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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.	3723
Date	27 th July 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Shirley Telford – "Teaching in Mongolia"
Sergeant	Colin Schirmer
Guests/ Visiting Rotarians	Peter Poulton - Kent Town RC
Apologies	David Mackrell and Alex Jonson
Make-Ups	None
Anniversaries/ Birthdays	Colin Schirmer - Induction 31 st July
Returning Rotarians	None
Attendance	58%

President's Announcements

It was with sadness that we received the news that PSDG Peter Shipp lost his fight with cancer. Our thoughts are with Judy and his family at this time. His funeral is this Thursday at 1.30 pm at the Heyesen Chapel.

Congratulations to Bob Laws who was recognized at the OSSAA luncheon fundraiser with Honorary Life Membership.

A reminder to all board members that next week there is a meeting at Shelia's house 6pm for 6.30pm.

Our next meeting will be at the Public Schools Club.



President Joan

Spots

Jerry Casburn: A reminder to member of the weekend at Calperum Station near Renmark from 17th to 29th September. Still need volunteers' names.

Mavis Martin: The thrift shop is in need of a few week day volunteers. The dates and number required are:

2 people on Monday 30th August 1.00pm till 3.30 pm
2 people on Friday 24th September 1.00pm till 3.30 pm
2 people on Thursday 30th September 1.00pm till 3.30 pm

Please see Mavis or Bob if you can help out.

Sheila Evans: There is the opportunity to man the Yellow Brick Road stand at the show as a fund raiser; if anyone is interested please see Sheila after the meeting. Also, at the conclusion of tonight's meeting, could those who indicated a willingness to help arrange the Government house BBQ please gather for a meeting.

Joan' Jottings

It is good to see we have a couple of hands-on events for fundraising. Let's all get behind these projects and support them Also just a reminder that I would appreciate spot items being sent to me for the Bulletin as it is quite difficult to accurately record them during the meeting, and I may get the bulletin out in a more timely fashion.

Guest Speaker - Shirley Telford - "Teaching in Mongolia"

Shirley was introduced by Chairperson Wendy Andrews:

Mongolia sits between Russia and China and has a nomadic culture in the countryside. The northern part of the country joins the mountains of Siberia while the southern border joins China along the Gobi Desert. This land of extreme weather and harsh dryness is well above sea level at 1500metres. It's like turning the clock back 100 years.

In May 2008 we find ourselves in the strange city of Ulaan Bataar, the capital of Mongolia with a population of 1 million. Some are dressed beautifully and some are dirty living in slums. Another million live in the barren country with many dust storms and skinny animals

The Mongolians are great horse people, and even today Ghingghis Khan their hero who lived 800 years ago had an army of powerful well trained soldiers. If Ghingghis visited your "ger", (a small round tent) and you did not feed and accommodate them, the army would revisit your family and murder every member. Today this tradition of looking after strangers continues, although some back packers take advantage of their hospitality.

The air is thin and dusty, the footpaths are rough, the drivers the worst in the world and the buses the dirtiest. There are no lifts in apartments. Food is limited, but vodka isn't.

In winter when it gets down to -26'C, with all the fires burning in the gers the smoke is very bad.

We have always wanted to live in a third world country. Not sure why.

The largest uranium deposit in the world has been found in Mongolia, plus gold, copper and coal. America, Russia and China are all fighting for it.

It is a country of contrasts. Although they love their children, they are often put on a bus as young as 2, and sent to the city, where they hope the government will look after them. They usually become street kids.

The gers are easily moved. Permanent dwellings are few and far between, fences even fewer, and the land is owned by the people.

The hospital has 6 floors with no lifts so you must carry your relatives up the stairs, take your own bedding and feed your relatives while in hospital; You share an IV drip with the patient in the next bed, using the same needle but be sure not to leave the window open because germs may get in.

Even so we are hoping to go back. It is a land where you can experience wide-open spaces, cobalt blue skies, forests, deserts, crystal clear rivers and lakes, and the traditional hospitality of the people.



Chairman Wendy Andrews with Shirley Telfer

Sergeants Session - Colin Schirmer

Lucky Square was won by **Jerry Casburn**. Colin diligently commenced his fine session and relieved many members of their change; a sign of things to come.

Called to Higher Service: PDG Peter Shipp

It is with great sadness that we must inform you that Peter Shipp died on Thursday, 22nd July at 10.30am. He was in the palliative care section of Blackwood Hospital, after deteriorating over the weekend. He had his family around him and was able still to exhibit his sense of humour right to the end.

He will be sorely missed in the District for his enormous contribution. He was a kind and a generous person; a good friend to all of us. Details of his funeral have not been finalised but it will probably be early next week. You will all remember that Peter came to our Changeover last month, despite the fact that he was gravely ill at the time. We were all honoured, flattered and grateful that he had chosen to come.

For the new members who did not know Peter, here is a short biography: Peter migrated to Adelaide from Hull, Yorkshire, England in 1951 and went to sea in 1957, studied for his Marine qualifications and became a Ship's Master (unlimited) at age 32, and has qualifications in Management. Peter worked as Harbourmaster/Pilot in South Australia and in various professional, managerial and executive positions responsible for the Marine operations in Port Adelaide, the Marine Safety Standards in State waters, and as Senior Examiner of Marine Qualifications. In 1995 he was the Executive Manager Port Operations responsible for all operational issues in the States 10 major Ports, retiring in November 2001. Peter was a strong Rotarian with 33 years of service.

He joined the Rotary Club of Ceduna in 1977, the Rotary Club of Port Pirie in 1978, then in 1981 joined the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay. He was President in 1987-88, an Assistant Governor 2004-07 and District Governor 2008-09. Peter has been involved in and contributed to just about all of the District committees and to Conference and event management. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and multiple Sapphire Pin recipient.

Peter and Judy have been hosts to LTYE students and Ambassadorial Scholars. Judy is a Rotarian, a member of Holdfast Bay Club. Our love and compassion goes to Judy and her family.

Written by Holdfast Bay Rotary Club

Rotary News

Wishes for the new Rotary Year from Paul Harris

In 1916, Rotary founder Paul Harris shared his thoughts about the organization in an article titled "The Future of Rotary," published in *The Rotarian*. Addressing the Rotary world, Harris concluded the short piece with wishes for the new year. As the 2010-11 Rotary year begins, consider his words:

I wish you all of the prosperity which your good deeds merit.
May all things you ought have be yours.
May your charities rank among your necessary expenditures.
May you not fall into the popular error of thinking that happiness is to be found in outdoing your neighbors.
May it always be yours to look beneath the veneer of life to the solid substance which lies beneath.
May you be builders, not mere climbers.
May you be able to appraise life's blessings at their real worth.
May you be free to act in accordance with the dictates of your own conscience and good judgment.
May you not be slaves to meaningless customs, social or otherwise.
May you shun the groove followers.
May you have vision to discern the right and health, strength and will to do it.
That is to say, I wish you a happy New Year.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
August	Sunday	22-8-10	Rotary Health Concert	Adelaide Town Hall	Joan Reed
August	Sunday	29-8-10	Membership Workshop	Pulteney Grammar School Wyatt Hall 190 South Tce, Adelaide	Joan Reed
October	Thu 7 - Sun	10/10/10	District Conference	Bendigo	Joan Reed

Our Upcoming Meetings - August Theme: Membership & Extension

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
03/08/10	PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB	6 for 6.30pm	Russell Ward: "Kokoda"	S Baker	G Ferguson	C Schirmer	G McLeod & C Sluggett
10/08/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	J Reed	W Andrews	C Schirmer	C Sluggett & L England
17/08/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	MFS Visit: Dinner 6pm, Tour 8pm; Guide: Robert Prime	S Baker	J Russell	C Schirmer	L England & B Mills
24/08/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Rob Patterson: "Investing in Shares"	TBA	J Singh	C Schirmer	B Mills & B Mullins

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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: July 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm (New Time)	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm (New Time)
5	31/07/10	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	07/08/10	Lindsay England & David Middleton	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	14/08/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & Wendy Andrews
3	21/08/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	28/08/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans

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

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The Back Page

Out of the Mouths of Babies

NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a new starter handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read: 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

MORE NUDITY

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room.. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

POLICE #1

While taking a routine vandalism report at a primary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop? Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report. My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

POLICE #2

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked.

'It sure is,' I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

ELDERLY

While working for an organisation that delivers lunches to the elderly, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass.. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

DRESS-UP

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.'

'And why not, darling?'

'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

DEATH

While walking along the pavement in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt.

Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton wadding, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnnn, and into the hole he goooes.' *(I want this line used at my funeral!)*

SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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