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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.	3794
Date	10 January 2012
Venue	Joan Reed's Home
Guest Speaker	None
Chairperson	None
Guests	Briony Lyon, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Linda Sellers
Visiting Rotarians	None
Apologies	Not available
Returning Rotarians	None

President's Announcements

1. Pres. Sheila thanked Joan Reed for welcoming us into her home and Bob Mullins for organising this meeting.
2. John McRostie, representing Pedal for a Purpose, has advised that at the end of January 2012 twelve riders are riding from Melbourne to Adelaide to raise funds for Bedford Group to build housing for the disabled. The Rotary Club of Mitcham is a sponsor of the ride.
In the next two weeks John hopes to visit our club and spend five minutes explaining the ride and how Rotary clubs could help with some sponsorship. In addition there will be functions that Rotary will be involved with in terms of BBQs, the group leaving and returning to SA etc, approaching clubs on the way in terms of support for meals and sponsorship. It is hoped to raise Rotary's awareness in the area as part of this ride and raise \$100,000 towards this building project.
3. As we approach the AGM on 24th January, please think seriously about how you can best use your skills and experience in the service of RCU. Nominations are due in now.
4. Group 6 AG Mark Huddleston has completed the final version of our first "Community Link" newsletter, which has now been sent to the printers. He will advise when he has an ETA from the printers, and will arrange to drop off our copies. In the meantime, we can distribute the Community Link via email to guests, friend and acquaintances. We will also need to work on a task force of members to deliver to local businesses, which needs to be done soon given that the first event being advertised is 2 February.
The Community Link can be accessed via the Bulletins page on our club's website.
Mark sends his thanks to everyone who has helped with photos and stories, and most importantly - their time!
5. Janet Singh has reviewed the accommodation situation for the District Conference in Mildura on 26 – 29 April, 2012 and it is filling up fast. Members intending to go to the Conference will need to get in early.



President Sheila

Spots

Lindsay England advised of the Culling Day on Thursday 12 January. As many hands as possible are needed to get the shop ready for reopening on Monday 16 January.

Alex Jonson reported that the shipment of donated goods to Timor Lesté has been delayed due to the ports in Timor Lesté closing down for the Christmas-New year period; the shipment from Darwin should proceed very soon. In other good news, contributors from the Riverland, including Rotary clubs, are keen to send another container filled with donated goods to Timor Lesté this year.

Barbie at Joan's

Many thanks go to Joan Reed for opening her home to members and guests for a start-of-year social gathering/meeting. And thanks go to Joan's daughter Catherine for her help in setting up for the event.

Pres. Sheila managed to squeeze in a formal meeting complete with announcements and spots.

David Middleton and Alex Jonson manned the BBQ and burned the sausages just right. In the meantime, Rotarians and guests drank wine and admired Joan's roses.

Everyone present agreed that a social event was a great way to kick-off a new rotary calendar year and that we should do it again in 2013.

Rotary News

Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year

Rotary International News – 12 January 2012

Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

"Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum," he adds, describing as potentially "decisive" the upcoming immunization rounds this month and in February and March.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."



Rotarians and state government leaders in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, vaccinated children against polio during a National Immunization Day in 2011.

The Voice of Rotary

Broadcast on 1197 AM RPH Adelaide each Tuesday 7.30-8.00 am

From each Wednesday the broadcast program can be heard on-line at www.rphadelaide.org.au

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January Program

03/01/12	Roger Lush (Daw House Hospice Foundation)	Palliative Care
10/01/12	Rtn Arch Boonen (Prospect)	Project Vietnam
17/01/12	DGE Roy Armstrong (Marion)	The Business Breakfast
24/12/11	Rtn Marian Lesnicki (Onkaparinga)	Return of the GSE Team from Denmark
31/01/12	Rtn Margaret Blake (Hyde Park)	The Pitstop Project

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
April 2012	26 th – 29 th	April 2012	District Conference	Mildura
May 2012	6 th – 9 th	May 2012	International Convention	Bangkok

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
17/01/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30	Georgia Margonis: "NZ Youth Exchange"	S Baker	J Newell	J Casburn	A Jonson & M Martin
24/01/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30	Annual General Meeting & Quiz Night	S Evans	P O'Neil	J Casburn	M Martin & G McLeod
31/01/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30	TBA	TBA	D Payne	J Casburn	G McLeod & D Middleton
07/02/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30	Jane Lister: "Red Cross Blood Service"	R Singh	J Peacham	J Casburn	D Middleton & R Mills

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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: January-February 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
Thrift Shop recommencing Monday 16/01/12			
3	21/01/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	28/01/12	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & TBA
1	04/02/12	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	11/02/12	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin

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

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Sick Leave Cure

Hung Chow calls his work and says, 'Hey, I no come wok today, I really sick. Got headache, stomach ache and legs hurt, I no come wok.'

The boss says, 'You know something, Hung Chow, I really need you today. When I feel sick like you do, I go to my wife and tell her to give me sex. That makes everything better and I go to work. You try that.'

Two hours later Hung Chow calls again. 'I do what you say and I feel great. I be at wok soon.....You got nice house'.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity