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THE FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

INVOCATION & TOAST

Sgt Helen Henbest opened the meeting and Chairman Michael McLaren toasted Australia and her people.

PRESIDENTS SPOT

- Pres. Jeff welcomed back from vacation Laz, Garry Dolman, John Penta and Richard Dix.
- The guest speaker tonight is our very own Naz Dastoor who will relate some of his life experiences
- The Board has discussed the Strategic Plan and Barbara Chappell has done a sterling job with that. There will be a further Board meeting in the near future to finalise that .
- The Community Forum is almost upon us. Chief Justice John Doyle will speak on "Crime and Punishment in SA". The date is 12th October and numbers need to be firmed up.
- The Community Forum next year is scheduled for 22nd February 2011. The speaker is ex Blackwood High student, Channel 9 weather presenter Brenton Ragliss.

RAFFLE

The raffle was won by Barbara Chappell.

FINES

Fines and cross fines raised a total of \$54.10

The Copper Box raised \$20.25

If you are unable to attend a meeting or wish to bring a guest, please phone LJ Hookers Blackwood office on 8278 9111 by Tuesday 12:00 noon.



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MAKE-UPS:

nil

ATTENDANCE

Reg Hanson reported attendance at 85%

FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY

- Stuart Brew is preparing a proposal for a Calperum Volunteers Grant and needs a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation to finalise the claim. The Treasurers could not recall seeing it, and Laz will investigate it's whereabouts.
- Peter Geer provided an Information Session on the activities of the BREC shed. The main activities are the hiring of trestles, art frames, a marquee, and stalls and the provision of such items for our own Art Show and Fairs. This involves Ken fielding phone enquiries and arranging the collection and return of the items; Peter Geer checks the equipment prior to release; and Trevor, Richard, Graham, Bernie, Bob Sothman and Barry provide the maintenance. The electrical checks are done by fellow Rotarian Brian Donnell from the Noarlunga East Club. The BREC people need more helpers on Sunday afternoons and Monday mornings to assist with receivals. Please email to Peter Geer at geerp@bigpond.net.au
- Bob Richter: (a) reminded us that the Ambassador Card is a great saving initiative which for only \$40 you can receive large savings on restaurants, motels, hire cars etc. All funds received for the purchase of the card go straight to the Club. See Bob for your card.
 - (b) Urgently needs five helpers NOW to join the team of Art Show committee members. The duties include organising advertising, sponsorship, issuing of entry forms etc. This is a great opportunity for newer members to learn the ropes with others and for all to become involved. There is plenty of time to advance this project as the Art Show is scheduled for early July 2011, but without a strong Club representation right now, this project will not be able to proceed. Contact Bob urgently at rxr@esc.net.au or phone 0410 582 352.
 - (c) Bob also asks previous Art Show directors to search their records for manuals of procedure and templates for running the Art Show to avoid him having to reinvent the wheel.
- Bob Lehmann advised that Nuir is arriving on Thursday September 30th for the next round of operations to remove a large non-cancerous growth from her face. She will be undergoing operations in October and November. Bob and Marlene will be visiting regularly, but will be away for three days from 19th to 21st October. A fill-in person is required to back-fill that role of visiting at the RAH for those three days, and for cultural reasons this person needs to be female. Please contact Bob Lehmann on marlenebob@hotmail.com
- Graham Lough announced that the wine bottling of Maglieri wines will be done on Sunday 24th October again at the home of Howard and Sue Moss. The Club has already road tasted the wine and waved the chequered flag. Only three barrels will be available, so place your orders early.
- Peter Geer reminded the Club of the Irish Affair to be held on Sunday November 7th at 12 noon. The cost is \$25 for a two course lunch and a free afternoon of song and dance. Guinness and other beverages will be available at the bar. Time is closing so order tickets now.



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- Alan Eldridge wished to acknowledge the fine work done by Tom Davenport in the organising of the 40th Anniversary Celebration with regard to writing letters, the seating arrangements and whatever else needed to be done.
- John Lewis was recently at a function when Commissioner Wanganeen roundly praised the work of Rotary in regard to the issuing of Rotary Health Scholarships. It is nice for the work of Rotary to be acknowledged independently occasionally.
- President Jeff (a) reiterated the urgent need to assist Bob Richter in the preliminary work for the Art Show.
(b) noted that Noarlunga East Club (which has assisted us with the BREC electrical checks) is riding bikes from Bordertown to Renmark to raise money for Australian Rotary Health. They are seeking donations, which are tax deductible if over \$2. See Jeff for further details.
- **HEADS and TAILS:** Graham Lough threw the coins and a very thirsty Bill Flynn was the worthy winner. The total raised was \$66.55. [The 55 cents was no doubt a tip for Graham's adroit coin tosses!]
- **Fine Session:**
 - Alan Eldridge for becoming of "advanced status".
 - Ken for cheating Anita
 - All AFL non-watchers
 - Tom for following the SANFL grand finals
 - Alan as a pedestrian for being missed by a driver travelling through a green light
 - Garry for having a bright daughter
 - Stuart for trying to prove we've been certified
 - Jeff for reciting poetry in the loo
 - Russell for making the Sergeant pay for a raffle ticket
 - Laz for watching those wild flowers
 - Graham Roberts for joining the Village People
 - Jeff for not wearing a Collingwood tie
 - Barbara for being a furniture removalist
 - All tie wearers
 - Richard Dix for breaking Di's pelvis so he could travel Business Class!

Sergeant Helen told two irreverent jokes regarding a funeral cortege and the nationality of Jesus. Unfortunately the censor got to the report before me, so... see The Sarg.

GUEST SPEAKER

Chairman Michael McLaren introduced our own Fijian member, Naz Nastoor with a "This Is Your Life " segment.

Naz was introduced to the Club by Jeff Hunter, and has been in Australia for more than 20 years. The population of Fiji is split 51% Fijian, 44% Indian and 5% Chinese and other.

The large Indian proportion began arriving in Fiji in the 1870's when brought as indentured labour by the British to work the sugar plantations. A further influx came in the 1930's as business people to set up as shopkeepers. The major industries are now tourism, sugar and gold production.



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Naz is one of eight children, and is of Indian extraction. His father died at age 56 years, and his mother has worked in community radio, as advisor to the Fijian Government on female Indians within Fiji, and she is also an excellent cook, which Naz has further found when he has been unable to replicate his mother's dishes after acquiring her recipes.

Naz's father was a Hindu, and became a headmaster; his mother was raised as a Muslim until her parents died when she was two. She was then raised in a Methodist orphanage. Naz's parents were married in a Methodist church. Thus, there was quite a melding of religions within the family, even though there are taboos in Fiji regarding intermarriage. Naz's father was named Kunji Raman and his mother Allahjan Shaheem, yet Naz's surname is Dastoor. This is a Persian name given to him by his mother because she liked it.

Naz was born in Suva in 1956 and lived in Tailevu and then moved to Nausoi in 1960. Family members were taught to speak, variously, English, Hindi, Arabic and Urdu. Life in Fiji was pleasant with a free and easy childhood near a river that flooded every five years. Naz attended Suva Grammar School, which was considered elite. His sports were athletics, soccer, hockey and, reluctantly, rugby for which he was underweight. He once won the 4 x 100 m relay with George Speight (who instigated a coup in 2000 and is now serving a life sentence for that).



Naz knew (later SA Premier) Don Dunstan, who grew up in Naurosi. We were shown a stunning photo of Naz besplendent in what appears to be shorts once belonging to Don. [I am certain they look pink, even in the black and white photo.]

Naz had an early interest in Australia and was sponsored to attend high school in Sydney at age 17. With seven siblings, mostly girls, he never did household chores like cooking or washing, so his first years in Australia faced a steep (and hungry) learning curve. Naz studied for a BE in Civil Engineering and a Graduate Diploma in Project Management at The Uni of NSW. He formed the Fiji Students Association to assist fellow Fijians.

Following graduation, Naz moved to Adelaide. He door knocked each business until obtaining a night shift job. The hard work motivated him in his further studies.

In recent times he has played cricket and hockey and was President of SAIT.

Naz worked at SA Water as a civil engineer for 14 years and has been at United Water for 7 years, where infrastructure upgrades and maintenance are provided for SA Water. Naz was involved in the pipe network and is now involved in project management for the sewer pipework rehabilitation, where it could be said he has been flushed with success.

Naz is married with two children.

Bula, Naz

Chairman Michael thanked Naz for sharing his life story with us and then fulfilled one of Naz's life ambitions by presenting him with a genuine Rotary pen.



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PRESIDENTS CLOSING WORDS

President Jeff closed the meeting by:

- **thanking Peter Geer for his presentation on the BREC Shed, and for the efforts of him and his supporters at the Shed.**
- **Postponing the Board Meeting due to the late closing of the meeting**
- **Advised that next meeting is a Committee Night**
- **Thanked Naz for his great talk tonight and presented a (rhyming) poem for him and indeed for everyone:**

"You are Special"

No one smiles just like you
And has that turn of phrasing
The way you talk is different
I think you're quite amazing.

Those who know you well
Enjoy your company
When you are together
It is like a symphony.

Your personality is precious
As everyone does know
You are very much appreciated
Wherever you do go.



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MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2010				
Meeting No.	2051	2052	2053	2053
Date	5 Oct	12 Oct	19 Oct	26 Oct
Fellowship	Tom Davenport	Alan Eldridge	Tony Hughes	Bob Lehmann
Reg. Assistant	Naz Dastoor	Peter Geer	Michel McClaren	Laz Meszaros
Furniture	Richard Dix Garry Dolman	Cherilyn Fleming Bill Flynn	John Lewis Graham Lough	John Penta David Neil
Chairman	President Jeff Hunter	President Jeff Hunter	President Jeff Hunter	
Speaker	Everyone	John Doyle	Geof & Peter Motely	Jane Siberesen
Topic	Buddies and Committees	Community Forum	Adelaide Club visit	This is My Life
Sergeant	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest	Helen Henbest
Bulletin Editor	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith	Ray Smith

Events and Celebrations 2010	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 to 10 October 2010 Rotary International District 9520 Conference • 12 October Community Forum – Chief Justice John Doyle • 24 October Maglieri Wine Bottling • 7 November Irish Affair
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 October Rhys Roberts • 3 October Arthur Finch • 4 October Zenette Hunter
Anniversary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 October Tom Davenport and Marlene • 6 October Helen Henbest and Rhys Roberts • 8 October Michael and Pat McClaren • 9 October Ken and Mary Prime