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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.	3732
Date	28 th September 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Roshanak Amrein: "One Million Flights"
Sergeant	Bob Mullins
Apologies	Chandra Sluggett, David Payne, Jerry Casburn and Nathan White
Guests	Barbara Russell and Susan Westgarth
Anniversaries and Birthdays	Vince Michielin 1 st October
Make Ups	Chandra Sluggett, David Payne, and Jerry Casburn
Attendance	56%

President's Announcements

1. The Board meeting scheduled for this Thursday night has been postponed until next week after our normal meeting
2. The Rotary Club of Glenelg is producing a cook book with all profits going to Polio Plus. If any one especially the budding male chefs have a recipe to submit please forward to the Glenelg Rotary club by the 1st of October
3. The Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek is selling wine. Please see me if you would like to purchase any at \$100 per dozen.
4. This Friday night is The Rotary Foundation dinner and we have nine going from our club.
5. Thank you to Norm and Muriel for doing the shift for Lindsay England in the Thrift Shop.



President Joan

Guest Speaker - Roshanak Amrein: "One Million Flights"

Chairman for the evening Stephen Westgarth introduced our guest speaker Dr Roshanak Amrein who on very short notice had very kindly agreed to substitute for our scheduled speaker who was ill. Rosh was our guest speaker on 3 March last year when she gave us a presentation on her mother's life in Iran and here in Australia. Rosh's mother, Akhtar, has been a volunteer in our Thrift Shop for about three years now. During that presentation Rosh spoke about a number of human rights issues in Iran and the persecution suffered by followers of the Baha'i faith and others who don't find favour with the ayatollahs and the ruling regime.

Rosh came to Australia as a refugee in 1994 to join her two brothers, her older brother being the first Iranian refugee to settle in Australia about 27 years ago. Her parents joined their children here in 1997. Rosh is a Doctor of Dentistry with her own practice, Adelaide Cosmetic Dentistry, in North Terrace. She is married to André and has two young energetic sons aged six and four.

Rosh spoke to us about her book of poetry 'A Million Flights', which she has self-published. She read a number of her poems to us in English and related the circumstances and events that gave rise to the writing of each poem. One poem she read in its original Persian, which gave a very different feel to the reading.

Her poems were originally written in the Persian language and subsequently translated into English. The Persian language uses a lot of metaphors which do not translate readily into English, and a whole line of poetry in Persian can translate to two words of English, which doesn't help the meter or span; so, about 25 poems in the Persian edition of her book do not appear in the English edition.

The title 'One Million Flights' is based on 'One Million Signatures', a campaign conducted in Iran to highlight to men the rights and plight of the country's women.

Sharia law was brought in after the Iranian Revolution. Subsequently the rights of a woman have been reduced to half those of a man, the marriageable age for women was reduced to nine, a woman cannot unilaterally divorce her husband, whereas a man can divorce his wife very easily, can take up to four wives and can even have 'temporary' wives. Religious persecution continues against the Baha'i and other faiths and political, judicial and electoral corruption at the highest levels is quite evident.

Rosh's first reading was 'Caged Melody', which is about the imprisonment of young people, members of the Green Movement, in Iran. Her second reading, 'Letter', refers to the destruction of Baha'i cemeteries. Her third reading was a new poem about women wearing of the burkha/hijab, which is compulsory in Iran, but here in Australia Muslim women have a choice and many choose not to wear it. Rosh told of her own experience complying with the strict dress code for women when she was living in Iran.

After answering a large number of broad-ranging questions Rosh was thanked for her presentation in the usual Rotary fashion and presented with another Unley Rotary pen, which she then used to sign copies of her book purchased by a number of our Rotarians.



Roshanak Amrein signing copies of her book, 'One Million flights'

Diary Dates

	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
October	Friday	1/10/10	Foundation Dinner	Morphettville racecourse	Joan Reed
October	Thu 7 - Sun	10/10/10	District Conference	Bendigo	Joan Reed
November	Sunday	7/11/10	BBQ Fundraiser	Government House	Sheila Evans

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
October Theme: Vocational Service							
5/10/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Helen Sage: Indigenous Medical Scholarships	S Baker	L England	B Mullins	W Andrews & D Middleton
12/10/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Andrew Sales: Winning the Sydney-to-Hobart	J Casburn	J Newell	B Mullins	D Middleton & J Peacham
19/10/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Michelle Hollis 2009 Police Officer of the Year	S Baker	D Mackrell	B Mullins	J Peacham & N Bowen
26/10/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Visit Warrawong Sanctuary and Dinner – Partners and Friends	D Mackrell	W Andrews	N/A	N Bowen & S Westgarth

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Venue Set-up/Plaque Board Enquiries To: Bulletin Editor

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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: October 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm (New Time)	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm (New Time)
1	2/10/10	Lindsay England & David Middleton	Wendy Andrews & Stephen Westgarth
2	9/10/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & Wendy Andrews
3	18/09/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nada	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	25/09/10	Glenys Ferguson & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	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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Providing safe drinking water

The Rotary Club of Summerland, British Columbia, Canada, has been helping villagers in the Nakuru district of Kenya gain access to safe drinking water for years.

Since 2002, the Summerland club, with help from the Rotary Club of Nakuru and other Kenyan clubs, has funded the construction of more than 2,500 rainwater harvesting tanks, improving the daily lives of women in the area and allowing them to provide cleaner water to their families.

Rotary Community Corps help distribute the tanks, which are produced locally and store 2,600 gallons of water, enough for a family of 10. The project also has received support from District 1580 (The Netherlands), along with more than US\$315,000 through a Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant and Matching Grants from The Rotary Foundation.

The tank project is just one example of Rotarians' ongoing commitment to improving access to safe drinking water, one of the themes of this year's World Water Week.

Every year, experts, decision makers, and leaders from around the globe meet as part of World Water Week to exchange ideas and develop solutions to the most urgent water-related issues; this year they met in Stockholm, Sweden, on 5-11 September.

Since 1978, The Rotary Foundation has awarded nearly 5,000 grants totaling \$52.7 million to support water and sanitation projects.

Rotary's work to ensure access to clean water and sanitation around the world also includes:

- In 2009, Rotary International joined with USAID to form the International H2O Collaboration. Groundbreaking has begun on its initial projects, which aim to bring clean drinking water and basic sanitation to communities in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and the Philippines. The collaboration in the Dominican Republic will fund improvements including hygiene training and bio-sand water filters. In Ghana, over 85,000 people in more than 110 villages will benefit from mechanized water systems, wells, rainwater collection vessels, and hygiene education. In the Philippines, a project to improve sewage collection and treatment will help more than 150,000 people.
- The Rotary clubs of Pilar Norte, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Griffin, Georgia, USA, have been working together on the Better Health through Better Hygiene project, launched in June 2009. A Foundation Matching Grant helped purchase booklets, brochures, and personal hygiene kits for more than 6,000 kindergarten and first-grade students in Pilar, about 35 miles from Buenos Aires. Rotarians also provided teachers with posters and manuals to help them promote better hygiene in their classrooms, and gave them soap, hand sanitizer, and dispensers to encourage regular hand-washing at school.
- Rotarians in District 6440 (Illinois, USA) delivered and assembled water filters for nine families in eastern Guatemala while visiting Ak'Tenamit, a remote river settlement and community development project, in February.



Over 2,500 people in rural Uganda are benefiting from a Matching Grant project between the Rotary clubs of Mityana, Uganda, and Franklin, Indiana, USA, for two wells and water purification systems. *Photo courtesy of Joseph Matovu*

Literacy project helps Sudan refugees rebuild

By Jessica Anderson and Maureen Vaught - Rotary International News -- 8 September 2010

A literacy project sponsored by U.S. Rotarians in conjunction with the International Reading Association (IRA) is helping Sudanese refugees rebuild their communities by equipping them to teach future generations.

The Southern Sudan Teacher Training Initiative provides refugees of the country's decades-long civil war, who are known as the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan, with teacher training materials, guidance, and support to help them teach students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"People returning from refugee camps to rebuild their lives in Duk County are hungry for books and school supplies," says John Dau, a Lost Boy, humanitarian, and founder of the John Dau Foundation.

The first phase of the project began in August 2009 when members of the Rotary Club of Ellensburg Morning, Washington, and IRA members met with two lead teachers from Sudan and sponsored their participation in the IRA's Pan-African Reading for All Conference.

"The Sudanese educators benefited from the experience by becoming aware of what is possible and learning what is happening on their continent in the field of literacy," says IRA member and Ellensburg Morning club president Judy Backlund.

The second phase in late 2009 provided literacy assessment tools and basic teaching strategies via Flip Video™ camcorders.

Teacher training will begin in early 2011, when 10 teachers are taught literacy teaching strategies, which they will then share with other teachers. The third phase will include evaluation, follow-up, and support. The project aims to benefit more than 3,000 students living in Duk County.

Since 2002, Rotary International and the IRA have worked together to promote literacy in communities around the world. Rotary clubs and districts have collaborated with IRA councils at both the community and international levels to create literacy centers in Pakistan, provide books to new parents in the United States, and build schools in Ecuador.



School children in Southern Sudan attend a class. *Photo courtesy of Duk County Teacher Training Initiative*

The Back Page

Larry

- ❖ A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!' After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up. The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, Larry?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!'
- ❖ Larry watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, Mummy?' he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter, asked Larry, 'Giving up?' The math teacher saw that Larry wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Larry! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Larry quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'
- ❖ Larry'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. Larry asked, 'Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?'
- ❖ Little Larry attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest. After a few minutes, Larry asked, 'Dad, why are you doing that?' His father replied, 'Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy. Larry, looking worried, said, 'Dad, I think the UPS man wants to buy Mum

Life in the Australian Army...

This is text of a letter from a kid from Eromanga to Mum and Dad. (For those of you not in the know, Eromanga is a small town, west of Quilpie in the far south west of Queensland)

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope youse are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the station - tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am.

But like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody horses to get in, no calves to feed, no troughs to clean - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but its not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or goanna stew like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are buggered because we've been on a 'route march' - geez its only just like walking to the windmill in the bullock paddock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody dingo's arse and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece of piss!! You don't even load yer own cartridges, they comes in little boxes, and ya don't have to steady y'self against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when ya reload!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - it's not like fightin' with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster. Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozier.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is.

Your loving daughter,

Susan

INVITATION TO THE SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE 2010 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

South Australia Police (SAPOL) invites you to join in the festive celebrations and attend the annual SAPOL Christmas concert.

The concert is being held at the Adelaide Town Hall with the Band of the South Australia Police providing a great show that will entertain the whole family.

8 December 2010 at 7.30pm in the Adelaide Town Hall.

Tickets for the concert are available at all BASS OUTLETS or online at www.bass.net.au

PRICES

Adults - \$26.00

Concession - \$23.00

Students - \$20.00

Children (15 years & under) - \$15.00 (includes BASS service fee)

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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