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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 Mark Burns

Sergeant Michael McClaren

PRESIDENT'S SPOT

President Peter:

- Welcome Guest Speaker Past Pres John Evans
- The Burns family comprising Jo, "little" Mitchell, Ian and Pam.
- Jenni Davies
- Sue Dolman
- Pres Peter reminded members of the District Conference in Mildura, 26-29 April, 2012 (PP Bob Arnold will handle enquiries) and the Rotary Convention in Bangkok, 6-9 May, 2012.
- Pres Peter has put out wine at the tables to reward members for 100% attendance and hard work at the Christmas Fair.
- Pres Peter presented immediate PP Jeff Hunter with his Past Presidents "pin".

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.

Director John Penta gave a "spot" on The Rotary Foundation, urging members to become a Centurion, i.e. a person who undertakes to give \$100.00 per year to the Rotary Foundation. It is tax-deductable. This amount is now due by the 12 Rotarians in our club who are Centurions.

Make-Ups None reported.

Raffle : won by John Penta.

Copper Box: this week raised \$27.05 (last week \$16.50).



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SPEAKERS FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY:

- **Graham Lough asked for payment for wine purchased. He has two dozen more to sell.**
- Trevor Abbott – Gnomes have work to do next Thurs at 9 am at the shed.
- Tony Hughes asked for volunteers to take part in panel presentations by year 8 students at Blackwood High, Mon 12 December, 2011 for approx 2 hrs.
- Christmas Dinner 13 December. Apols to LJ Hooker as usual, but should be in by Monday morning .
- Bob Lehmann spoke of a possible music evening on 10 March, rather close to "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner" on 17 March, 2012.

Heads and Tails by Graham Lough: Won by Reg Hanson. Raised \$80.00 (last week \$72.00).

Serg Michael McClaren's Fine session: "Poppy-the-Sailor Man" Stuart Brew for nearly sinking, did he forget the bailing bucket ? Has Barry S been putting foreign money in the fines box ? Jacquie Wright for a "Full Body" T shirt; Bob Lehmann for putting pressure on the Board; Robyn Venus for for booking an hotel at Peterborough ,only to find when she and Don arrived at Peterborough on the Great Ocean Road that they had booked for Peterborough, SA, not Peterborough, Vic; Graham Roberts, Bernie Morgan, Ken "non-scruffy" Roscrow for various misdemeanours.

Serg Michael auctioned Barry Sheridans rip snorter "Fair" tie, Little Mitchell yelled at the wrong time, and so it was knocked down to his father for \$16.00.

Fine session this week raised \$94.45 (last week \$75.40).

GUEST SPEAKER Past Pres John Evans was introduced by Chairman Mark Burns.

John Evans began by acknowledging two very interested members in the audience – Sue Dolman who was born in Peterborough, and Trevor Abbott, who lived his early days nearby at Terowie.

By the late 1880s, John Evans told us, Peterborough had become a town at a four way junction in the SA railway system. Lines went out to Terowie, Port Pirie, Broken Hill and Port Augusta. The early railway engines were English (wood fired), then American. An early notable manager of SA Rail was Webb (1922-30), who oversaw great changes in the railway infrastructure e.g the Adelaide railway station, spending lots of money. By 1930s up to 100 trains per day steamed through Peterborough. By 1950 Peterborough had reached its hey-day.

Diesel engines came in by 1963, these had the advantage they could be linked together to pull many carriages, steam engines could not do that. By 1970 the last steam train travelled between Crystal Brook and Gladstone, and by 12 January 1970 all lines around Peterborough were standard gauge.

Since 1950 Peterborough has been in decline, going from a population of approx 5,000 to the present day 1,000. The establishment of the Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre at Peterborough has gone some way to arresting the decline in population, it is now a tourist town.

The Centre is situated at 1 Telford Av, Peterborough, contact is at 08 8651 3355.

Mark Burn (and his staff it seems) has visited the centre, and recommends it to all. Chairman Mark presented John with a Rotary pen to commemorate his visit and talk.

PRESIDENTS CLOSING WORDS

- Thanked the Burns family for attending, as well as Jenni Davies and Sue Dolman.
- Thanked PP John Evans for a most interesting talk.



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- Pres Peter invites members to his home for a BYO on Tues 20 December
It will be instead of the normal meeting which is cancelled.

Words of Wisdom, FOR THIS WEEK

“Change is inevitable – except in vending machines”

Take to heart the words of the RI President Kalyan Banerjee:

Reach Within To Embrace Humanity



John





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MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS 2011				
Meeting No.	2107	2108	2109	2110
Date	22 November 2011	29 November 2011	6 December 2011	13 December 2011
Fellowship	Jacquie Wright	Tom Davenport	Meredith de Wolffe	Tony Hughes
Reg. Assistant	Stuart Brew	Jacquie Wright	Jacquie Wright	David Neal
Furniture	Trevor Abbott Stuart Brew	Mark Burns Naz Dastoor	Bill Flynn Garry Dolman	John Lewis Graham Lough
Chairman	Mark Burns	Peter Geer	Peter Geer	Peter Geer
Speaker	John Evans			
Topic	<i>Rebirth of Peterborough</i>	<i>Club Assembly</i>	<i>Committees</i>	<i>Christmas Party</i>
Sergeant	Michael McClaren	Michael McClaren	Michael McClaren	Michael McClaren
Bulletin Editor	John Jackson	Terry Tierney	Ray Smith	Ray Smith

Events and Celebrations 2011	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 December – Blackwood Pageant • 10 December – Road Watch: <i>Bob Arnold, Michael McClaren, Helen Henbest</i> • 13 December – Christmas Party
Birthdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 November – Margaret Congram • 19 November – Joanne Burns • 25 November – Fiona Evans • 26 November – Jenny Lewis • 7 December – Terry Tierney • 9 December – John Lewis • 29 December – Caroline Smith
Anniversaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 December – Peter and Jenny Geer • 30 December – Richard and Di Dix