our incoming DG **Dick Cuttle** will host the event as he prepares for his year as District Governor. The staggering thought is that the end of the Rotary year is looming, it has gone so quickly. I have been privileged to serve the club this year and look forward to next year and the opportunity for the club to do more.

Now I need your help. **Anne Wehr** has, due to other commitments, asked if she can stand aside as Secretary for the 2009/10 year. This means we have a vacancy and I would like to understand who might be interested in filling the role. Please call me for further information, or Anne, if you would like more detail.

Next week we have our joint meeting with Prospect Rotary Club at the Public Schools Club. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



President Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
19/05/09	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Interclub Meeting with RC Prospect; Simon Ridgeway: "The Submarine/Air Warfare Destroyer Corporation"	Alex Jonson	Bob Mullins	Geoff Hill & Geoff Howland
26/05/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Josie Gray: "Medic Alert "	Heather Kilsby	Natalie Bowen	Geoff Howland & Glenys Ferguson
02/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Pastor Richard Haar: "Dining with a Cannibal"	Mavis Martin	Bob Laws	Glenys Ferguson & Greg McLeod
09/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Simon Cadzow: "Living Longer in the 21st Century"	David Middleton	Bob Laws	Greg McLeod & Heather Kilsby

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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
May	Friday	22/05/09	Dinner at Martinhas \$30 ea + drinks	Adelaide TAFE	Jerry Casburn
	Sunday	24/05/09	Donations In Kind Clean Up Day	DIK Warehouse	Geoff Howland
	Sunday	31/05/09	OSSAA Film Night "State of Play" 5.30pm \$16ea	Chelsea Cinema	Stephen Baker

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: May-June 2009

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
3	16/05/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	23/05/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & Sheila Evans
5	30/05/09	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	06/06/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/06/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Janet Plumb & David Middleton

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The Back Page

The Human Race

A little girl asked her father: 'How did the human race appear?'

The father answered, 'God made Adam and Eve; they had children; and so was all mankind made.'

Two days later the girl asked her mother the same question.

The mother answered, 'Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.'

The confused girl returned to her father and said, 'Dad; how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Mom said they developed from monkeys?'

The father answered, 'Well, Dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family, and your mother told you about hers.'



Baptising an Irishman

A man is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptising people in the river.

He proceeds to walk into the water and subsequently bumps into the preacher.

The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon he asks the drunk,

'Are you ready to find Jesus?'

The drunk shouts, 'Yes, oi am.'

So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water.

He pulls him up and asks the drunk, 'Brother, have you found Jesus?'

The drunk replies, 'No, oi haven't found Jesus.'

The preacher shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again for a little longer.

He again pulls him out of the water and asks again, 'Have you found Jesus me brother?'

The drunk again answers, 'No, oi I haven't found Jesus.'

By this time the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk in the water again --- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds and when he begins kicking his arms and legs he pulls him up. The preacher again asks the drunk, 'For the love of God have you found Jesus?'

The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the preacher, 'Are you sure dis is where he fell in?'

Thanks to Jerry Casburn for this contribution

Little Johnny

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.'

Little Johnny asked, 'Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?'



Thanks to Jerry Casburn for this contribution

Mensa Invitational

Here are the winners of this year's Washington Post's Mensa Invitational which once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition:

1. **Cashtration:** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. **Ignoramus:** A person who is both stupid and an asshole.
3. **Intaxication:** Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
4. **Reintarnation:** Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. **Bozone:** The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. **Foreploy:** Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
7. **Giraffiti:** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
8. **Sarchasm:** The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
9. **Inoculatte:** To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. **Osteopornosis:** A degenerate disease.
11. **Karmageddon:** It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
12. **Decafalon:** The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
13. **Glibido:** All talk and no action.
14. **Dopeler Effect:** The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
15. **Arachnoleptic Fit:** The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
16. **Beelzebug:** Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
17. **Caterpallor:** The colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.



Thanks to Jerry Casburn for this contribution

Tiger Woods Story

Tiger Woods drives his BMW into a petrol station in a remote part of the Irish countryside. The pump attendant, obviously knows nothing about golf, greets him in a typical Irish manner completely unaware of who the golfing pro is.

'Top of the mornin' to yer, sir' says the attendant.

Tiger nods a quick 'hello' and bends forward to pick up the nozzle. As he does so, two tees fall out of his shirt pocket onto the ground.

'What are those?' asks the attendant.

'They're called tees,' replies Tiger.

'Well, what on the god's earth are dey for?' inquires the Irishman.'

They're for resting my balls on when I'm driving', says Tiger.

Well I'll be..., says the Irishman, 'BMW thinks of everything.'



Thanks to Heather Kilsby for this contribution

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real