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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.	3721
Date	13 th July 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Martin Cusack "Anifex Animation"
Sergeant	Jerry Casburn
Guests	Roy Armstrong (Assistant Governor) and James Murray
Apologies	Stephen Baker, Alex Jonson, Natalie Bowen and John Russell
Make-Ups	Stephen Baker
Anniversaries/ Birthdays	Birthday: Wendy Andrews 13/7; Induction Anniversary: Chandra Sluggett 15/7
Attendance	

President's Announcements

There are a few events worthy of supporting. This Friday the 16th July the Rotary Club of Kent Town are having a Christmas in July (perhaps they need some cakes). It is \$65 per head at the Hotel Old Adelaide North Adelaide and they are raising funds for shelter boxes. MC is Brenton Ragless and the guest speaker is Dr Bill Griggs. Also there is a reminder of the OSSA fundraiser at the Glenelg Golf course 12 noon for 12.30 \$40 per head. The speaker is Mr Gert Skipper, Curator of the Collection Development Zoos SA. On 22 August, Rotary Health are having a concert at the Town Hall at \$35 per ticket; the Doctor's Orchestra is performing; Have heard great reviews. For further details see me.

Spots

Bob Laws: The thrift shop is in need of a few week day volunteers The dates and number required are 1 person on Thursday the 20th August 10am till 1pm and also 2 people on the Monday the 30th August 1pm till 3.30 pm. Also in September we are short 1 person on the Friday the 24th September 1.00pm till 3.30 pm and 2 people on the Thursday the 30th September 1.00pm till 3.30 pm.

Mavis Martin: new information has been put into the Blue folder. Please make yourselves familiar with it.

Joan's Jottings

Thank you again to the program committee. What an excellent speaker we had again tonight. It is just a shame there were low numbers to hear such an excellent presentation. I encourage all member to bring a friend, partner wife or children if you think they would like to listen to the speaker. Apologies for non attendance seem to be light on as well so please do contact Wendy so we have an idea on numbers for the evening. Thank you to Jerry for stepping into the role of Sargent it was just to make sure he did not have separation anxiety from sitting at a different table.

Guest Speaker - Martin Cusack: "Anifex Animation"

For those who couldn't make it along to hear our speaker, Michael Cusack, unfortunately this will hardly suffice as an explanation of what he does, what his presentation was like or how significant Anifex is as an Australian film production house. Yes, you missed a good night.

That said; let's try to fill in some of the holes. Michael is one of the partners of a company called Anifex, a specialist Adelaide animation production company. His company is one of those South Australian icons of business, punching well above their weight. Anifex draws its work from the key advertising industry cities in Australia – Melbourne and Sydney – as well as from overseas. Its reputation and demonstration reel speak for themselves.

The TV commercials you'd be most aware of that Michael has created the animation for include Schmackos (Dorothy and her dog, Roger) and Home Hardware (Rusty and Sandy, the dogs), just to name the two most recent and most prominent.

As a film director, Michael has won two Australian Film Institute awards for best short animation. He's also won advertising awards at Cannes, London and New York.

Michael explained how he goes about producing animation with the 'puppets', which are mostly made out of a plastic foam sculpted in a mould, with a metal armature providing a 'skeleton' that allows the figure to be posed incrementally.

Each second of animation created this way takes 25 separate changes of pose, photographed as a frame by the film camera. Yes, it's a long process. It can take up to 10 weeks just to create a 30-second commercial this way. It also takes a lot of planning, as Michael has to think about what the characters are in the process of doing as well as what they are going to do, so that the movements appear 'natural'.

Michael brought in two of his stars: Dorothy, the lady with the chicken-wing arms, and her dog, Roger, along with an armature 'skeleton', a sample script from an advertising agency (the idea that Michael works to fulfill), a storyboard (illustrations that correspond to each second of what they will film) and a fascinating voice planner that breaks down every word recorded by the voice of the character, so that each syllable can be mimed by the puppet. He also played us a few of his commercials to finish.

All in all, it was a fascinating presentation. If you'd like to see more of Michael's work, visit www.anifex.com.au.

Lucky Squares was won by **Mavis Martin**.

Rotary News from the DG's Newsletter

Foundation donations record looming

Clubs and members are to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts for 2009/10. As at early June USD147, 727.84 has been contributed and it is expected there will be further significant donations this month. June is usually the biggest contribution month for the year. This compares very favourably with full year 2008-09 contributions of USD123,767.54 (which was another good year).

A joint 9500/9520 Foundation dinner will be held this year on Friday evening 1 October at Morphettville Race-course. The guest speaker will be RI Past President and TRF Trustee Bill Boyd. Clubs are encouraged to place this date in their diaries now and to consider foregoing their usual meeting that week in favour of the event. Bill is an inspirational speaker. It will not be an expensive night and it is planned to showcase the Foundation and also launch the Paul Harris Society at the event. Partners and guests will be most welcome.

Euan Miller, Chair, The Rotary Foundation

A Special Group helping Animals impacted by the Bushfires

A joint project between the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor and the Victor Harbor High School Special Education Unit is helping to re-house birds affected by the Victorian bushfires by building nesting boxes for the fire-ravaged areas. The projects will contribute 50 nesting boxes for the Victorian Wildlife Department.

Many hollow trees, which had provided a natural breeding haven for birds and some animals, were destroyed by the bushfires. The Rotary club has funded the workshop project for the Special Education Unit, involving up to 12 students on a regular basis working under the supervision of Peter Hellak, School Support Officer. A local businessman, Allan Ashmoore, has provided the timber used from imported crates that transported motorcycles.

This untreated Canadian pine is then recycled ready for the students to cut and assemble bird boxes.

Jeff Collins, the unit Supervisor, said this latest project had helped raise the students' self esteem as they can see they are helping others who are in a disaster zone. Due to the success of this project, the students are now going to build a number of nesting boxes to assist the possum population similarly affected by the bushfires.

The efforts by the Rotary club to assist the Special Education Unit with these projects have received wide positive response from the local communities.

Brian Liddy, President, Rotary Club of Victor Harbor

Our Upcoming Meetings – July Theme: Literacy & New Rotary Year

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
20/07/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Tony Lake: "Dental Forensics"	S Westgarth	J Peacham	C Schirmer	H Kilsby & M Martin
27/07/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Shirley Telford: "Teaching in Mongolia"	W Andrews	J Plumb	TBA	M Martin & G McLeod
03/08/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Russell Ward: "Kokoda"	S Baker	A Wehr	TBA	G McLeod & C Sluggett
10/08/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	J Reed	S Westgarth	TBA	C Sluggett & L England

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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.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
July	Friday	16th	Christmas in July	Old Adelaide Hotel North Adelaide	Joan Reed
July	Sunday	25/07/10	OSSAA Luncheon	Glenelg Golf Club, 12 noon for 12.30pm, \$40 ea	Stephen Baker
August	Sunday	22-8-10	Rotary Health Concert	Adelaide Town Hall	Joan Reed
October	Thu 7 - Sun 10/10/10		District Conference	Bendigo	Joan Reed

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: July 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm (new time)	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm (new time)
1	03/07/10	Lindsay England & David Middleton	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	10/07/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & Wendy Andrews
3	17/07/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	24/07/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	31/7/10	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed

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

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On the Back Page

Who Put the Dog Out?

A couple down our street were going out for the evening, a couple of nights ago.

They'd got ready, all dressed up, but just needed to put the dog out when the taxi arrives.

However, as the couple walked out of the house, the dog shoots back in the house.

They don't want the dog shut in the house, so the wife goes out to the taxi while the husband goes upstairs to chase the dog out.

The wife, not wanting it known that the house will be empty, explains to the taxi driver: 'He's just going upstairs to say good-bye to my mother.'

A few minutes later, the husband gets into the cab.

'Sorry I took so long,' he says. 'Stupid b@#*h was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! Then I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching and biting me as I hauled her a#s downstairs and tossed her in the back yard!

She better not s#@t in the vegetable garden again!

The silence in the taxi was deafening.



Giving Thanks

The pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers. Suzie Smith stood and walked to the podium.

She said, "I have a praise. Two months ago, my husband, Tom, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagine the pain that poor Tom must have experienced.

"Tom was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain." We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Tom's scrotum, and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Tom.

"Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Tom is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with unified relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say.

A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium.

He said, "I'm Tom Smith." The entire congregation held its breath. "I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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