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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.	3766
Date	14 th June 2011
Occasion	Veronika Hollands: "German Exchange Student"
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Chairman	Rohan Singh
Guests	Peter Brooke-Smith (Rotary Club of Mitcham)
Apologies	Janet Singh, Jerry Casburn, Jim Newall, David Middleton, Chandra Sluggett, Bob Laws, Colin Schirmer, Bob Mills, Bob Mullins, Geoff Hill and Sheila Evans
Makeups	Jerry Casburn and Chandra Sluggett
Attendance	56%

President's Announcements

1. Just a reminder that the quiz night with Brownhill Creek has been postponed until later in the year
2. The Thrift Shop Volunteers afternoon tea is on the 17th July. Please RSVP to Bob Laws.

Spots

Stephen Baker: The Change Over is on the 28th of June and next week he will be collecting the \$55 for the dinner to help expedite things on the night.

Mavis Martin: We have received a letter of thanks from the Craniofacial Unit for the donation of toys and books that the club has donated. Also Mavis informed members that due to personal reasons she has resigned from the position of President Elect. She has not been in good health the last year and she feels it would be best that she does not continue in this role.



President Joan

Guest Speaker – Veronika Hollands: "German Exchange Student"

Chairman Rohan Singh introduced our guest speaker Veronika Hollands, a Rotary Exchange Student from Germany. Her sponsoring Club is the Rotary Club of Emmerich-Rees, and she is hosted by the Rotary Club of Mitcham. Veronika lives in Rees, a town of 20,000 people, on the lower Rhine, very close to the Netherlands' border. Her father, Norbert, is an electrical engineer and her mother, Birgit, works with the disabled. She has an older sister, Anna. During her exchange year, Veronika has lived with four different host families. She initially attended school at Annesley College, but has recently moved to Concordia College. On her return to Germany at the end of next week, she will complete two further years of secondary schooling. She then plans to spend a year volunteering in either South America or Africa. She hopes to do further study in alternative medicine.

Veronika spoke about what the exchange year has meant to her. Exchange has been about learning. What she has learnt is that she was capable of leaving her own country and facing the challenges of immersing herself in a different culture, seeing new places, meeting new people and discovering new ways to do things. She spoke about some of the difficulties that she experienced as she settled into her new environment (e.g. new acquaintances not knowing who she really was and having no shared experiences with them). This transition was made easier by being open to new experiences and realising that her changed circumstances offered her an opportunity to grow as an individual. When she knew how to change, her life in Australia changed dramatically as she met great people, visited fabulous places and got used to her adopted lifestyle. Veronika concluded her presentation by showing us a picture taken while on a trip along the Great Ocean Road in Victoria. She related that at this particular landmark she felt completely at peace and realised that her journey to Australia had been a truly rewarding experience.

Veronika was asked many interesting questions. President Joan and Veronika exchanged Club banners, and Rotarians thanked Veronika for her informative presentation in the usual manner.



Pres. Joan Reed exchanged club banners with guest speaker Veronika Hollands.



Chairman Rohan Sinh pointed out Veronika's large collection of badges and souvenirs...



...and her even-handed wearing of both Adelaide Crows and Port Power colours

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant for the evening was Greg McLeod who exacted a broad spectrum of fines and did not spare the legal profession. The Lucky Square was won by guest speaker Veronika Hollands.

Rotary News

Progress for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication

Rotary International News – 7 June 2011

As of 31 May, Rotarians have raised about \$174.7 million for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.

The RI President's Monthly Message

Rotary International News – June 2011

When the smoke settles

There was a time when gunpowder smoke was so thick on battlefields that it was difficult to determine the victors until the smoke settled. Evaluating the success of this year in Rotary is similar because we won't learn the final figures until the year has ended. However, there are some achievements that can be reviewed – before the smoke settles!

The major accomplishment has been the creation of a new culture of innovation, which has encouraged both Rotarians and RI staff members to review our policies and procedures at all levels and to determine if they are truly best practices or merely traditional practices. Many changes toward more modern business methods have resulted, and I am encouraged by our progress.

The innovative climate has produced a simplified and streamlined RI Strategic Plan that calls for us to support and strengthen our clubs, focus and increase humanitarian service, and enhance public image and awareness. The first two priorities reaffirm our core values, and the third priority recognizes the need for more public awareness and support in our local communities around the world. The plan has measurable goals, and it provides an excellent road map for Rotary's future growth and development.

Other improvements have included the new regional Rotary coordinators, whose job is to *help* our district governors to *help* our clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder. The new Presidential Citation program has provided a score sheet for all of our clubs to test themselves against the other clubs in their districts, and the results will be very helpful to both the current and incoming governors – and to RI as well!

We also have given additional attention to our New Generations programs, particularly Rotaract and Rotary Youth Exchange, and we have focused more emphasis on the Reach Out to Africa initiative. We also have shaped a new approach for the training of incoming district governors and more meaningful assignments for past district governors.

All in all, we have made some significant improvements. But the most important question is whether we have paved the way for an even better year next year. Have we done the right things to ensure that the best days of Rotary are still ahead? And we won't know that – until the smoke settles!

Ray Klinginsmith

President, Rotary International



The Rotary Foundation Centurion Program

This is a very easy way of getting into the habit of making a personal contribution to The Rotary Foundation. The commitment you are asked to make is simply contribute A\$100 per year as long as you are able to. In this case, the money is paid into the Australian Rotary Trust Fund making your contribution tax deductible. The initial commitment is recognised by the presentation of a certificate and the 'Centurion' lapel badge, and each year our District sends out renewal notices asking all participants to continue their support.

This is not a large commitment but an important one in terms of our overall contribution to The Foundation. All Centurion contributions from Rotarians count towards their Club's Annual Giving total. It is also picked up as part of the District's contribution resulting in 50% of the contribution coming back to our District to use as support funds for the programs we want to support. The \$100 any Rotarian contributes has the power to multiply into \$350 if used by the District to support a Club's Matching Grant program and this results in even greater level of good we can bring to people in need.

It is important that new applicants forward their application form and funds through the correct channels. Partners of Rotarians can also participate in the program and their support would be most welcome.

Golf fellowship to tee off at championship course

Rotary International News -- 16 June 2011

More than 200 golfers from around the world will tee off in August in the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians 48th World Championship at the Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina, USA.

Hosted by District 7690, the tournament will be held 21-27 August on three courses at Pinehurst, which is consistently ranked by *Golf Magazine* as one of the top golfing destinations in the world.

Ray Taylor, event chair and past district governor, says that golf is only one of the attractions for the Rotarians who will gather for the event.

"The appeal is the course itself, but it's the magnetism of meeting old friends and making new ones that makes the week so much fun," says Taylor, who will be attending his 20th golf fellowship tournament. "I have made friends from around the world; I probably would have never met them if it weren't for the golf fellowship."

The fellowship, which is one of 58 recognized by the RI Board of Directors, began in 1963 and has more than 1,500 members from 60 countries. Fellowships bring Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors together to share common interests, explore new opportunities to serve, enhance the Rotary experience through fun activities, and further vocational development through friendship. Each June, they are celebrated through Rotary Fellowships Month.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
June	Sunday	26/06/11	DG's Change Over Luncheon	Berri Resort Hotel	Joan Reed
	Tuesday	28/06/11	RC Unley Change Over Dinner	Kooyonga Golf Club	Stephen Baker

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
21/06/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Andy Stoler: "Cutting the International Mustard"	S Baker	J Casburn	TBA	N White & W Andrews
28/06/11	Kooyonga Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Change Over Dinner	S Baker	R Elms	TBA	W Andrews & S Baker
05/07/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Rosemary Warmington: "Carers Association"	W Andrews	G Ferguson	TBA	S Baker & K Daly
12/07/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Stephen Baker: "The Road to Jerusalem"	TBA	G Hill	TBA	K Daly & J Casburn

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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 when access to the club's meeting paraphernalia is required. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storeroom.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: June 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	18/06/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	25/06/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	02/07/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	09/07/11	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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The Queen's Riddle

Julia Gillard met with the Queen in England. She asked her, "Your Majesty, how do you run such an efficient government? Are there any tips you can give to me?"

"Well," said the Queen, "the most important thing is to surround yourself with intelligent people."

Julia frowned, and then asked, "But how do I know the people around me are really intelligent?"

The Queen took a sip of tea. "Oh, that's easy; you just ask them to answer an intelligent riddle."

The Queen pushed a button on her intercom. "Please send David Cameron in here, would you?"

David Cameron walked into the room and said, "Yes, Your Majesty?"

The Queen smiled and said, "Answer me this please, David, your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it?"

Without pausing for a moment, David Cameron answered, "That would be me."

"Yes! Very good," said the Queen.

Julia went back home to Australia and asked Wayne Swan, her Deputy Prime Minister the same question.

"Wayne, answer this for me. Your mother and your father have a child. It's not your brother and it's not your sister. Who is it?"

"I'm not sure," said Wayne. "Let me get back to you on that one." He went to his advisors and asked every one, but none could give him an answer.

Finally, he ended up in the men's room and recognized Tony Abbott's shoes in the next stall..

Wayne asked, "Tony, can you answer this for me? Your mother and father have a child and it's not your brother or your sister. Who is it?"

Tony yelled back, "That's easy, it's me!"

Wayne smiled, and said, "Thanks!" Then, he went back to speak with Julia.

"Say, I did some research and I have the answer to that riddle. It's Tony Abbott"

Julia got up, stomped over to Swan, and angrily yelled into his face, "No, You idiot! It's the English Prime Minister, David Cameron!"

How Fights Start

My wife sat down on the settee next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, 'What's on TV?'

I said, 'Dust.'...and then the fight started.

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, slipped back into bed, cuddled up to my wife's back and, now with a different anticipation, whispered: "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of five years replied, "Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?"...and that's how the fight started.

I rear-ended a car this morning. So, there we were alongside the road and slowly the other driver got out of his car. You know how sometimes you just get soooo stressed and little things just seem funny?

Yeah, well I couldn't believe it.... He was a DWARF!!! He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, "I AM NOT HAPPY!!!"

So, I looked down at him and said, "Well, then which one are you?"...and then the fight started.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.'

I bought her a set of bathroom scales...and then the fight started.

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her some place expensive... So, I took her to a petrol station...and then the fight started.

Irony



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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