

Civic Reception for our Local Olympians.

Reports on the Civic Reception will be circulated at our meeting tonight.

Visit of District Governor Peter Shipp and Judy Shipp.

Please be advised that DG Peter Shipp and partner Judy will be guests at our meeting next Tuesday evening.

DG Peter Shipp will address our meeting and answer any questions you may have for him.

Australian Girls Choir.

The Australian Girls Choir will be visiting Murray Bridge High School on Monday 22nd September and will be staying until Thursday morning when they leave for Perth. Murray Bridge is their first engagement on a National Tour.

Our Club membership has been invited to attend a Concert featuring the Australian Girls Choir together with a number of local students from the High School and Primary Schools. This Concert will be held in the Gymnasium at MBHS, commencing 7.00pm on Tuesday 23rd September.

Tickets are available from MBHS, Grandisons (Main Street) and Millers (Woolworths complex)

\$10 adult, \$5 concession,

\$2 for school children and under 5 free,

family ticket for \$20 to admit 2 adults and 3 children.

Our Club membership have each also been invited to home host two or more of the girls while they are in Murray Bridge. The girls are between 10 and 17 years of age, and there are 54 girls to be placed.

Just to round off the arrangements that have now been made for the visit of the Australian Girls Choir, I am pleased to inform you that Trevor and Beverley Curtis have offered to make their home, 11 Williams Grove, available for the Rotary Club Meeting scheduled Tuesday 23rd September and in due course we will have the catering arrangements in place.

Rotarians who are hosting the girls from the Choir are requested to bring them and partners along for a light meal, some Rotary business and then on to the Concert in the High School Gymnasium on the Tuesday evening. All Concert goers must be seated well prior to the scheduled commencement of 7.00pm. It is all shaping up to be a great night.

There are still some opportunities for Rotarians to host the Australian Girls Choir members. The incentives to do this are the opportunity for doing a community service, complementary passes to the Concert and a Thankyou Meal at very low cost on the Wednesday evening at the MBHS. The main contact person is Helen Peake 8532 1788 during the day.

ROTARY CLUB OF MURRAY BRIDGE MEETING # 2775

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09/09/08

Surviving Alaska

Robin LeGallez

Chris Jarvis

Gary Frazer

RESERVE

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Barb Kompier

Chris Jarvis

Marilyn Klem

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

PARTNERS' BIRTHDAYS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Next week

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CHAIRMAN

FELLOWSHIP

Jim and Vicki Mason 13th September

16/09/08

District Governor

DG Peter Shipp

Peter MacCulloch

Robin LeGallez

Brenton Lewis

Garry March

Robin LeGallez

Brenton Lewis

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23/09/08

Pre Australian Girls Choir

Sam Cozens

Trevor Curtis

Beverley Curtis

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Jim Mason

Don McLean

MEETING Number 2774 02/09/08

Total Membership 51 42 for District
 Number Present 29 Attendance 69%

Apologies H.Beauchamp M.Blight
 G.March W.Jackson M.Jarvis
 D.Mellen M.Klem R.LeGallez
 B.Murdoch R.Lehmann B.Lewis
 p.Rosewall J.Scarvelis D.McLean
Make Ups P.MacCulloch R.Lehmann

Leave of Absence Steve Smart Brian Foster
 Jack Reddin Margaret Whitehead

Rotarian visitors Maurice Wilhelm- Mobilong
 Don Ward- Cooma

Youth Exchange Pia Midtturn Eie
Guests

Raffle Barb Kompier
Heads & Tails Neil Gray

Calendar Draw 26/08/08

	WON BY	#	SOLD BY
\$100	Veronica Morrison Murray Bridge	401	Concordia Kindergarten
\$30	Paul Ryan Aston Winton UK	801	Ron Jericho
\$20	Malcolm Thomson Murray Bridge	781	Brian Thomson

Please be advised that Paul Ryan has donated his prize back to our Club.

Chairman Gary Frazer introduced our dub member Neil Gray who presented his 'Who Am I'.

Neil Gray lives at 10 Bell Court, Mt Barker. He was born in Medindie in Adelaide on the 26th of June 1951. Neil is the sixth child in their family born to Lucy and Reginald Gray. Dad was born on a ship on the way out from Worcester England with his parents in 1901. Mum was born in Virginia and grew up on a vegetable property. They married in 1942 and settled in Medindie.

In 1952 when Neil was just a year old, his family moved into a housing trust, 3 bedroom rental house at Seaton. Neil grew up at that house, attending Hendon Primary School which was about 20 minutes walk from home.

At the age of about 12 or 13 Neil joined a dub called Peoplestores Junior League. This was a youth dub sponsored by Peoplestores in Gouger Stand Mrs Martin was the dub organizer. The dub offered young people crafts and on stage performing skills. Neil stayed in the dub for years until he got married and left the district.

Neil told us that he was one of the foundation students at Seaton Boys Technical High School and was a prefect. After spending four very happy years there, Neil had to move to Croydon High to do his Year 12. He passed his year 12 and enrolled at Western Teachers College to train to be a Tech studies teacher. Neil transferred to Adelaide University and enrolled in a science degree in 1968. Neil's family could not afford sending him to university, so he had to be bonded to the department to teach for 3 years after university in a state school. Neil remembers his dad shedding tears of happiness on his graduation day since he was the only one of his kids to get university education.

Neil met his wife Louella on a beach at Port Vincent in January of 1969 and married 6 years later. They were blessed with two sons Matthew and Bradyn.

Neil taught at Strathalbyn for 11 years, then transferred to Heathfield High for 9 years and finally transferred to Murray Bridge High in 1992. Neil and Louella were member of Rotaract in Strathalbyn until 1979. In 1979 Neil joined the Lions dub of Mt Barker and stayed for 5 years. In 1980 Neil did a first aid course and joined St John in Strathalbyn and has been a member since. During that time he has also been Corporal, Sergeant, Divisional Officer, Accredited Lecturer, Driving Instructor, Divisional Superintendent, and State Officer. Neil has worked in the public sector for 27 years. Neil's family is also involved in the Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers dub.