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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?

ADG Jerry Casburn opened the third Group 5 meeting for District 9520, hosted by Noarlunga East. Members were invited to wear a hat for "Hat Day for Mental Health Research", and the ADG sported a fetching gold and black sombrero. Jerry said what a wonderful evening it is to come together and enjoy fellowship and a good meal, and share another Group 5 meeting. He noted that:

- Group 5 is one of the few Groups to actually increase its membership during the year.
- The Flinders Rotaract Club has finally commenced. It had a target of 10 members before it could start, and John (the magnificent) Jackson obtained expressions of interest from 90 people. At touchdown it commenced with 45 signed up members. An excellent result!

There are 6 clubs in our Group:

Blackwood – Jeff Hunter

Coromandel Valley – Roger Trethewey

Flagstaff Hill – John Howland

Hallett Cove – Margaret Vade

Noarlunga – Tony Ruttons

Noarlunga East – Glynn Osborne

Jerry then invited each of the Presidents to speak on the current year activities of their Clubs, commencing with our own President, Jeff Hunter.



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President, Jeff Hunter

- Meetings have been very good. A highlight was the Community Forum in February when the guest speaker was Brenton Ragless from Channel 9.
- In two weeks we have our indigenous scholar Linda Turner speaking. She is supported by Lions in partnership with our Club. This is about the sixth year we have supported an indigenous scholar.
- Disaster support: We sent off \$4,000 to Rotary in Qld for Queensland flood relief; \$2,000 to New Zealand for the Christchurch earthquake relief and \$1,000 to Japan for tsunami relief. We have also sent funds for 2 shelter boxes.
- The Strategic Plan was a major achievement this Rotary year. We are currently developing Action Plans. One has been used to launch our Clock Tower Project, an exciting project to involve the Blackwood community.
- We have 14 members in the Centurion Programme
- It has been a very successful year, and it's been a pleasure working with such a fine team. I wish to pay tribute to the group 5 presidents and assistant governor Jerry Casburn. Jerry, as ADG, has been very supportive to our clubs, and to me personally. I thank you very much Jerry for your cheerful, effective help.

President Roger Trethewin from Coro Valley said:

- the Club gained two new members last year and one this year, and now has 26 members.
- The Plant sales have earned up to \$4k this year
- they have had an excellent year of speakers
- they were pleased to have visitors from interstate and overseas, including George Sargent, who came to attend a wedding.
- the Quiz Night raised \$1,300
- The Flinders Rotaract Club had Debbie Reynolds on the Steering Committee.
- a 4wd Tag Along has been proposed again for 7-10 October. These have been very popular.
- They availed themselves of District's Web Training, and have now updated their tired website



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President John Howland of Flagstaff Hill:

- We held our Art Show in April at the new venue: the newly-built gymnasium. It was a very pleasing result, with plenty of space and better lighting. Unfortunately sales were down, although there 70 pieces sold.
- eight years ago 12 members went to Fiji to construct accommodation. Each year two have returned to continue the good work, accompanied by 170kgs of equipment.

President Margaret Wade of Hallett Cove:

- The Club has 5 new members,
- Two students will be attending the NYSF in Canberra

President Tony Ruttons of Noarlunga

- Membership has increased from 8 to 12 members. A 50% increase!
- regular BBQ's are held for fundraising
- contributions are organised for DIK

President Glyn Osbourne of Noarlunga East

- we've taken part in the Community Grants Scheme
- the Hot Chips caravan is being kept busy
- an LTYE student is currently enrolled at Woodcroft College
- We have contributed to Polioplus and to ShelterBox
- we mourned the loss of Dennis Markham, aged 60 years. Dennis had been a member for 28 years and a president twice. He was much loved within and without the Club, having introduced a record number of members to the Club. Minister Brokenshire awarded Dennis a Parliamentary Medal for his good works. Dennis was awarded a second Sapphire Pin for his PHF awards.

ADG Jerry reminded us that today is Hat Day for Mental Health Research. One percent of the population has schizophrenia and 20% have some kind of mental illness. The Australian Rotary Health Research has raised more than \$20m so far, and awards 20 grants per annum. ARH produces a "Mental 1st Aid" kit which lists symptoms of mental illness. Last year alone \$4m was allocated in grants.

Deb Kennedy is from the Birthing Kit Foundation, which is supported by the Noarlunga East Club. The Foundation provides kits to assist mothers in remote communities with items to assist in having a safe birth. Deb is available to come to any club to speak about her passion.

The devastating fires in the Kinglake region of Victoria destroyed boundary fences on farms. This has impacted farmers in that they could not restock because of lack of fencing. Rotary assisted by rebuilding the fences. The locals were so impressed by Rotary's work, that a new



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club in Kinglake charted 47 members. Whilst rebuilding is happening, there is still a need for psychologists to tackle family stress.

The "District Chairman for the Environment", one Robert Arnold, was invited to speak on the "C Word":

- The Victorian fencing project winds up in July, and the team is moving to Calperum to erect fencing using a Govt. grant. 14 clubs from 9520 and 3 clubs from 9500 will be attending. Soon there will be a working party each two weeks.
- Funding has been received to set up an interpretive centre, titled "The Rotary Interpretive Centre".

There was a wide variety of hats, and the Wizard and Jester were standout winners. However, as they were both from the host Club, they gallantly re-donated the prize for someone more worthy. That dream was not realised, however, as the runner-up winner was Ken Roscrow, with an ADG-look-alike sombrero.

Blackwood was again in the money when the raffle was drawn and the second prize went to Jeff Hunter.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker tonight was Dr. Andrew Saies. He was born and educated in Adelaide and graduated from Adelaide University medical school in 1980, undertaking his internship at the RAH and developing an early interest in surgery. He was accepted into surgical training in 1982, completed the primary in 1983, and having enjoyed all of the surgical specialities, made a decision to pursue a career in Orthopaedic surgery in 1985.

Andrew finished Orthopaedic training and passed the Fellowship in 1988. He undertook a subspecialty fellowship in Hand Upper Limb and MicroSurgery at Duke University in North Carolina. Returning to Adelaide Andrew commenced practice in Hand and Upper Limb Surgery at the recently opened Sportsmed.SA Clinic under the mentorship of Dr. Michael Hayes. This practice and this partnership was to be an enduring one that would provide opportunities for Andrew to develop and pursue a range of initiatives beyond clinical surgery that would ultimately lead to a unique and successful model of private practice and private hospital delivery of health care. Andrew resigned from sessions at the RAH and the Women's and Children's Hospital in the mid 90's to pursue this goal.

In 2010 Sportsmed.SA Hospital was ranked the number one private hospital in Australia by a national MediBank Private patient survey.

In his 20 years at Sportsmed.SA Andrew has been the Managing Director of the Day Surgery Hospital and Orthopaedic Division since 1995. The business now has 12 surgeons and performs over 8000 cases per year. The Hospital is accredited by the AOA for Orthopaedic training. Currently Andrew is Chairman of the Board at SMSA and current Chair of the SA Health Statewide Orthopaedic Clinical Network Committee.

Andrew is an avid sailor and the winning of the 2009 Rolex Sydney Hobart yacht race was a stand out lifetime achievement and memorable highlight. He commenced sailing in 1969. He is the past Chairman of the Scotch College Council of Governors, current President of the Cruising Yacht Club of SA, both voluntary roles, and is an active supporter of arts, sporting and political organizations.



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The 2009 Sydney to Hobart Race

This race is as iconic as the Fastnet, and is a life-goal for sailors. It has had up to 160 boats entering, but for the 2009 race there were 90 boats. The minimum size boat is 30 feet, with at least 6 crew. The race is difficult and for four days the different boats compete with the other boats, other crews and the weather, to travel 620 miles. However, to get to the race took Andrew three weeks and 3,000 miles.

The 1998 Race was the most violent ever, with cyclonic winds in Bass Strait leading to 45 retirements from a field of 100, and 6 deaths.

Each race commences with a reckless sprint out of the Sydney Heads, forgetting that there are four days of racing ahead of them. Before he had left Sydney Cove, Andrew's boat collided with another yacht, which had itself already had another collision. After receiving the abuse of the rival yacht, and turning the obligatory 720 degrees to acknowledge he was in a fracas, he continued his sprint through the Heads.

Computer modelling predicted the wind speed and currents for the entire voyage. Unfortunately, the modelling was contradictory, and he had to choose the most likely result. That decision took him 100 miles out to sea and away from every vessel bar four. However, his hunch worked and he was able to pick up warm currents and increase his speed from 8 to 10 knots. Two knots doesn't seem much, but at an increase of 25% it is quite substantial.

The trip is not a pleasure cruise. They sleep 3 hours and work 6 hours around the clock.

Needless to say, Andrew and his crew won the race on handicap in four days.

However, reality then bites: he had a protest to contest. He gathered photos and charts and put his case forward. There is no appeal, so you have to put your best case forward the first time. As it turned out a third yacht caused the problem and forced Andrew's yacht into the path of the other yacht. Thirty hours after arriving at Constitution Dock Andrew won his appeal and was crowned the winner. He is just the fourth South Australian to do so.

As a corollary to the story, Andrew competed in the 2010 race, but had water in the exhaust system, rendering the engine inoperable. Under the rules of the race, that is not allowed, so he retired, even though race leader at the time.

There is no prize money for winning the race: there are trophies; a Rolex watch; and your name emblazoned into international history. Only six boats have ever won it twice. That is Andrew's next challenge.

Andrew was thanked for his fine presentation and presented with a fine red.

As the meeting wound up we were invited to join the Murray Bridge to Mildura Bike Ride, which can be done in only small sections if desired. It will finish at the Rotary conference, with funds raised to go to the RHF.



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President's closing remarks

For once the President was stuck for rhyming words, but would like you to remember the dates for the Art Show:

Rotary Club of Blackwood Art Show

Key Dates

- Entries Close - **Monday 13th June**
- Setup day - **Saturday 9th July**
- Painting receival day - **Sunday 10th July**
- Opening Night - **Wednesday 13th July**
- Open Days –

Thursday 14th July	to Sunday 17th July	10am to 4pm
Wednesday 20th July	to Saturday 23rd July	10am to 4pm
Sunday 24th July		10am to 3pm
- Pack up day - **Sunday 24th July**
- Raffle Ticket Sales -

Saturday 4th June	Woolworths
Saturday 11th June	Coles
Saturday 18th June	Foodland
Saturday 25th June	Woolworths
- Marion – outside K-Mart.
 - Thursday, Friday 19th, 20th May**
 - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 22nd to 24th June**
 - Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 30th July to 2nd August**



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MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2011				
Meeting No.	2081	2082	2083	2084
Date	24 May 2011	31 May 2011	7 June 2011	14 June 2011
Fellowship	John Jackson	Michael McClaren	Don O'Donnell	Graham ROBERTS
Reg. Assistant	John Lewis	Laz Meszaros	John Penta	Terry TIERNEY
Furniture	Tony Hughes Graham Lough	Bernie Morgan David Neill	Bob Sothman Graham Roberts	Ken ROSCROW Jane SILBEREISEN
Chairman	Barbara Chappell	John Lewis	Jeff Hunter	Jeff Hunter
Speaker	Chris Hughes	Linda Turner		Chris Hughes
Topic	Helena Goldie Hospital Solomon Islands	Indigenous Scholar	Committees	Helena Goldie H'pital Solomon Island
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"> • 9 July – Art show set up • 20 August – Bach to Brasil with Nick Parnell
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 May – Patricia McClaren • 27 May – Denise Roscrow • 31 May – Mary Roberts • 1 June – Ken Roscrow • 1 June – Don Venus • 21 June - Kathryn Sheridan
Anniversary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 June – Mr and Mrs President • 8 June – Bob and Marlene Lehmann