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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.	3664
Date	26 May 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Lucio Cardone
Sergeant	Natalie Bowen
Chairman	David Payne
Guests	Matthew Ives, Jocelyn Andrews, Melinda Andrews, James Andrews, Ken Daly
Apologies	Alex Jonson, Anne Zada, Colin Schirmer, Mark Zada, Mavis Martin, Janet Singh, Neesha Nandasena, Neville Highett, Reno Elms
Make Ups	Alex Jonson, Heather Kilsby (x2 Thrift Shop), Mavis Martin (District Assembly)
Attendance	80%
Birthday	Stephen Baker (30/5)

President's Announcements

1. The disappointing news for the week is that the last meeting of the Rotary Club of Glen Osmond was held at the Feathers Hotel last night. I was not able to attend but **Past President David Middleton** represented the club. I will ask David if he would like to comment on the evening. I know that The Rotary Club of St. Mary's is also going through the process of returning its charter. Both clubs had problems with falling numbers and an ageing membership which emphasises the importance for us to continue to promote Rotary as a great organisation to be part of and to increase the numbers of our own and other clubs.
2. I would like to advertise the Mitcham Club's meeting on June 10th, 6.00 for 6.30pm, Edinburgh Hotel. The speaker will be Colin Pitman, Director of Contract Management for Salisbury Council, speaking on the Salisbury Wetlands. If any members would like to attend, please advise Cedric Williams on 8272 5839 or me on 8271 2982 by Monday June 8th. Most of our members will recall this presentation at our club.
3. A reminder to Board members on both 2008/9 and 2009/10 boards that we have a joint meeting at my home on Thursday 28th May.
4. I have been advised by **Bob Mills** of the death of **Rhonda Nankivell**, wife of **Jeff**, a Past President of this club and Past District Governor.
5. I would like to thank **Bob Mullins** for the display of our new dinner meeting plaque in the foyer of Tiffins on the Park.

Spots

David Middleton: Reported that he attended the last meeting of the Rotary Club of Glen Osmond, which has handed-in its Charter after 40 years of fine service. With around nine members with an average age of about 75 the club has had difficulty finding members willing to take on the Presidency (for the fifth time around) and to populate the executive. It was a melancholy meeting attended by about 40 people. Each of the remaining nine members spoke about their Rotary experience and David spoke on behalf of Unley as the mother club. One of the Glen Osmond members will join the Burnside club and the six will join the Mitcham club, so they'll get the chance of "whipping the backside" of their mother club at bowls each year.

Chandra Sluggett thanked the Unley Rotarians and partners who participated in the **Donations In Kind Clean-Up Day** last Sunday. Also participating were members of the Philippino community and Rotarians from the Eastwood and Mobilong clubs.

Joan Reed: Without any singing or dancing, Joan gave another plug for the **Entertainment Books** which are still on sale for \$65. The current books expire on 31 May, so if you want to keep going out cheaply you'll need to update to the new book.

Stephen Baker reminded members for the last time about the upcoming annual **OSSAA** film night fundraiser "**State of Play**" on Sunday 31st May at 5.30 for 6.15pm at the Chelsea Theatre in Kensington Road. Get your tickets from Stephen Baker, John Russell, Alex Jonson or Bob Laws.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Natalie Bowen exacted fines across the spectrum of misdemeanours although it seemed that supporting just about any football team was regarded as particularly heinous. John Russell won the Wine and David Payne won the Lucky Square.

Matthew Ives: Community in Unley

Pres Jerry: Matthew Ives is the Community Convenor for the Unley City Council. He was invited to speak to the club following a number of meetings that Pres Jerry, Mavis Martin and Reno Elms have had with Matthew to see how Unley Council might interact with Community organisations and with Unley Rotary in particular.

Matthew Ives: Matthew recently completed and submitted a report to council on the role for cultural development within the Unley Council. While it has been commonplace to talk in terms of the triple bottom line of social, economic and environment benefits, there has been a movement across Australia include cultural development as well.

Matthew's role is to work right across Council, whether it be long term urban art designs through to working with festivals through to working on particular community projects. Unley Rotary participated in a community consultation around Neighbour Day and Reconciliation Week. Matthew said Unley Rotary "excelled" by organising a Neighbour Day sausage sizzle for the residents of one of Unley's supported residential facilities [Aldridge Court] and thanked all who participated in that event. Neighbour Day is a well-known event in New South Wales and Victoria that came out of an incident where an elderly lady in NSW had lain dead in her flat for a very long time without anyone noticing her absence. Neighbour Day has now been picked up by Councils in SA and is promoted by Messenger Press and ABC Radio 891.



Matthew Ives

Matthew has also had discussions with Pres Jerry on indigenous affairs issues. Only 133 people in the Unley Council area actually identify themselves as having an indigenous background, however the extent of Kaurna lands is not decided by the placement of local government boundaries. So planning is underway for some long term events, particularly for

Reconciliation Week 2010, and it is hoped Unley Rotary can be included in that.

Matthew is also exploring ways in which Rotary can be involved in KESAB campaigns and is working with Reno Elms to identify particular spots within the Unley area for Unley Rotary to take on as part of the campaign.

Unley has a very small number of open spaces and reserves, which is probably one of the reasons Unley residents are so passionate about their open space. Matthew is working on the development of a community project around an aboriginal "shelter tree" in Heywood Park, which is the only recorded aboriginal site within the Unley area. The site of that tree appears to have been an important meeting point for aboriginal people for as long as 40,000 years. The plan is to do a small public art project at the site that acknowledges its indigenous significance. Two new playgrounds will also be built in the park, each for different age groups.

Matthew acknowledged the support from Unley Rotary in the form of a contribution of \$2,000 towards this project. It is hoped that the public art component will be completed around September-October 2009.

Matthew has a background in the theatre and would very much like to work hands-on with Unley Rotary on our community projects. ●

New Member Induction: Wendy Andrews

Tonight Wendy Andrews was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Unley. Joining her for the occasion were her three children Jocelyn, Melinda and James. Her sponsor and Rotary mentor Anne Wehr provided some background on her.

Wendy was born and raised in News South Wales and came to Adelaide in 1983 for only five years, but stayed on. A primary school teacher by profession she also raised three children.

For 23 years Wendy has been a Lifeline volunteer responding to telephone calls from people in crisis.



Pres Jerry extended the Rotary hand of fellowship to our newest member Wendy Andrews.

In particular Wendy provided telephone counselling to people in domestic violence situations.

Her particular passion (addiction?) is bridge and Wendy is a long-time member of the Bridge Association of Sa which meets regularly in Unley.

Wendy's classification will be "Education Primary" and for the remainder of this Rotary year she will serve on the Community Service Committee.

Following her induction, Pres Jerry and the members present extended their hands (and hugs) of Rotary fellowship to our newest member. Welcome Wendy. ●



Ken Daly enthusiastically welcomed Wendy Andrews onto the Community Service Committee

Guest Speaker - Lucio Cardone: MedicAlert®

Introduction: Chairman David Payne introduced Lucio Cardone (substituting for CEO Josie Gray) to speak about MedicAlert.

Lucio was born and educated in Adelaide. At age 22 he left Adelaide and lived in Sydney for 22 years. During his time in Sydney he joined Qantas Airways as a flight attendant and held a variety of positions as he worked his way up the corporate ladder. He became Executive Director of the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia and held that position for years. In 1997 Lucio decided on a sea-change and commenced a carpentry apprenticeship and began a Building business. He moved back to Adelaide with his family in 2001 and continued his building business here.

Medic Alert recently appointed Lucio to the position of National Sales Manager. Tonight is his first speaking engagement on behalf of MedicAlert.



Lucio Cardone: Medic Alert was established in 1971. It is one of the largest non-profit membership organisations in the world and Australia's leading 24hr Personal Emergency Medical Information and Identification Service. The worldwide network of

MedicAlert affiliates are governed by a strict set of International Standards of Service and Operations. MedicAlert receives no government funding and is endorsed by leading national healthcare and professional organisations such as the AMA.

The National Head Office located in South Australia with 11 full time staff members complemented by volunteers. The volunteer board of directors has national medical and commercial representatives.

MedicAlert provides a confidential, unique, four-part system comprising:

- Customised engraved emblem
- 24hr Telephone Emergency Response Centre
- 24hr national computerised database
- Emergency membership card

Reasons why people need or use MedicAlert include:

- Anyone of any age with a medical condition, allergy, or taking medications
- Travelers
- Next of kin notification program

- Identification for Alzheimer's sufferers and children
- No known medical condition or allergy
- Organ donor or organ donation denied
- Need to know information

MediAlert provides emergency first responders and healthcare professionals with instant, accurate, reliable and confidential patient medical and personal information. The service protects over 280,000 Australians and over 4 million people worldwide. It is universally recognised and the information it records and provides is authenticated by healthcare professionals.

No other body worn personal medical identification is more respected and trusted around the world that can offer a 24 hour emergency medical information and identification service.

The key benefit of MediAlert is the precious time saved in determining correct diagnosis and appropriate treatment, and avoiding fatal mistakes!

In 1956 the first MediAlert

member was a 14 year old girl who had suffered an extreme allergic reaction to tetanus vaccine. Her father was so concerned



Chairman David Payne with Lucio Cardone

Rotary News

Solomon Islands - Urgent Help Needed

From Roger Dennis

PDG Peter Thomas, RAM Coordinator for the Solomon Islands re a project there, has been advised that a team from the Eastern Region has withdrawn from their planned visit to the Solomon Islands at the end of July due to health and other pressing issues.

So now there is a gap for a team of 4 or 5 people to go to Lata and build a steel, prefabricated, kit home at the end of July.

Bird Nesting Boxes Project

By PP Bob Mills

In 'The Unley Rotarian' on 10th March 2009 the communiqué from DG Peter Shipp asked Clubs to assist Rotarian Barry Barratt to achieve his daunting challenge in providing 1,000 nesting boxes for the Victorian National Parks & Wildlife Service to attract wildlife back to the areas affected by the February bushfires.

With the sanction of President Gerry and Chairman of Community Services, Reno Elms, I sourced ecowood palings from the Littlehampton Sawmill and screws, nails and wire mesh from Home Hardware, Mt Barker, all at reduced prices thanks to the willingness of each business owner to assist with this project. The total outlay of \$1,030 would allow 150 nesting boxes to be provided, a significant contribution to the target figure.

With the assistance of two members of Toymendous Inc, a group of 'woodies' who make approx 800 toys each year for distribution to under-privileged children at Christmas, the 250 palings were cut into 1050 separate pieces in one very long and tiring day in the workshop at the Thebarton Senior College.

The President of Toymendous not only helped with the cutting, but between the two of us the 150 boxes were assembled and I had the pleasure of delivering the last 50 in early May.

Barry Barratt has advised recently that 500 boxes have now been completed and delivered to the Parks & Wildlife Service and he has pledged for the remaining 500.

that she might be inadvertently exposed to the vaccine again that he conceived the idea of carrying emergency medical information on a wrist band.

In 1968 Rotary adopted MediAlert as a Community Service project. In 1971 MediAlert was officially launched in Australia. Rotarians are asked to contribute nationally \$5 per club member annually and donors receive a dinner plaque sticker.

In addition to a range of bracelets and necklets (in stainless steel, silver, gold or beading), MediAlert uses other technologies to store and distribute information including:

- USB flash drives for portable health records
- "HealthConnect" for hospital transfers of information
- Websites
- Smartcards, both government and commercial

And MediAlert is introducing the "Confident Kids Program" to serve the youth market.

Lucio showed Rotarians and guests examples of the variety of bracelets and necklets available and outlined the costs and processes involved in MediAlert membership. He concluded by responding to several questions from Rotarians.

Wrap-up: Chairman David thanked Lucio for his informative "maiden speech" and presented him with an Unley Rotary pen as a memento of his visit.



MediAlert bracelets

Accommodation and internal airfares will be provided by RAM so it is a matter of getting a team to Honiara in the usual way and then RAM will look after the remaining arrangements.

If you can help in any way please advise Roger Dennis at rogloden@bigpond.net.au or Peter Thomas re Project No 34/2008-09 at pjthomas@ihug.com.au or on 08 885621982.



Ron Thaw cutting palings



Bob Mills assembling bird boxes

The devastation to wildlife in bushfires is often overlooked, particularly on this occasion with such a great loss of human life and property, so it is pleasing to be able to contribute to a project to help our feathered and furry friends.

Great Australian Bike Ride - My Experience as a Support Driver

Don Whatham, ARH Director

I was a late inclusion in the event joining the team only two days before the commencement of Stage four. My involvement was due to a shortage of support team members.

I joined the Sydney to Brisbane leg at Newcastle and I must say the following 16 days will be included in the highlights of my Rotary experiences.

There were 11 riders for the complete stage. However these riders were joined by others at various times and for varying intervals during the trip. The riders were supported by a team of drivers and caterers all Rotary volunteers who escorted them, carried their luggage, spares and food, provided their nutritional needs, bicycle maintenance and accommodation arrangements.

During the time of my participation in the ride, home hosting by Rotarians was provided at Newcastle by the Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise and several other assisting clubs, the Rotary Club of South West Rocks and the combined clubs of Macksville and Nambucca Heads. It was clearly obvious that home hosting was enjoyed and appreciated very much by the riders and support team. This private time with Rotarians allowed many to complete laundry, catch up with emails and make new friends. Accommodation on other occasions was at comfortable motels and for four days in Grafton at the well appointed Hockey Centre.

On many occasions we were greeted by District Governors, PDGs, DGsE and DGsN. On most occasions the riders were flagged out by the town Mayor, a councillor or local politician.

Local media showed a real interest in the bike ride. Articles appeared in most local papers and excellent television coverage was gained at Coffs Harbour.

Many morning teas, lunches and evening meals were provided by Rotary Clubs. Every dinner meeting was different but all were most enjoyable. The meetings presented an excellent opportunity to promote the work of ARH. The fellowship between members of the ride team and local Rotarians was a further highlight.

Rotary dinners were hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Newcastle Enterprise, Taree/Taree Manning/Taree North combined, Port Macquarie/Port Macquarie West/ Port Macquarie Sunrise/Port Macquarie on Hastings two combined dinners. South West Rocks, Macksville/Nambucca Heads, Coffs Harbour South, Grafton, Jimboomba and Toowoong/Hamilton combined.

Morning and afternoon teas and lunches were provided by the Rotary Clubs of Nelson Bay, Salamander Bay, Williamtown, Raymond Terrace, Great Lakes, Laurieton, Wauchope, Kempsey, Bellingen, Grafton-Midday, Byron Bay, Mullumbimby,

Murwillumbah, Murwillumbah Central, Murwillumbah Sunrise and Beaudesert.

Breakfasts were enjoyed in those towns and cities with a McDonalds Restaurant. McDonalds, sponsors of the bike ride were always welcoming and pleased to be associated with the riders. Fuel for the support vehicles was readily available from Caltex-Woolworths service stations along the route. Woolworths is also a proud sponsor of the ride. Their sponsorship cheque was officially presented at the farewell dinner at Toowoong.

All clubs were presented with an ARH bag containing a team formal shirt, ARH cap, Happy Harry/Harriet, ARH publications and a selection of sponsor products. Clubs were encouraged to raffle or auction these bags to raise further funds for ARH. Many gave donation cheques during our visit.

Real highlights were often unplanned events. Being joined by a German backpacker on the ride in to Casino, visits to schools and a sheltered workshop, members of the public approaching with donations along the way were examples of some of these highlights.

I must pay a sincere compliment to PDG Denis Green, bike ride stage four manager. Denis worked tirelessly to ensure the needs of all involved were satisfied, timing and the planned route were strictly followed, publicity agencies and accommodation were notified of our impending arrival.

With any group of well tuned athletes many different personalities exist. Often these people are strong willed. This group is no different and the constant contact over an extended period of time has caused a few interpersonal problems. These present the potential to undermine the good will being generated by this wonderful event. CEO Joy and Chairman Terry are aware of this situation and I am confident their sensitive management will sort out the difficulty.

In conclusion I must repeat that the opportunity to participate in the ride will remain one of the highlights of my service to Rotary. I congratulate the many people involved in the planning and management of the event and hope that the good will being generated wherever the ride proceeds continues to benefit ARH.

[This major initiative of Australian Rotary Health began in Melbourne in March and will finish in Melbourne in September 2009. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in a worthy, healthy challenge. It is a nine stage program around Australia and Rotarians, family and friends are encouraged to either participate in a section of the journey or share in the excitement when the tour travels through your local community. ●](#)

Men's Health Ambassadors

From the DG's May 2009 Newsletter

David Roberts, RC of Hallett Cove, (PDG D9700 2005-2006) has recently been in Canberra to be trained as a National Men's Health Ambassador (2008-2010).

This is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing with various other organisations supporting the program such as the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. Another major supporter is Rotary International which is acknowledged in a PowerPoint presentation to be used by the trained volunteer speakers.

Men's Health Ambassadors have been trained to speak to all kinds of organisations about two major issues relating to men's health, namely, diseases of the prostate (not only cancer) and incontinence.

So much can be achieved if men (and their womenfolk) are made aware of what can be done to prevent, or lessen, the impact of these ailments. ●

**MEN'S HEALTH
AMBASSADOR
SPEAKER PROGRAM**

Shelterbox Report

From the DG's May 2009 Newsletter

ShelterBox is responding to the earthquake that struck central Italy in the early hours of 6th April and by the 7th of April a Response Team, travelling from France, was already assessing the situation to ascertain the level of assistance required. By the 13th of April 365 boxes and 500 blankets had been distributed to an estimated 2,000 people currently sleeping in the tent city. The town of L'Aquila, capital of the Abruzzo region and about 100 kilometres north of Rome, bore the brunt of the earthquake that measured 5.8 on the Richter scale.

Shelterbox Response Team volunteers from the UK have distributed 200 Shelterboxes to those affected by flooding in the northern regions of Namibia in the Kvaango region, which suffered after the Okavango River burst its banks and for which a state of emergency has been declared. After assessment on the ground, an additional 170 Shelterboxes, 130 Africa tents and 30 boxes of essential equipment were also sent to the country and arrived at the end of April. ●



Jerry's Jottings

I would like to start by again welcoming Wendy Andrews to membership of Rotary. Wendy will be another enthusiastic member of the club having already volunteered to help in many areas.

David Middleton and I highlighted the demise of the Rotary Clubs of Glen Osmond and St. Marys and again reinforced the need to keep adding to our membership. So please, again, consider who you know who might be interested and invite them along to a meeting.

It looks as though our application to host the GSE team has been successful and is likely to be November 2nd to 7th, 2009. My thanks go to **Chandra Sluggett** and **Natalie Bowen** for pushing this through. An exciting agenda is being constructed more on that at a later date.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you there next Tuesday.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



President Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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
16/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Don Thorpe: "Building a Ketch for the Maritime Museum"	Greg McLeod	Bob Mullins	Heather Kilsby & Janet Plumb
23/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Saiful Islam & Mahbub Rahman: "Bengali Information Night"	Bob Mills	Bob Mullins	Janet Plumb & Janet Singh
30/06/09	Kooyonga Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm TBC	Change Over Night	Bob Mullins	Bob Laws	Janet Singh & Jim Newall

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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

Mont h	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
May	Sunday	31/05/09	OSSAA Film Night "State of Play" 5.30pm \$16ea	Chelsea Cinema	Stephen Baker
June	Wednesday	10/06/09	Colin Pitman: Salisbury Wetlands 6 for 6.30pm	Edinburgh Hotel	
	Monday	22/06/09	Ladies Auxiliary at 11am; 4/35 Bevington Road,	Glenunga	Margaret Payne
	Tuesday	30/06/09	Change Over Night	Kooyonga Golf Club	Jerry Casburn

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
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
3	20/05/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	23/05/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & Sheila Evans

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Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

The June meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at 11am on Monday 22nd June at the home of Margaret Payne, 4/35 Bevington Road Glenunga.

The Back Page

True Female Joke

A woman was sitting at a bar enjoying an after work cocktail with her girlfriends when Dan, a tall, exceptionally handsome, extremely sexy, middle-aged man entered. He was so striking that the woman could not take her eyes off him.



The young-at-heart man noticed her overly attentive stare and walked directly toward her (as all men will). Before she could offer her apologies for staring so rudely, he leaned over and whispered to her, 'I'll do anything, absolutely anything you want me to do, no matter how kinky, for \$20.00.....On one condition.'

Flabbergasted, the woman asked, 'What is the condition?'

The man replied, 'You have to tell me what you want me to do in just three words.'

The woman considered his proposition for a moment, and then slowly removed a \$20 note from her purse, which she pressed into the man's hand along with her address. She looked deeply into his eyes, and slowly and meaningfully said....

'Clean my house.'

A Lawyer and a Scotsman

A lawyer and a Scotsman are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The lawyer is thinking that Scotsmen are so dumb that he could get one over on them easily. So the lawyer asks if the Scotsman would like to play a fun game.

The Scotsman is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists, and says that the game is a lot of fun. 'I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5; you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500,' he says. This catches the Scotsman's attention and to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. 'What's the distance from The Earth to the Moon?' The Scotsman doesn't say a word, reaches in his pocket pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer.

Now, it's the Scotsman's turn. He asks the lawyer, 'What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?'

The lawyer uses his laptop and searches all references he could find on the Net. He sends e-mails to all the smart friends he knows, all to no avail. After one hour of searching he finally gives up. He wakes up the Scotsman and hands him \$500. The Scotsman pockets the \$500 and goes right back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the Scotsman up and asks, 'Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?'

The Scotsman reaches in his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5 and goes back to sleep.

Stay!!!

I pulled into the crowded car park at the local shopping centre and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Golden Labrador Retriever pup had fresh air.



She was fully stretched-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, 'Now you stay. Do you hear me?' 'Stay! Stay!'

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave me a strange look and said, 'Why don't you just put it in park?'

Thanks to Jerry Casburn for this contribution

Conversation with a Little Girl on a Plane

A stranger was seated next to a little girl on the airplane when the stranger turned to her and said, 'Let's talk. I've heard that flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger.'

The little girl, who had just opened her book, closed it slowly and said to the stranger, 'What would you like to talk about?'



'Oh, I don't know,' said the stranger. 'How about nuclear power?' and he smiles.

'OK,' she said. 'That could be an interesting topic. But let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff - grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, and a horse produces clumps of dried grass. Why do you suppose that is?'

The stranger, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it and says, 'Hmmm, I have no idea.'

To which the little girl replies, 'Do you really feel qualified to discuss nuclear power when you don't know s**t?'

Complaints from People in Public Housing

These are genuine clips from complaint letters:

My bush is really overgrown round the front and my back passage has fungus growing in it.



It's the dogs' mess that I find hard to swallow.

I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other night that blew them off.

My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?

I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.

Will you please send someone to mend the garden path? My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.

I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.

50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster and 50% are plain filthy.

I am still having problems with smoke in my new drawers.



The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is cleared.

Will you please send a man to look at my water; it is a funny colour and not fit to drink.

Our lavatory seat is broken in half and is now in three pieces.

The man next door has a large erection in the back garden, which is unsightly and dangerous.

Our kitchen floor is damp. We have two children and would like a third, so please send someone round to do something about it.

I am a single woman living in a downstairs flat and would you please do something about the noise made by the man on top of me every night.



Please send a man with the right tool to finish the job and satisfy my wife.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real