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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.	3694
Date	23 rd December 2009
Venue	Arkaba Hotel
Occasion	Joint Clubs Breakfast with Hyde Park & Eastwood, Speaker: Tony Nancarrow
Sergeant	N/A
Chairman	Jim Handley (President – RC of Hyde Park)
Guests	Nil
Apologies	Heather Kilsby, Jim Newall, Bob Mullins
Make-Ups	Nil
Anniversaries	Anniversary: Stephen Baker (29/12)
Attendance	27%



President's Announcements

We have available a number of the rich fruit cakes being sold in aid of the Polio Challenge. These are not just Christmas fare; they can be used and eaten anytime. At only \$20 they are a bargain and all profits, which I understand is \$5 per cake, go to the Rotary Foundation to aid in matching the Bill Gates grant. Please buy a cake!!! If you would like one, contact **Chandra Sluggett**.

Spots

None.

Sergeant's Session

As it was the joint meeting it was **David Tiddy** of the Rotary Club of Hyde Park who furiously devoured the free change of those assembled. The good news, the proceeds \$132, went to the project being run by **Reno Elm's** son **Samuel** for the Bali bus project, to date Samuel has raised \$28,000 which has already been sent to Bali, they are now working on funding the regular maintenance, well done Samuel.



David Tiddy presenting the fines money to Reno



Theo Kruys presenting the giant bar of chocolate to Reno

More for Reno

Reno was also the beneficiary of more good fortune from **Theo Kruys**, also a member of Hyde Park club. Theo won this bar of chocolate in a Guess the Number of Chupa Chups in the Bowl competition when he was on the Gold Coast. He presented this to **Reno** for consumption at the Salvation Army's Christmas dinner. Great, thought Theo. Reno commented that he was glad Roslyn wasn't there as he feared it might not reach the intended recipients.

Jerry's Jottings

First I would like to wish all of the members and families of the Rotary Club of Unley a very happy Christmas and the best year they have ever had in 2010. Let's make this a great rotary year as well. Sorry we weren't able to have our Christmas drinks at home, we'll try again in the New Year

Our joint meeting with Hyde Park and Eastwood Rotary clubs, this year hosted by Hyde Park, was a great morning meeting with lots of fellowship. In my view we need more joint Rotary club meetings and perhaps we can try for this in the future.



We now take a short break and reconvene in the New Year for the meeting at Club de Petanque, which promises to be great fun. The note from Stephen Baker says it all:

- Very easy to find - on the northern side of Greenhill Rd just west of Unley Road;
- 7.00 for 7.30pm start;
- All drinks to be bought from the bar;
- Cost of \$10 per member (spouses free) is a donation to cover tuition, balls and use of premises, lights, etc;
- No meals being served; bbq is available but please inform me if needed, and
- This could lead to the steel balls trophy!

Jerry



President Jerry

Guest Speaker – Tony Nancarrow – Joint Clubs Meeting



Ian Stewart introduced **Dr Tony Nancarrow**, a former member of the Hyde Park club and minister of the Uniting Church in Australia, he served in parish appointments prior to becoming the founding editor of the Methodist Church's Central Times in 1971.

Following church union he became Communications Officer for the Uniting Church's South Australian Synod and Managing Editor of *New Times*. He founded MediaCom with his wife, Christine, in 1980, in response to perceived needs within the life of local congregations. From small beginnings, MediaCom has grown to be one of Australia's leading providers of educational and liturgical resources.

Tony has been involved in a wide range of communication initiatives and has travelled and lectured widely throughout the world. Tony and Christine have two adult children and two grandchildren. Tony's doctoral studies at Fuller Theological Seminary had a special emphasis on communication, with a particular focus on the application of direct mail techniques to church growth within the life of a local congregation. He retains an active involvement in the church and has served for 35 years as Associate Minister of one of Adelaide's most dynamic and growing congregations. He holds a strong commitment to the ecumenical movement.

Tony spoke about the spirit of Christmas and the fact that we now spend vast amounts of money on lavish presents and we could perhaps consider emotional gifts such as encouragement and compliments. He spoke of a friend Mike who never seemed to be pleased with the gifts received each Christmas and related a story of their attendance at a schoolboys football match, the contrast was that their side were well kitted out with new boots, good quality matching tops and shorts and presented a formidable opponent to the other team who clearly did not have the money to furnish their players with such equipment. At the end of the match their side had won and Mike commented that he wished it had not been so.

The scene moves on to Christmas and at the tree in their home were the usual gifts but in addition was a small white envelope. Gifts were given out and the envelope was the last item and it was addressed to Mike. The envelope contained a note telling Mike that they had sent new kit to that opposing team in Mike's name. Mike was excited with this new result. The envelope became a tradition with a different beneficiary each year. Sadly Mike died of cancer more than a year ago but the tradition continued and expanded as Tony's children unbeknown to each other added more envelopes and new bequests.

Not many dry eyes were left at that story, better heard than relayed by this poor editor.



Rotary News

Five Years After the Tsunami

Five years after a powerful tsunami devastated communities along the coast of the Indian Ocean, Rotary projects continue to contribute to long-term recovery.

Shortly after the tsunami hit on 26 December 2004, The Rotary Foundation established a Solidarity in South Asia fund, coordinating US\$5.9 million in donations toward recovery efforts throughout the region. The Foundation also awarded more than \$480,000 in humanitarian grants in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Many individual Rotary club and district foundations also contributed from their own funds.

RI President John Kenny visited Banda Aceh, Indonesia, in late November to inaugurate one result of those recovery projects: a health center that is part of a larger \$1.9 million youth complex on about an acre of donated land.

"The work you have done here in Indonesia is a vivid example of how Rotary comes together to achieve so much," Kenny said. "In the first hours and days after the tsunami, Rotary volunteers were among the first to respond on-site. In the days, weeks, and months to follow, Rotarians the world over rallied to send all manner of assistance.

"One thing that impresses me, over and over, is how these programs focus not on short-term satisfaction, or reward for the giver, or recognition," Kenny said. "The best Rotary programs and projects focus on helping build for the future -- and making lives better for generations."

The two-story health center occupies 5,860 square yards of land in the nearby village of Khaju, set aside by government officials who were impressed by the mobilization of Rotarian volunteers in the days after the tsunami. The facility joins an orphanage that opened three years ago, dedicated to child survivors of the disaster. A two-story dormitory for university students is under construction. Water purification and treatment systems serve the entire complex.

Rotary's impact extends from Indonesia to India, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, where projects have rebuilt schools, provided classroom supplies, secured boats and fishing equipment to restore local economies, and helped construct and furnish hospitals and shelters for the homeless.

Here are a few of the ongoing projects:

- Two buses have been converted into mobile classrooms in the Aceh Province of Indonesia, bringing primary and secondary education to students across the region. Each bus stops at designated locations a few hours a day, giving students free access to a librarian, books, and multimedia materials. The project is supported by the Solidarity in South Asia fund and the SIKIB, an organization made up of the wives of ministers in the Indonesian government.
- In India, the Solidarity in South Asia relief committee approved \$30,000 to send a team of fishermen to Vietnam for advanced training in fishing, sea farming, fish processing, and marketing.
- District 3220 raised more than \$12 million to build 25 schools in Sri Lanka to replace ones that were destroyed by the tsunami. As the project nears its end, 22 schools are back in service, providing education for about 12,000 children. [Read more](#). Get this story in the latest [RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine](#).
- The Solidarity in South Asia fund supported a rehabilitation center for tsunami victims in the Khlong Nakha Wildlife Sanctuary in Thailand, providing food, lodging, education, and counseling for those who lost loved ones or whose homes were damaged or destroyed.



Left: The entrance to the health centre.



Right: Betty Muliadinata, assistant governor of District 3400, RI President John Kenny (second from right), and Natalia Soebagjo, past district governor, in front of a mobile library during the dedication of a health center at the youth complex in Aceh.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
5/01/10	Club De Petanque	7 for 7.30pm	Petanque Night at the Club De Petanque D'Adelaide (Greenhill Rd)	N/A	R Mullins	D Middleton	J Newall & P O'Neil
12/01/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Rob Rodenberg: "Save Water Save Life"	S Westgarth	M Martin	D Middleton	P O'Neil & D Payne
19/01/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Bob Korotcoff: "Angel Flights"	J Peacham	R Laws	D Middleton	D Payne & J Plumb
26/01/10	No Meeting (Australia Day)						

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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.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: January - February 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
Thrift Shop Closed until January 11 th 2010			
3	16/01/10	Stephen Westgarth & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	23/01/10	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett	Bob Mullins & Sheila Evans
5	30/01/10	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	06/02/10	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/02/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton

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

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Ten Great tips for 2010

1. Stay out of trouble



2. Aim for greater heights.



3. Stay focused on your job.



4. Exercise to maintain good health.



5. Practise teamwork



6. Rely on your trusted partner to watch your back



7. Save for rainy days



8. Rest and relax



9. Always take time to smile



10. Realise that nothing is impossible



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS