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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.	3762
Date	17 th May 2011
Occasion	SA Police Officer of the Year Dinner
Venue	Glenelg Golf Club
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Sergeant at Arms	David Middleton
Guests	Beverley Baker, Pauline Daly, Glenyss Steadman, Farida Mackrell, Sue Middleton, Genese Mullins, Anne Newall, Margaret Payne, Linda Sellers, Catherine Reed and Susan Westgarth
Apologies	Jerry Casburn, Mavis Martin. Rotary District Governor Malcolm Lindquist who is US bound, Unley Mayor Lachlan Clyne, Unley MP David Pisoni and Assistant Police Commissioner Neil Smith
Make ups	Jerry Casburn and Mavis Martin
Attendance	65%



2010
South Australia
Police Officers of the Year

President's Announcements

1. Reminder of Hat Day on Friday for Rotary Mental Health.
2. Next week's meeting is a Joint meeting with the Prospect Club hosted by Unley.

SA Police Officer of the Year 2010

President Joan welcomed Police Commissioner Mal Hyde AO, APM, OSTJ and Mrs Marcia Hyde, Assistant District Governor Roy Armstrong and Marilyn, Councillor Michael Hewitson and Rosslyn representing the Mayor of Unley, Deputy Police Commissioner Gary Burns and Denise, Chief Inspector Alex Zimmerman and Bernadette, Chief Inspector Tony Cremeri, Inspectors Scott Denny and Stephen Sims, Senior Constable Monique Anderson and husband Sergeant Perry Anderson, Senior Constable First Class Ian Skewes, his wife Suzy and children Brooke, Alex, Anthony and Aaron, past Police Officer of the Year Award recipients and their guests: 2009 Senior Constable First Class Michelle Hollis, 1998 Sergeant Rick O'Dea and Helen, 1996 Senior Sergeant Gary Stewart, 1995 Susan Lock and Dennis, 1992 Senior Sergeant First Class Paul Evans and Heather, 1986 Kevin Beinke and Gail, 1985 Senior Constable First Class Michael Chipperfield and daughter Chelsea, 1980 John Dennett and Mrs Dennett, and Geraldine White - Police Special Events Officer.



Police Officer of the Year 2009
Michelle Hollis.

We were privileged to have with us on the night Julie O'Keefe who provided the nomination for Ian Skewes, and Rotarian Tim Clements who provided the nomination for Monique Anderson. Well done to you both! Also welcomed was visiting student Lalita Lopez.

Finally, Pres. Joan thanked Unley Rotarians, their partners and her daughter Catherine for their attendance, and gave special thanks to Stephen Baker and his committee for the effort they put in to make this event the success that it is.

Our SA Police Officer of the Year for 2009, Michelle Hollis, reported on her year as POOTY and on her work with the South Australia Police since receiving her award.

Guided by the Chairmanship of Stephen Baker, Pres. Joan then proceeded to present the SA Police Officer Award 2010 to Senior Constable Monique Anderson from Whyalla and Senior Constable First Class Ian Skewes from Nuriootpa.



AG Roy Armstrong (L) and President Joan Reed (R) with Police Officers of the Year 2010 Senior Constable Monique Anderson from Whyalla and Senior Constable First Class Ian Skewes from Nuriootpa.

Following addresses from both winners (see below), Pres. Joan presented Commissioner Mal Hyde with the perpetual trophy now bearing the names of this year's winners.

Address by Senior Constable Monique Anderson

I am still shocked at being nominated for this award, let alone winning. However at the same time am very thankful that I have. I am going to tell you a bit of a secret about Whyalla and I would appreciate that you didn't tell anyone. Whyalla is actually a great place to live. We don't tell many people because we like it just the way it is. The thing that I have noticed about Whyalla is that there are so many people who are willing to help out and lend a hand, you just have to ask. There are also many retired tradesmen so if you need anything fixed, built, or whipped up you just ask some and chances are they will know someone who lives next door to someone who can do the very things you need doing, and if not I'm sure there is someone who knows someone at OneSteel or Iron Duke who is able to help.

This was the case when we asked for our assistance in building our go-kart trailer. TAFE Whyalla built us an amazing trailer which I would estimate to be worth about \$50,000- for the price of the materials. A tyre store provided us with some tyres at an amazing price or the time when I was looking for particular shaped pegs to hold a tent down and a random man overheard me in a shop and as I was leaving told me that he would go home and make some for me and drop them off at the Police Station.

If people know that we are looking for assistance to work with kids they are more than willing to help out and assist. This is something that I have not seen in other towns, it is something that is valuable and that's why we don't want Whyalla to change too much. I was nominated for this award for my work with the youth of Whyalla. Work that was performed through the basketball program where we worked with indigenous youth to assist them in becoming more active, taught team and life skills and on more than one occasion and against the odds took out the basketball grand finals.

Also working with the indigenous youth from Edward John Eyre High school where we attended the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander basketball Competition in Victoria. We didn't take out any grand finals, but four of our students were offered sports scholarships to private schools.

But the biggest program by far is the Kids, Cops & Karts Program. This program has been a great success for us to engage young people, capture their attention and provide them with information regarding what is needed and wanted from them as youth within the community, and how they can enhance their own survival.

To create this program it took guts, determination and attitude to keep going despite the odds, despite the red tape, despite the lack of funds, but again with the backing of the management of the Whyalla Police and the Community of Whyalla we have been able to successfully run the program for many months now.

Here are some successes from the program: two upper high school students entered from our program into TAFE prevocational training before being offered apprentices.

We have recently created a race team where we are able to work intensively with certain youth, they are trained once a week and have their first race on 4 June at Whyalla. The team is all kitted out in the Police blue and white checks with matching helmets, suits and new race karts.

All these achievements are not able to be done by one person, and I would like to thank the following people:

- Inspector Scott Denny of Eyre & Western LSA, who has supported the Crime Prevention Section whole heartedly.
- Chief Inspector Alby Quinn who worked tirelessly in creating the Kids, Cops & Karts program and many times making things go right despite the odds.
- Senior Sergeant Steve SIMS who understands the goals of the programs and assists in making things happen and making them go right.
- Sergeant Perry Anderson who assisted tirelessly at youth program and doing many hours behind the scenes work, and who also is my very supportive husband.
- Jeremy Head and Jeff Croft who are two community members from Whyalla. Both are also Blue Light supervisors who without their support and assistance we would not be able to work so easily with the youth of Whyalla.

I am glad to be a member of the South Australia Police department and take my role within the community very seriously after all there is ample reward in the satisfaction of doing one's job and being part of a self-respecting group. Riches and power spring from that base.

To end off I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Whyalla for the nomination, and also for the work that Rotary does both in the communities, Australia wide and internationally. Service groups are valuable parts of society and I understand that Rotary assist in many ways to communities and also to international disaster relief efforts and especially through their shelter boxes used to house people in emergency situations.

I would like to end with the following quote: "A society can only survive when it's built by the shoulders and hands of willing men."

Thank you.

Address by Senior Constable Ian Skewes

I would like to say that I am extremely proud and honoured to receive this prestigious award and I sincerely thank the members of the Rotary Club of Unley for their ongoing support of the South Australia Police.

I congratulate my colleague Monique Anderson, the joint recipient of this award. Well done on your achievements.

I must acknowledge my Wife and family. To my children Brooke, Anthony and Alexander, thank you for your support and involvement in my life, both within our family and in my SAPOL duties. To my wife Suzy who has encouraged me in many facets of my Police life, we have a real working partnership which I very much value. I believe that this continuing support has been a major contributing factor in my being honoured with this award.



AG Roy Armstrong (L) and President Joan Reed (R) with Police Officers of the Year 2010 Senior Constable Monique Anderson from Whyalla and Senior Constable First Class Ian Skewes from Nuriootpa.

To my work colleagues within the Barossa LSA I extend my heartfelt thanks for their support and willingness to become involved within their community and assist me whenever required or requested. This has been exemplified by the leadership of Chief Inspector Alex Zimmermann who has been overtly passionate about his support for the innovations and initiatives that I have implemented since joining his LSA. Without this total support many things may not have been achieved. The Barossa is a great place in which to police as a result.



Past POOTYs Paul Evans, John Dennett, Rick O'Dea, Susan Lock, Michael Chipperfield; missing from the photo are Michelle Hollis, Gary Stewart, Kevin Beinke.

To my best friend in this job, Sergeant David Savage and his Wife Gabby I extend my special thanks for many years of true friendship, encouragement and support that cannot adequately be covered in a speech. Without them things may have been quite different. They are very special people indeed.

To my Blue Light Committee members both past and present all of whom have assisted and aided me with my greatest passion within SAPOL, Blue Light. Over many years it has taken much determination and hard work to make the Gawler branch what it is, that of being the largest attended branch in South Australia for the past 3 years. Gawler Blue Light's latest innovation is to now oversee the Duke of Edinburgh Award with 26 fantastic young people, giving me great pride and satisfaction in the celebration of their achievements.

A special mention goes to retired Police Chief Inspector Bill Prior for having the faith and willingness to often go out on a limb to support me and my ideas over the years. It seems to have rubbed off as he is now a valuable member on my Committee. Also to Julie O'Keefe for dedicating herself to not only the Blue Light group, but for her fantastic effort in nominating me with the support of a number of others. These are truly committed community minded people. Furthermore, to have 4 Life members of the Blue Light Association on my Committee shows what a professional group Gawler has become.

To my friends Mr. Tony Piccolo MP, Member for Light, Mr. John Dawkins MLC, Mr. Brian Sambell, Mayor of the Town of Gawler, and Mr. Nick Champion MP, Federal Member for Wakefield, I thank each of you for your friendship and also for the support they have given me, my programs and the other things that I involve myself in. I am honoured to count them as friends and for their ongoing and unbridled support and I thank them sincerely.

To the many Neighbourhood Watch members and numerous other volunteers throughout Gawler and the Barossa region. Without them the programs we are involved in would cease, restricting my ability to provide a service to the region. Also to the many businesses, supporters, associates and friends who have assisted me over a number of years, I thank you. There are many other people who I have not mentioned, but who also hold a special place in this award.

Finally, in 1999 my Wife Suzy challenged me to develop a more community spirited body. I think my involvement has changed slightly since. I do not do what I do for accolades, praise or honour, but because I enjoy them and believe that they are of great benefit to breaking down policing barriers and have a positive bearing on the future of our community, particularly that of our young people, and on the wider community as a whole. It is, however, extremely nice to be recognised and acknowledged.

It is with great pride and reverence that I receive and accept this prestigious award. Again I, extend my sincere thanks to the Rotary Club of Unley and congratulations to my fellow and joint recipient, Monique.

Thank you.



Pres. Joan presenting the perpetual POOTY trophy to Police Commissioner Mal Hyde.

Rotary News

Former Rotary Peace Fellows start their own peace studies programs

Rotary International News – 13 April 2011

Many former Rotary Peace Fellows are at work around the world, promoting peace in their communities through education. Some are creating their own programs, aimed at achieving far-reaching goals. Among those fellows in Asia are Maria Saifuddin Effendi, Jianrong Chen, and Prakash Tewari.

Acting on convictions

Maria Saifuddin Effendi is assistant professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies at National Defence University in Islamabad, Pakistan. She and some of her colleagues established the department in 2009, the first of its kind in the country, in spite of opposition.

"There was criticism and resistance from [academics] to close down the department," who considered it "useless," says Effendi, a 2007-09 peace fellow at the University of Bradford in England. "But we have survived with dignity. It's a great pleasure and satisfaction seeing [the department] grow in my country."

Effendi's book, *Understanding Ripeness in Kashmir*, is based on the master's dissertation she wrote as a peace fellow. The book explores the South Asian region's readiness for dialogue and peacemaking to address longstanding conflict.

Effendi also participates in conflict prevention/resolution symposiums and workshops sponsored by universities and nongovernmental organizations like the International Peace and Security Institute in Washington, D.C., founded by friend and former peace fellow Cameron Chisholm. These events, she says, "encourage me to work in the field of peace and for peace in Pakistan."

Dealing with conflict

Jianrong Chen believes that China has a special need for peace studies because of the



Prakash Tewari, a former Rotary Peace Fellow, is developing a course to help New Delhi's civil servants prevent and resolve conflicts.

diversity of its people. With a population of 1.3 billion and 56 different ethnic groups, interethnic conflict is common. Chen, a lecturer in the Department of International Relations at Jinan University in Guangzhou, China, wanted to equip the younger generation of Chinese with tools for dealing with conflict. "In the past, we stressed harmony and we almost forgot that we have conflict," he says. "If we cannot look at conflict in a way that it should be, how can we have peace?"

After completing the professional development program at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, Chen began teaching an introduction to peace and conflict course at Jinan University. He is hoping to recruit other academics working on conflict issues at the university to create a peace teaching team. He also plans to hold a peace workshop at his university on China-Africa relations in July. "What I am doing now is just the very beginning of this long-term journey in my dream," Chen says.

Community dialogue

Prakash Tewari works in the defense ministry in India and is a former army colonel. After attending the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University, he received a request from the president of his sponsor club, the Rotary Club of New Delhi, to create a peace studies course based on his peace fellow experience.

Tewari says the course, projected to start at a university in New Delhi in September, will offer the city's large number of civil servants an opportunity to receive training in conflict prevention and resolution. He hopes the course will "get different sparring groups together to work on dialogue skills -- government workers, activist groups, and civil society groups."

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
May	Tuesday	17/05/11	Police Officer of the Year	Rundle Mall	Stephen Baker
	Friday	20/05/11	Hat Day in aid of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund		www.hatday.com.au
June	Saturday	04/06/11	Celebrating Women in Rotary	Adelaide Oval Members Dining Rm	AG Kim Harvey
	Tuesday	28/06/11	Change Over Dinner	Kooyonga Golf Club	Stephen Baker

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
24/05/11	Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Prospect						
	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Adrian Francis: "The Kalahari Experience"	S Baker	W Andrews	C Schirmer	R Singh & C Sluggett
31/05/11	Adelaide Planetarium	6 for 6.30pm	Visit to Adelaide Planetarium; Partners Event	D Mackrell	N/A	C Schirmer	C Sluggett & A Wehr
	Building P, Uni SA, Mawson Lakes Blvd, Mawson Lakes, then Cafe Primo						
07/06/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	PDG Dick Cuttle: "Victorian Bushfire Relief"	TBA	S Baker	C Schirmer	A Wehr & S Westgarth
14/06/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Veronika Hollands: "German Exchange Student"	TBA	K Daly	C Schirmer	S Westgarth & N White

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: May-June 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	21/05/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	28/05/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	04/06/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	11/06/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws

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

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Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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