



# Rotary Club of Murray Bridge

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2008/09 President: Sam Cozens Secretary: Jerry Wilson



## Bulletin

<p><b>ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR</b> Australians all let us rejoice For we are young and free We've golden soil and wealth for toil Our home is girt by sea Our land abounds in nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare In history's page let every stage Advance Australia fair In joyful strains then let us sing Advance Australia Fair</p>	<p><b>THIS WEEK:</b></p> <p><b>TOPIC:</b> <b>SPEAKER:</b> <b>CHAIR:</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> <b>RESERVE:</b> <b>INVOCATION:</b> <b>National Anthem:</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting No 2809</b> <b>12/5/09</b> <b>Youth Exchange</b> <b>Constantin Pixa</b> <b>Gary Fischer</b> <b>Don McLean, Garry March</b> <b>Jim Mason</b> <b>Don McLean</b> <b>Garry March</b></p>
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<p><b>LAST WEEK</b> ATTENDING: 37: 82% APOLOGIES: G March, J Stocker, A Hay, B Frazer, B Murdoch, P Rosewall, G Frazer, J Reddin, M Whitehead, P MacCulloch, I Winter LOA: S Smart; AWC D McLean.; Makeups; P MacCulloch, K Prosser GUESTS: Members &amp; partners from Mobilong, Tailem Bend and Strathalbyn clubs: 125 all up HEADS &amp; TAILS: n/a RAFFLE: someone</p>	<p><b>INVOCATION:</b> For good food, good fellowship, and the opportunity of service through Rotary, we give thanks.</p>
<p><b>BIRTHDAYS:</b> 18/5 Mary McLean, Sam Cozens <b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> 14/5 Graham &amp; Helen Peake, 15/ Brian &amp; Pat Thomson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Four Way Test</b> Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the truth? Will it build better goodwill &amp; relationships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Is it fair to all concerned?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thought for the week: Feel superior - become a nun</p>

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### NOTICE BOARD

- The incoming exchange student for the 2009/10 year will be **Emil Melgaard** from Denmark. Jim Mason will be his counsellor and host families are wanted. Bev & Trevor Curtis are the first host family. See Jim.
- On 19<sup>th</sup> May Caitlin Hobbs will be speaking to the club on her experience at the Murray-Darling School of **Freshwater Research**.
- **Rotary Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)** presentation evening, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009. Each of the RYPEN participants, Annalisa Mertin, Jasmin Milton, Nicky-May Mounce & Renay Persello will be presented with their Certificates of Attendance and will give a three minute talk on their personal experience at the RYPEN camp.
- **Club Assembly** is on June 9<sup>th</sup> when our noble directors will provide us with comprehensive reports of the club's activities for the year!
- Members should note that the cure for swine flu is oinkment.

### Thanks to our sponsors



Girl: 'When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.'

Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.'

Girl: 'Well that's because we aren't married yet.'

## PROGRAM

<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> <b>TOPIC:</b> <b>SPEAKER:</b> <b>CHAIR:</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> <b>RESERVE:</b> <b>INVOCATION:</b> <b>National Anthem</b>	<b>19/5/09</b> <b>Racing Club Development</b> <b>John Buhagiar</b> <b>Brian Foster</b> <b>Dave Mellen, Brenton</b> <b>Nicholson</b> <b>Graham Peake</b> <b>Dave Mellen</b> <b>Brenton Nicholson</b>	<b>FOLLOWING WEEK:</b> <b>TOPIC:</b> <b>SPEAKER:</b> <b>CHAIR:</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> <b>RESERVE:</b> <b>INVOCATION:</b> <b>National Anthem</b>	<b>26/5/09</b> <b>Organ Donation</b> <b>Tyson Matthews</b> <b>Chris Jarvis</b> <b>Paul Price, Kevin Prosser</b> <b>Jack Reddin</b> <b>Paul Price</b> <b>Kevin Prosser</b>
<b>DIARY DATES</b>	<b>26/5/09 Organ Donation</b> <b>20/6/09 Changeover Dinner</b> <b>30/6/09 Pia's farewell</b>		

## LAST WEEK

Over 120 people from the Rotary Clubs of Murray Bridge, Mobilong, Tailern Bend and Strathalbyn attended the meeting last week to hear from a remarkable young Australian woman who epitomises the saying 'anything is possible'. Host President Sam welcomed the gathering and chairman John Whimpress introduced **Gemma Sisia**, the founder of the **School of St Jude** in Tanzania.

The School of St. Jude is a sponsorship-supported school in Tanzania that primarily serves the brightest orphaned and vulnerable children from the lowest socio-economic backgrounds. The school blends the best of Western and Tanzanian instructional methods to instil critical thinking and high moral values in students.

When 22 year old Australian, Gemma Rice (as she then was), went to volunteer in East Africa for a few years, she witnessed first hand the results of people in the Third World caught in the tragic cycle of poverty, intensified by a lack of education. Crippling manual labour or a life of crime were, for many, the only means of survival.

Following years of volunteer work in Uganda and East Africa, Gemma returned home to rural Australia to a rewarding teaching job and a comfortable lifestyle, but never forgot the poverty and suffering she left behind in the country that still had her heart.

With the powers of persuasion, honed by growing up with seven brothers, she convinced some of her friends and family members to pledge at least \$5 a month, to be put into an account at the local bank. The proceeds enabled 2 young women to go to school in Uganda. The word spread quickly and many individuals and members of schools, institutions, businesses and Rotary Clubs throughout Australia, pledged donations and assistance. People helped with the collection and transportation of computers, library books, school books, teaching aids, classroom equipment, sports equipment, sewing machines, clothes and an endless list of goods that would see Gemma's dream of starting a school become a reality.

A group of friends from Gemma's home Rotary district formed a volunteer team to help get up the very first classrooms. It was the first of many Rotary volunteer teams and it was done in true pioneering style. This enabled Gemma to found The School of St Jude in 2002. The school features smaller class sizes, the children are sponsored so attend free, they are fed twice a day, there is a boarding house and a fleet of buses. There are now 1,200 students at the school. There is such an enormous demand that a rigorous selection process is in place so that only the poorest are selected, but they are also the brightest, the idea being that they will go on to become Tanzania's leaders and builders.

After Gemma's inspiring talk each of the Rotary club presidents made presentations of their donations to her for the school.

For further information see [www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz)



### **Some History.....**

On 2nd May a Norman Drogemuller from Adelaide passed away. Norm was a partner in the firm of Architects Drogemuller Pudney and Associates who had connections with buildings here in MB. Back in the 1970's, Adelaide Builder, Brimblecombe Construction was awarded local building contracts where Norm was the on-site Architect. These buildings were the MB Golf Club where we now meet, Bridge Clinic, the MB Community Club (when it was situated in Seventh St, now the Church of Christ Church) and also a residence for Dr Frank Altmann (father of David) which is situated on the corner of Leslie and Stella Streets. My connection with all these projects was as an earthmoving subcontractor to Brimblecombe Constructions doing all the site works which included initial demolition, levelling and car parks etc. It can be seen that all these buildings have a similar distinctive design about them.

*Ron Jericho*