

Notices.

How can this happen?

Last week's 2008 calendar first prize draw was a sale by Harry Beauchamp to Geof Motley, as was the previous week's prize to Harry & Chris Beauchamp. Harry has sold calendars to 9 winners so far this year, (2 of them winning twice this year) but Harry hasn't won a prize himself. Since starting off the calendar project in 2002, I have had only 3 of my sales win a prize, but haven't been a prize winner myself. Ron Jericho.

Top 2009 calendar sellers so far this year are Garry Frazer with 29, Harry Beauchamp and Allan Gogel each with 25 sales. Well done.

Subject: Parrot is Dead

At dawn the telephone rings, 'Hello, Senor Rod? This is Ernesto, the caretaker at your country house.'
'Ah yes, Ernesto. What can I do for you? Is there a problem?'
'Um, I am just calling to advise you, Senor Rod, that your parrot, he is dead'
'My parrot? Dead? The one that won the International competition?'
'Si, Senor, that's the one.'
'Damn! That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from?'
'From eating the rotten meat, Senor Rod.'
'Rotten meat? Who the hell fed him rotten meat?'
'Nobody, Senor. He ate the meat of the dead horse.'
'Dead horse? What dead horse?'
'The thoroughbred, Senor Rod.'
'My prize thoroughbred is dead?'
'Yes Senor Rod, he died from all that work pulling the water cart.'
'Are you insane?? What water cart?'
'The one we used to put out the fire, Senor.'
'Good Lord!! What fire are you talking about, man??'
'The one at your house, Senor! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire.'
'What the hell?? Are you saying that my mansion is destroyed because of a candle?? !!'
'Yes, Senor Rod.'
'But there's electricity at the house!! What was the candle for?'
'For the funeral, Senor Rod.'
'WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL??!!'
'Your wife's, Senor Rod', she showed up very late one night and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new Tailor Made Super Quad 460 golf club.'
SILENCE LONG SILENCE
'Ernesto, if you broke that driver, you're in deep shit!!'

**ROTARY CLUB OF MURRAY BRIDGE MEETING # 2787
Bulletin # 23**

This week	02/12/08
TOPIC	AGM
SPEAKERS	Directors
CHAIRMAN	President Elect Peter MacCulloch
FELLOWSHIP	Murray Jarvis Chris Jarvis
RESERVE	Barb Kompier
INVOCATION	Murray Jarvis
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Chris Jarvis
MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS	Graham Peake 8 th December
PARTNERS' BIRTHDAYS	Natalie Hay 2 nd December
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	
Next week	09/12/08
TOPIC	Club Christmas Party at the Murray Bridge Racecourse.
SPEAKER	Santa Claus
CHAIRMAN	Peter MacCulloch
FELLOWSHIP	Robin LeGallez Brenton Lew is Musekiw a Mafara
RESERVE	
INVOCATION	
NATIONAL ANTHEM	
Following Week	16/12/08
TOPIC	Kayak down the River
SPEAKER	Mig Reddin
CHAIRMAN	Jack Reddin
FELLOWSHIP	Kevin Male Garry March
RESERVE	Jim Mason
INVOCATION	Kevin Male
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Garry March

MEETING Number 2786 25/11/08

Total Membership 51 District statistics 42
Number Present 33 78%

Apologies

J.Stocker	W.Richards	M.Blight
I.Elston	G.Peake	R.LeGallez
B.Murdoch	D.McLean	G.Wilson
P.Rosewall	B.Lewis	B.Frazer
		A.Hay

Make Ups

I.Elston – Pageant
D.Mellen – Rotary Foundation
Steve Smart

Leave of Absence

Rotarian Visitors

Youth Exchange

Guests

Pia Midtturn Eie and Anne Inkonen
Stacey Schubert
Wendy Schubert
Merilyn Schultz
Marg Fischer
Sabine Jericho

Calendar Draw 25/11/08

	WON BY	#	SOLD BY
\$100	Geof Motley Glenalta	996	Harry Beauchamp
\$30	Paula Verrall Tailem Bend	713	Vietnam Vets
\$20	Jeff Parker Murray Bridge	157	Lawn Tennis Club

Make a Wish Foundation.

On Saturday 6th December a flotilla of canoeists will visit Sturt Reserve to be greeted by members of the local community .

Scott Matthews has been canoeing down the river for 4 weeks raising money for Kanoë 4 Kids a subsidiary of the Make a Wish Foundation. Our Rotary Club has been invited to provide a sausage sizzle for the paddlers and well wishers between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

Long Term Youth Exchange.

Reported by Muse

Chairman Steve Smart introduced Stacey Schubert our long term youth exchange to Belgium for 2009. Stacey has just finished Year 12 at Murray Bridge High School.

Stacey then presented what she intends to talk about when she arrives in Belgium. She told us about herself and a brief history of her family. Stacey enjoys cooking, camping, spending time with friends, soccer and loves her food. She also gave a brief history of Australia and its attractions.

On a Power Point presentation was the map of Australia, most popular animals, birds, River Murray, Beaches, Monarto Zoo and Murray Bridge High School. Stacey told us that the student population at Murray Bridge High is multi-cultural and events like senior formal are undertaken every year.

Here are some of the reasons why Stacey chose to be an Exchange Student;

- meeting new people
- gain experience, self trust, and independence
- grow in self confidence
- learn other languages
- learn about other cultures.

Everyone thanked Stacey for her presentation and wished her a safe and enjoyable journey to Belgium.

Rotary on the River.

On the occasion of our Club meeting 25th November 2008, Rotarian Dave Mellen expressed a sincere vote of thanks to Rotarian Jim Mason for his outstanding contribution through the writing and publication of "Rotary on the River", a review of 50 years of the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge. This publication is a reflection of the dedication of many local community leaders to make a difference to the lives of people in the local and international community. It captures the essence of what was deemed important at the time and records the responses made by the Rotary Club. This history book is now a prompt for memories to be recalled and enjoyed, and it will be a valuable continuing body of information to be treasured in our Rotary Club as we live through the source material for Volume 2. Sam Cozens.