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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.	3767
Date	21 st June 2011
Occasion	Prof. Andrew Stoler: "Cutting the International Mustard"
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Apologies	Bob Laws, Bob Mills, Bob Mullins, Chandra Sluggett, Colin Schirmer, Geoff Hill, Mavis Martin, Stephen Baker and Shelia Evans
Makeups	Chandra Sluggett
Attendance	62%

President's Announcements

1. Just a reminder that next week is the Changeover at Kooyonga Golf course 7 for 7.30pm. Stephen Baker was going to collect the money tonight but due to Beverley being unwell this will be done next week.
2. Jerry, Stephen Westgarth and I are attending the DG's Changeover in Berri on Sunday.
3. Tomorrow night President Joan is attending the Hyde Park Rotary club to present them with a cheque from the Come Out function.



President Joan

Spots

There were no spots this week.

Guest Speaker – Andrew Stoler: "Cutting the International Mustard"

By David Mackrell

For those who couldn't be at last Tuesday's talk by Stephen Baker's golfing buddy, you missed a fascinating insight into international trade.

To give some background, Andrew is Adjunct Professor of International Trade at the University of Adelaide. He is also Executive Director of Adelaide's Institute for International Trade, a former Deputy Director-General of the Geneva-based World Trade Organisation and a past Deputy Assistant US Trade Representative for Europe and the Mediterranean.

His career highlights go on like that for several paragraphs and innumerable websites including that he's a Governor of the American Chamber of Commerce in Australia and a member of several international advisory boards plus having spent two years on the Australian Foreign Minister's Aid Advisory Council. As Stephen said to me, he is a 'heavy hitter'.

You might imagine his subject could be dull, then; or, at least, hard to grasp. But what he said made sense; he was refreshingly candid about his thoughts on a few issues and was actually engaging. I might not have failed Economics in HSC if he'd been my teacher.

Overseas trade in South Australia represents 25% of our gross state product. This includes wine (surprise, surprise), stuff we've dug out of the ground and higher education.

Interestingly, SA has a three-billion-dollar international trade surplus (meaning we sell more stuff than we buy). Andrew was critical of the 'Buy SA' campaign in light of this, as it smacks of being protectionist and duplicitous: we want people to buy our stuff but we rail at buying theirs. It's a fair point.

By comparison, he made the point that Victoria has a \$38-billion trade deficit (meaning it buys way more stuff than it sells overseas). That's probably not a really perfect outcome either, but is probably due to the Australian dollar being US\$1.06 currently, making everything from overseas so cheap (petrol excluded).

Andrew also pointed out the folly of SA being so heavily reliant on mining for exports. He then pointed out that there are a number of world-class companies right here in SA (stand up, be proud) actually producing things and adding value including intellectual property. He recalled one that has the expertise to run the water supply for Las Vegas. When Andrew asked this company whether it had thought to put its hand up to do the same here in its own state, the answer was that they'd tried but couldn't get a look in. Sometimes, you just have to wonder, don't you?

In question time, Nathan White brought up a good point about whether Australian states are too focussed on beating each other, rather than working as one for the common good. Andrew agreed that a 'federation approach' actually made a lot more sense for a country with our relatively small population.

The final point I'll leave you with is that during the 2009 global financial crisis, international trade declined by a whopping 12%, which was worse than during the Great Depression. What a depressing thought...



Chairman David Mackrell with guest speaker Prof. Andrew Stoler

Sergeant's Session

Jerry Casburn stepped in as Sergeant this week and in a joke bracketed session slapped pretty much everyone with a fine or two. The Lucky Square winner was Wendy Andrews.

Rotary News

Time to Ramp-up the Fight Against Polio

Rotary International News – 14 June 2011

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has made significant progress since the launch of its new strategic plan and the bivalent oral polio vaccine last year. In India and Nigeria, the sources of all recent wild poliovirus importations into previously polio-free countries, the disease declined by 95 percent between 2009 and 2010.

The World Health Organization calls the progress encouraging, "but the job is not yet finished, and we must see this through to the end," said its director-general, Margaret Chan, at the World Health Assembly in May.

In addition to the gains made by India and Nigeria, 15 countries in Africa have stopped outbreaks of the disease that started in 2009, reported the GPEI Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) in April.

The GPEI's leading partner agencies -- the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF -- and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation welcomed the report. They particularly noted the IMB's assessment that polio eradication is "entirely feasible" and "desperately needed," and those countries that are off track in meeting GPEI milestones can be brought back on track with support from national governments, donors, and the spearheading partners.

Among those countries is Pakistan, which launched the National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication 2011 with the goal of halting transmission of the disease by the end of the year. Rotarians there are working "to cover every nook and corner of the country," said Aziz Memon, chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee. "We are committed to a polio-free Pakistan."

The report also referred to an estimated US\$665 million funding gap through 2012 as the "single greatest threat to the GPEI's success." To help address the gap, the Gates Foundation has awarded two grants totaling \$355 million to Rotary in support of its work. Rotary has responded with Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which will be completed on 30 June 2012; to date, Rotarians have raised \$173.2 million.

"The IMB clearly stated that all member states have decided together to eradicate polio, and that funding the effort should be a shared responsibility," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar at a May meeting with Margaret Chan, Bill Gates, health ministers from polio-infected countries, and international development agency representatives. "We therefore invite donor governments from around the world to join the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the ongoing commitment by Rotary's 1.2 million members worldwide, and rapidly make available flexible funding critically needed to implement all activities of the strategic plan."

The IMB's report concludes that polio eradication is feasible in the near future, but warns that the goal will only be achieved with "heightened attention" at all levels.

"If we fail, the disease will not stay at its current low level," said Bill Gates, speaking at the RI Convention in May. "It will spread back into countries where it has been eliminated, and it will kill and paralyze hundreds of thousands of children who used to be safe."



A Rotarian immunizes a child in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, India. One of four polio-endemic countries (along with Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan), India has reported only one case of polio in 2011, as of 25 May.

Ak'Tenamit – Community Development in the Rain Forest

Rotary Interactive

In 1991, Steve Dudenhoefer sold his successful landscaping business and abandoned his comfortable surroundings in southern Florida, USA, to dedicate his life to alleviating the plight of an indigenous community in the rain forests of eastern Guatemala. Dudenhoefer says about 60,000 indigenous Maya from Guatemala are living in southern Florida, many of whom fled to the United States to escape the violence brought on by a decades-old civil war. He observed firsthand the challenges facing migrant workers from the Central American country.

"I was struck by the tremendous sacrifice it was for these men to live in the U.S.," says Dudenhoefer, who became a Rotarian in 1997, when he founded the Rotary Club of Puerto Barrios, Izabal. "It was the only way to ensure safety, health care, and education for their families back home."

Dudenhoefer moved to Guatemala in 1991 to become a full-time volunteer. While working at a local orphanage, he was struck by the needs of the people there, particularly those of the Q'eqchi' Maya living in the rain forests. A year later, he helped establish Ak'Tenamit, an indigenous community development organization that promotes long-term solutions to poverty through education, health care, income generation, and cultural programs.

The Ak'Tenamit community has a boarding school that supports 523 students from 100 villages, including 224 girls; a 24-hour clinic that serves more than 25,000 people; a floating dental-care boat; a restaurant for vocational training; and seven women's cooperatives.

"Basically the idea is to really work on the bottom-up development," says Dudenhoefer. "Instead of experts coming in from the outside to tell people what they need, we help students understand the need to be able to address it. Our students build their own classrooms; they grow their own food. We want the villagers themselves to request latrines, water filters, and to prioritize the education of girls."

After suffering through decades of civil war and military dictatorship -- during which at least 200,000 people, most of them Maya, were killed -- Guatemala found peace with the signing of a 1996 accord.

"Because of the bloody civil war, a lot of rural indigenous people are stuck in a victim mentality that no matter what they are doing, they'll always suffer. So they've developed an apathetic outlook," says Dudenhoefer.

Now Ak'Tenamit -- with help from Rotarians, including Matching Grants from The Rotary Foundation and donations from individual clubs and districts -- is a safe place for them to live and work.

On a visit to Ak'Tenamit last February, Rotarians from District 6440 (Illinois, USA) left some handiwork behind. They hiked through the rain forest carrying water filters, which they delivered and assembled in remote river communities. They also poured concrete, pounded nails, and lifted framework for a school library.

Dudenhoefer notes Ak'Tenamit's increasing international recognition as a successful indigenous community project. He was invited to attend the 2010 Summit for Climate Change in Copenhagen, Denmark, along with Lola Cabnal, vice president of the Ak'Tenamit Association, and Jorge Bolom, one of the school's first graduates. They participated in the indigenous peoples' caucus and hope to earn a seat so they can make changes from the bottom up, as they have in their own, now-thriving community.

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
28/06/11	Kooyonga Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Change Over Dinner	S Baker	R Elms	N/A	W Andrews & S Baker
05/07/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Rosemary Warmington: "Carers Association"	W Andrews	L England	TBA	S Baker & K Daly
12/07/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Stephen Baker: "The Road to Jerusalem"	TBA	G Ferguson	TBA	K Daly & J Casburn
19/07/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Snr Constable Ian Skewes: "Police Officer of the Year 2010"	TBA	G Hill	TBA	J Casburn & R Elms

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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
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
3	16/07/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White

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

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Last Minute Change

A bride called to make a change to her wedding registry. It is common, almost expected, that a bride will change something on her registry at least once (dishes, colour of towels, etc.).

The Customer Service Representative told her that J.C. Penney would be happy to make the change. He asked if the bride wanted to change the dishes or the linens.

The bride said, "No, keep all that. I just wanted to change the name of the groom."

Give it to Me Straight, Doc

A man woke up in a hospital bed and called for his doctor. He asked, "Give it to me straight. How long have I got?" The physician replied that he doubted that the man would survive the night.

The man then said, "Call for my solicitor."

When the lawyer arrived, the man asked for his physician to stand on one side of the bed, while the solicitor stood on the other. The man then laid back and closed his eyes. When he remained silent for several minutes, the physician asked what he had in mind. The man replied, "Jesus died with a thief on either side. I just thought I'd check out the same way."

Family Story

Two boys were talking and the one said to the other, "There is a easy way to get what you want."

The other boy said, "How?" the boy replied, "Tell people you know their secret."

The boy jumps up and runs to his dad, "I know your secret!"

The dad replies, "Please don't tell your mum, here's \$10."

The boy then runs to his mum, "I know your secret!"

His mum said, "Please don't tell your dad, here's \$15."

The boy then decides to try it on the postman, "I know your secret!"

The postman opened his arms and said, "Come, give your dad a hug!"

Irony



Biblical Story

An Englishman, Scotsman and an Irishman are selling bibles door to door. They have a bet on who will sell the most in a day. They meet up at end of day and the Englishman has sold two, the Scotsman had sold three, but the Irishman who had a terrible stutter says hhhee hhhee hhhad sssold ssssixty. The other two ask how he did it.

He said, "Wwwhen liiii nnnnnknock aaaat thththe ddddoor I said: Do you wwwwant tto bbbuy a bbbbbbible oooooorr shshshould liii jjjust rrrread it tttto yyyyou?"

Paddy

Paddy's been arrested again for punching his wife!

The judge asks, "Why do you keep beating her?"

Paddy say's, "I think it's my weight advantage, longer arm reach and superior footwork!"

Silent Treatment

A man joins a monastery and takes a vow of silence: he's allowed to say two words every seven years.

After the first seven years, the senior brothers bring him in and ask for his two words. "Cold floors," he says.

They nod and send him away. Seven more years pass. They bring him back in and ask for his two words. He clears his throat and says, "Bad food." They nod and send him away.

Seven more years pass. They bring him in for his two words. "I quit," he says.

"That's not surprising," the senior brothers say. "You've done nothing but complain since you got here."

Business Woman

A man meets a prostitute in a bar. She says, "This is your lucky night. I've got a special offer for you. I'll do absolutely anything you want for \$300, as long as you can say it in three words."

The man replies, "Hey, why not?" He pulls his wallet out of his pocket, and one at a time lays three hundred-dollar notes on the bar, and says slowly, "Paint my house."

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